



## Languages Today

**Saturday 19 June 10.00 – 15.30**

**Longslade Community College, Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester LE4 4GH**

### **An ALL East Midlands network event in collaboration with Links into Languages East Midlands**

This Saturday event, whose title and session themes are based on the ALL magazine *Languages Today* is for teachers from all sectors. Sessions, whilst they may reference different languages or different sectors, will be general and have interesting information and practical tips, whether you teach languages in primary, secondary or adult education.

### **Programme**

#### **10.00 Coffee**

#### **10.30 Welcome and Session 1: [News](#)**

*Linda Parker, Steven Fawkes, Clodagh Cooney*

A round-up of all that's happening on the languages scene

#### **11.00 Session 2: [A day in the life](#)**

*Lisa Stevens*

Many languages teachers work in more than one job, across sectors or have a variety of responsibilities to fit into busy work and personal schedules. How can we keep motivation high, use technology to help us and keep ourselves at the cutting edge of our profession?

Lisa is primary language and international coordinator at Whitehouse Common Primary, Sutton Coldfield. She is an e-Twinning Ambassador with the British Council and an Apple Distinguished Educator.

#### **11.45 Session 3: [Staff bulletin](#)**

*Clodagh Cooney*

We've come a long way with primary languages, but there's still a lot to do and big challenges ahead. There are implications for language teachers in all sectors – how will primary teachers gain the language skills they need to work with confidence? Do AE and HE have a role to play? What support do secondary teachers need to ensure that children entering Year 7 - with all different kinds of language learning experiences – continue to progress and achieve? What opportunities are there for collaboration across sectors and local authorities to support and strengthen primary languages?

Clodagh is Centre Manager for Links into Languages East Midlands at Nottingham Trent University

**12.30 Session 4: [Primary ; Secondary ; Lifelong](#)**

Your chance to meet up with colleagues from your sector to discuss some of the issues you'd like to see ALL and Links tackle in the coming months.

**13.00 Lunch**

**13.45 Keynote talk: [Focus on ....](#)**

*Steven Fawkes*

Steven offers his own unique take on languages today.....

Steven is an independent languages consultant and ALL Membership Officer. He is a well-known and hugely popular speaker, travelling the length of the country to share with fellow linguists his expertise, wisdom and sometimes sideways look at our professional world.

**14.30 Session 5 : [How to....](#)**

*Linda Parker*

How to get more out of "listening"

Linda is Director of ALL. She has a background in secondary and adult education, taught in Leicestershire and then worked at CILT before moving to ALL in 2002.

**15.15 Session 6: [The last word](#)**

Keeping in touch through ALL and Links into Languages

**15.30 CLOSE**

**This event is free to members of the Association for Language Learning and teachers working in the Leicestershire Adult Learning and Skills Service. There is a charge of £10 to other delegates to cover administration costs. Lunch and refreshments are provided by Links into Languages East Midlands. To register contact Francis Kearns at [francisk@all-languages.org.uk](mailto:francisk@all-languages.org.uk) or call on 0116 252 5061 before Monday 14 June.**