



Press Release

The Association for Language Learning (ALL), based at the University of Leicester, represents a nationwide community of teachers of languages. Members come from all educational sectors, in both state-funded and private education.

For the last week ALL has been consulting members across the country about the language teaching and learning issues which most concern them - the status of language learning; the cynicism of some policy decisions in recent years; the negative impact of red tape on teaching and learning; the importance of building on investment in primary languages; and the urgent need to halt the decline in language learning in secondary schools, universities and publicly funded adult learning.

Members have given us fascinating insights into the current situation in language learning; pride in the achievements of language teachers around the country, constructive and positive ideas and advice for their peers, for senior managers in institutions, for parents, for the press, for politicians...

On the European Day for Languages, teachers speak out about how we can improve language learning in the UK, create opportunities for more people of all ages to learn languages and enjoy the social, work and life chances that come with being able to speak another language.

For a full digest of teachers' responses, visit ALL's website: www.all-languages.org.uk or find ALL on Facebook: www.facebook.com/alllanguages.org.uk.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Association for Language Learning (ALL)

ALL is the UK-wide subject association for language teachers – of all foreign languages, at all level. It is run by teachers and other professionals actively involved in language learning and teaching. It exists to represent and support language teachers: www.all-languages.org.uk.

2. ALL on Facebook

For more information about the day to day work of ALL, visit ALL's Facebook site:

<http://tinyurl.com/ALLonFacebook>.

3. European Day of Languages

26 September is the European Day of Languages: an opportunity to show people across Europe what fun can be had with languages, and to really kick start language learning. There are over than 45 European countries involved in the festivities for the European Day of Languages, celebrating 6000 languages spoken all over the world.

For more information, go to: <http://edl.ecml.at> or <http://tiny.cc/CILTedl>.