



# I teach languages in Primary

Why should I join the Association for Language learning?

The Association for Language Learning (ALL) is completely independent—an organisation to support and represent language teachers, across all languages, levels and sectors.

When you join the Association for Language Learning, you're joining a community of language teaching colleagues committed to supporting one other and removing the sense of professional isolation.

# Membership allows you to...

...keep your finger on the pulse as a practitioner:

- **ALLNet, a weekly e-newsletter:** ALL scans news from the languages sector every week and creates a weekly digest of headlines, language and cultural news, information about competitions, consultations, free or discounted resources and ways you can engage learners. Imagine if we could remove the burden of finding out what's going on in just one of the subject areas you teach! Membership of ALL means we do this for you for languages we provide lots of content aimed at primary language teachers!
- **Receive a termly copy of Languages Today magazine:** This glossy magazine features teachers and language practitioners reporting on innovation, action research and practice that works for them in their own classroom. We offer tips so that you can replicate activities and we guarantee there will be something for everyone in each edition! Every magazine contains regular standing features such as a 'Primary Blog', and 'My Best Ten Ways to....' As well as reviews of products and services. Each edition is themed. Recent themes: assessment, cross-curricular language learning, learner independence, the power of sharing and learning as teachers; and multilingualism.
- **Access online Language Zones:** These are collections of peer-reviewed articles about the teaching and learning of French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian. Articles are in English or the target language and focus on culture, classroom practice and reviews of language-based products. New content is added all the time.
- **Read member-only content highlighted for primary language teachers:** Online guest blogs, features and themed articles aimed at busy teachers looking for inspiration, reassurance and a head start when faced with change in their own classrooms and schools. You can hear it here from your peers!



"As a member of ALL, I value the support it offers to language learning in this country and recognise the importance of its voice and influence; as such, I feel that it is right to 'give back' what I can and offer my skills and enthusiasm to the Association."

Lisa Stevens  
Primary language educator and consultant  
Whitehouse Common Primary School  
and Welford Primary School

...engage with research-led content:

- **Access the Language Learning Journal online:** Dip in and out year round to an internationally respected academic, peer-reviewed research journal with UK and international authors writing about languages pedagogy.
- **Learning from the Classroom:** an online collection of short articles which explore and report on languages-based action research projects undertaken by classroom practitioners in primary and secondary sectors, as well as those studying for Masters, EdD and PhDs. An opportunity to engage with research coming out of the classroom which can inform and support your own learning and practice.



"I joined ALL on qualifying in 1995. ALL materials are always spot-on in supporting my practice, and in helping me to develop languages in my schools. Local CPD offered by branches is always of an excellent calibre and Language World remains excellent value for money in terms of networking, information and inspiration!

I have been given career opportunities through ALL, working with a fabulous group of practitioners across the country on a DFE project. This allowed me to share and develop good practice, meet other teachers who inspire and also helped develop my own career into training, ITT and now Primary Languages as an SLE. ALL takes the lead in representing language teachers, and their volunteers running branches and hubs are key to this. My Primary Hub welcomes teachers from across the borough who would otherwise be isolated in their roles in school. This voluntary role allows me to give back a little to ALL and ensure its continuation."

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Sara Vaughan  
PL Leader  
Westdene School & TSA,  
Chair ALL Sussex

## ...network with people just like you:

- **Join a local ALL network near where you live or work:** Language teachers are generous and collaborative by nature. ALL has a large number of Branches, Primary Hubs and Networks focusing on specific sectors or languages. Each of these is run by ALL volunteers for the benefit of local teachers. These range from Show & Tells, twilight CPD events, to one day conferences. Members get a discount on attendance and many events are free.
- **Attend Language World, ALL's flagship annual conference:** Take advantage of discounted delegate fees to attend the annual conference. Whether you attend for one or two days, you will come away enthused, reinvigorated, and ready to implement new ideas the very next week. Many members return year after year for their dose of subject-specific CPD and the opportunity to learn and share with other teachers. Invaluable for a language teacher! We also have Show & Tells in French and Spanish so you can hear the target language in use at conference.

## ...make your voice heard:

- **Contribute to the national debate about languages education:** On members' behalf ALL liaises with government departments to focus on issues such as teacher recruitment and retention, languages provision and pedagogical matters. ALL responds to all major consultations and presents its members' views back to policy makers, so get involved and contribute consultation responses and tell us the issues which matter to you and your school.
- **Share your teaching experience with other local teachers:** Why not get more out of your ALL membership by cascading what you know or are curious about to others? You can volunteer in a local ALL Primary Hub or put yourself forward as a member of the ALL Council.
- **Develop your action research, critical thinking, reviewing and writing skills:** ALL is always looking for members to contribute to Learning from the Classroom, Languages Today articles, blogs and practitioner pieces for the website, and for resource reviewers.
- **Build your professional profile as a speaker:** Language World offers a fantastic opportunity for members to submit proposals for delivering a talk, workshop or poster. A fantastic way to raise your own profile and develop your skills as a presenter or trainer.



“Being a member of ALL means that I am always up-to-date with what is happening in the world of languages. The weekly email updates provide a wealth of information about all aspects of language learning which I would never have known about. I love hearing the ‘Languages Today’ magazine drop through my letter box as this means that there will be plenty of interesting articles to read over the next few days. It is a professionally produced magazine and it is in colour. I like to attend the ‘Language World’ conference each year, if I can, as this is a fantastic opportunity to access excellent CPD seminars. There is a reduced price for members which is most welcome”

Sue Cave, Primary MFL Specialist Teacher and Consultant, Cave Languages



“ALL has been part of my life throughout my career in education - as a classroom teacher, curriculum leader, primary languages consultant, adviser and inspector and teacher-trainer. In each and every one of these roles, I have appreciated the generous sharing of good practice and expertise which has been so readily available from our professional community.

When working today with trainee teachers or primary languages colleagues, I always direct them to our association as the essential go-to source for the very best up-to-date information and support.

It is vitally important that all of us who are passionate about the value of language learning can feel confident that we have a voice to truly fly the flag for languages. Thank you ALL”.

Liz Lord, Unit Coordinator and Tutor for MFL and ITT undergraduate degree course at University of Portsmouth and ALL Portsmouth Primary Hub Leader



“When I joined ALL, I had left my position as a secondary teacher and struck out on my own as a primary languages specialist. Membership keeps me in touch with current news and developments in language teaching and also introduces me to like-minded language teachers all over the country with whom I share and network. Being an ALL member has definitely made me a more confident practitioner!”

Clare Seccombe

Teacher of French and Spanish in Sunderland primary schools and Languages Consultant. Clare is a member of ALL Council and the Primary Special Interest Group

## So what are you waiting for? Help ALL to help you and take the steps to join!

Invest in yourself and your professional development for £70 a year as an Individual Member, and join your language subject community.

Perhaps you want other colleagues in your school to benefit from membership too? Then, why not sign up for primary group membership instead? (£50).

Join us online today at [www.all-languages.org.uk/join/become-a-member](http://www.all-languages.org.uk/join/become-a-member)