

The future of languages education

The Association for Language Learning (ALL) is the UK's major subject association for teachers of all languages, at all levels, and in all sectors. ALL's annual conference, **Language World**, is the key national event for language teachers, which brings them together to share ideas, offer mutual support and plan for the future for languages education.

Language World 2016 will be at **Dunchurch Park, Rugby, 11-12 March 2016**. The conference programme focusses on 'Curriculum Innovation', and addresses the many changes that language departments in all phases will be asked to implement in the near future. "Language World 2016 will aim to ensure that all these curriculum changes are not just seen as threats or challenges but also as opportunities", says René Koglbauer, ALL President. "During the two-day conference, many aspects of the new curriculum will be unpicked but delegates will also be challenged to go beyond curriculum demands and explore in more depth what 'Curriculum Innovation' in languages could look like."

The packed programme of workshops, major talks and plenaries, with updates, ideas and inspiration from a host of speakers from all over languages education, will include:

On Friday 11 March:

- At **09:40**, a fresh approach: broadening languages provision with innovative practice: ALL's new **Language Futures project**, designed to equip pupils to be autonomous language learners, supported by school, home and the wider community.
- At **11:55**, our annual **Mary Glasgow Plenary Lecture**: this year Gareth Mills, Head of Learning at NFER's Enquiring Schools programme and the former head of Futures and Innovation at QCA, will look at different ways educationalists are exploring opportunities to innovate, including making the most of opportunities offered through technology and harnessing evidence from research to enhance pedagogy.
- At **14:05**, the **Language Experiment**: how STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths) can be taught at Key Stage 2 through the medium of language.
- At **15:00**, the launch of the **KS2 Coordinator's Handbook** (courtesy of ALL's government funded **ALL Connect project**): a wealth of ideas and guidance on curriculum design, lesson planning, resources, cross-curricular links, literacy links with English and the development of the four language skills, grammar and vocabulary.
- At **17:00**, join us at our **Exhibition Wine Reception**, open to all delegates and visitors (*sponsored by [AQA](#)*)

On Saturday 12 March:

- At **09:00**, the **President's Plenary: Curriculum Innovation: Challenges and Opportunities** with René Koglbauer, ALL's President will include the presentation of the [ALL/Routes Language Teacher of the Year Awards 2016](#).
- At **14:05**, the launch of the **KS2/3 Transition Toolkit** (courtesy of ALL's government funded **ALL Connect project**): the key linguistic knowledge and skills that primary children develop during KS2, and the implications for teaching at KS3.

Language World is one of the biggest annual events for teachers of languages and brings together all that's best in the world of language teaching: top thinkers speaking on topics close to their hearts, leading practitioners sharing their latest resources, policy makers explaining the thinking behind recent developments and passionate teachers ready to share ideas and exchange views. It encourages delegates to work together across sectors to support and promote language teaching and learning in the UK. For teachers of languages, being connected to colleagues across sectors, local areas and language groups has never been more important – as the national community for language teachers, ALL is at the centre of that professional network.

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Notes to Editors:

1. **The Association for Language Learning (ALL):** is the UK's major professional association for teachers of foreign languages, with around 5,000 members in all educational sectors. www.all-languages.org.uk
2. **Language World:** is ALL's national conference. Delegates are language teachers and language teaching professionals from all over the UK. In 2016, the event is being held on 11-12 March 2016 at Dunchurch Park, Rugby, and its theme will be '**Curriculum Innovation**' <http://tiny.cc/LW2016>
3. **ALL/Routes Language Teacher of the Year Awards 2016:** The awards aim to support and promote language teaching, raise the profile of language teaching as a career, recognise exciting, motivating practice among teachers and celebrate imaginative teaching: www.all-languages.org.uk/awards
4. **Language Futures:** discover this innovative approach to language learning: <http://languagefutures.org.uk/>
5. **ALL Connect:** find out about our training project for teachers in Key Stages 2 & 3: <http://tiny.cc/ALLconnect>