



Competition for school pupils: *Hosting the world in 2012*

Dear colleague,

To mark the European Day of Languages on 26th September 2012, we once again invite schools in the region to participate in our annual pupil competition.

All across our country, people know, use and learn languages; the European Day of Languages is an opportunity to celebrate what we do, whatever the language! 2012 has been a great year for Great Britain (and our region) in hosting events and people from all over the world.

So for our competition this year pupils are asked to produce an attractive **Calendar page poster (no bigger than A4) which involves a language or languages other than English on the theme of *Hosting the world in 2012*.**

Some possible ideas:

- Choose a month, research and label photos of events
- Choose a month to illustrate and describe
- Write a short diary about an event from a selected month
- Etc. Etc.

Entries *must* involve words in a language or languages other than English, and should be no larger than a sheet of A4 paper. Judges will be looking for originality of illustration as well as accuracy of language; we expect that more advanced learners (e.g. in KS4 /5) will produce a piece of continuous text, probably using a range of verb tenses (as relevant to the language).

Each entry should be clearly marked with the pupil's name, age, class, teacher and school, as well as any necessary information about the language chosen (i.e. if it is a less widely learned language) to facilitate judging.

Please give relevant contact details for your bundle of entries so that we can contact winners.

We reserve the right to use winning entries for display or promotional purposes and will inform you accordingly through newsletters or e-bulletins.

Please note that entries cannot be returned.

Entries are to be sent to: [EDL Competition, Routes into Languages, Room 6.3, Old Library Building, Newcastle University Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU](#)

The intention is that this might form an activity around the European Day of Languages itself (Wednesday 26th. September), so the deadline for submission of entries will be: **Monday 8th. October.**

£50 HMV vouchers will be offered to the winners; there will be one winner for each key stage, up to and including KS5. Runner-up prizes may also be awarded at the judges' discretion. In the event of insufficient entries of good quality in any specific key stage no prize will be awarded; the judges' decision is final.

The Judges are made up of the competition organisers and sponsors (who we thank): Routes into Languages, ALL, Network for Languages, *Europe Direct*.

PS To mark the day you may also wish to visit this link for obtaining EDL ideas and resources from CILT CfBT:

www.cilt.org.uk/home/valuing_languages/european_day_of_languages.aspx

Best wishes

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Please note also these forthcoming Routes into Languages activities for pupils in the North-East:

[Festival of International Culture – Spring 2013](#)

[Spelling Bee 2013](#)

Events for Language teachers are arranged by ALLNE and can be found on the webpage: www.all-languages.org.uk/community/branches_and_networks/list_of_branches_and_networks/north_east

Please look out for details of our first major event of the new school year:

Languages In the North-East – On the **LINE** - just for NE Language teachers, getting going in the new context.

Thursday 13th September from 4.30 p.m. in the Howden Room at University of Newcastle.



www.ALL-languages.org.uk
www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/northeast
www.europe.org.uk/regions/north_east/
<http://edl.ecml.at/>

