



PRESS RELEASE

Let's speak out about languages!

National consultation week, 20-27 September 2010

The Association for Language Learning, the UK's major association for language teachers, is running a week long consultation, timed to coincide with the celebration of the European Day of Languages on 27 September, to find out from our members the issues which particularly concern them about the teaching and learning of languages and suggestions of things that should be done to tackle these.

Next week, beginning on Monday 20 September, ALL is asking members and language teachers everywhere to meet up and to think about ways in which language teaching and learning could be improved and promoted.

Language learning has reached a crisis point in our schools and if the Government is serious about the Big Society, then we think it should be ready to hear what teachers have to say.

The consultation week will culminate on Saturday 25th September at the Annual General Meeting of the Association where we will pull together the ideas sent to us during the week and where we hope to take the discussion further.

We're inviting teachers to send in their ideas (on email, Facebook and Twitter) in the week beginning Monday 20 September and we'll update our website every day with views as they come in.

We'll make a final public statement on the European Day of Languages, to be celebrated this year on Monday 27 September.

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Notes:

1. ALL is the major UK association for teachers of foreign languages, with over 5,000 members in all sectors of education. www.all-languages.org.uk Our Patron is Professor David Crystal and President in 2010-11 is Karl Pfeiffer
2. Views can be sent to info@all-languages.org.uk ; our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/alllanguages.org.uk or tweets to <http://twitter.com/wendynewman1>
3. The AGM of the Association for Language Learning is on Saturday 25 September at the Goethe Institut, London see http://www.all-languages.org.uk/events/our_events
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