



## **Press Release**

The Association for Language Learning is the major subject association for teachers of languages and language professionals in the UK. Its patron is Professor David Crystal and it has some 5000 individual, group and corporate members.

In the week beginning 20 September 2010 the Association carried out a wide-ranging consultation exercise with its members, inviting their thoughts on the current state of language teaching in the UK, on government policy for languages and its implementation in schools and other educational institutions, and on the public perception of language learning.

Over seven days responses poured in from individual members and from regional networks of ALL following specially convened meetings of members. There were replies from every educational sector from primary schools to universities, from independent as well as maintained schools, and from every area of the country, from Berwick-on-Tweed to Maidstone, Liverpool to Norwich.

We have now produced a summative report of the main points emerging from this exercise. It offers a frank, up-to-the-minute snapshot of language learning and teaching in the UK as seen by professionals involved in it 'on the ground' and presents their positive suggestions about the way forward for better languages education in our country.

A copy of the full report can be downloaded from the ALL website at [www.all-languages.org.uk](http://www.all-languages.org.uk) or contact ALL on [info@all-languages.org.uk](mailto:info@all-languages.org.uk) for a hard copy.

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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 levels. 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](http://www.all-languages.org.uk).

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