



Call for Contributions

Language World is the annual conference and CPD event of the Association for Language Learning. It is a highlight of the year for languages education and attracts up to 250 participants a day from across all educational sectors, with a large number coming from primary and secondary schools. The title of Language World 2016 is **Curriculum Innovation**, highlighting the changing landscape of language learning. As we face many curriculum changes, we aim to explore innovative opportunities which the new curricula bring for all language learners and educators.

Contributions

We are now constructing the programme for the 2016 event and welcome contributions for workshops which cover the areas below. We are very interested in papers which focus on research into practice, innovative use of technology and collaborative initiatives in languages education between schools, colleges and universities. Proposals which include examples from current innovative practice in all sectors, and the principles that underpin them, are especially welcome, as are hands-on workshops of a practical nature. Contributions are welcome from teachers and specialists in languages education both in the UK and from overseas (travel expenses up to £50 will be covered from the UK point of entry).

We are specifically interested in submissions which focus on these areas:

- Language entitlement for all (including SEN and disadvantaged groups)
- New GCSE and A Level curricula and examinations
- Languages curriculum leadership at primary and secondary level
- Enthusiasing and engaging able language learners
- Language across the curriculum - holistic approaches to mother tongue, foreign language learning and literacy
- Primary: links between languages and the wider primary curriculum
- CLIL approaches
- Teaching grammar
- Developing translation skills
- Meeting the challenges of bilingual learners in mainstream classes
- Authentic language (enriching the range of texts, using literature to and encouraging spontaneous spoken interaction)
- Progression and transition: KS2-3, KS3-4, KS4-5, KS5- HE
- Assessing without levels at KS2 and KS3

What else can you expect from Language World 2016?

ALL is leading a government-funded programme called **ALL Connect**. We will be launching two new features of the training programme at Language World 2016 – a KS2/3 Transition Toolkit and a KS2 Co-ordinator's Handbook. ALL will also be highlighting its new **Language Futures** initiative, which centres around student choice and agency, creating and fostering a broader language learning community beyond the classroom doors, with teachers acting as facilitators of project-based learning! ALL runs an award scheme offered in partnership with Routes into Languages, and will be announcing the **Primary and Secondary Language Teachers of the Year 2016** and the **Student Languages Ambassador of the Year 2016**, at an awards ceremony at Language World 2016.

Speaker Guidelines

- 1. Attendance:** We very much hope that our speakers will be able to attend the whole conference. In order to attend sessions, **a separate booking form must be completed**. One speaker will be entitled to attend Language World free of charge on the day of the session they are delivering but will still be required to complete a booking form. **Speakers whose papers have been approved by the panel will be contacted by ALL's Conference management provider KC Jones conference and events, when it is time to book.**
- 2. Speaker expenses:** We are able to offer **one speaker per session one free day's attendance** at the conference, on the day of their talk (includes lunch and tea/coffee). In addition, we will provide **up to £50** towards travel costs after the event upon the production of travel tickets or receipts. The Association **only** reimburses the most economical second class fares for train journeys and you must book well ahead wherever possible. Please check with the ALL office if you need to travel to Language World by car as this **must be agreed in advance**. For speakers outside the UK, expenses from the UK point of entry only will be reimbursed (up to a maximum of £50). We are more than happy for two or more speakers to present together, but as we are a small charity we are unable to cover any additional costs. Additional speakers are expected to register as Language World delegates unless special arrangements are made in advance. Like all subject associations we depend upon the goodwill of speakers and their employers in order to provide a high-quality conference at the lowest possible cost to participants. Our funds do not permit us to offer a fee for speakers, nor overnight accommodation. Equally, it is helpful if speakers can claim their delegate fee and travel costs from other sources.
- 3. Length of talks:** With the exception of plenaries and major talks, all sessions will last c. 45 minutes, and we request that you ensure a prompt start and finish to your talk.
- 4. In preparing abstracts and talks / workshops** please take into account that the Association serves and represents all sectors of education and all languages and examinations systems in the UK. Content should therefore be as inclusive as possible.
- 5. Inclusion and accessibility:** Please bear in mind the importance of preparing a talk that will be accessible to all participants. Ensure that visual aids are completely legible with large print and give the audience adequate time to read visual aids. We will ask participants to inform us of any special requirements they have prior to the conference, and we will inform you if your talk needs to address any specific special requirements.

To submit a paper for consideration by the Language World panel, [please follow this link](#).

The call for contributions closes 09 November 2015.