



Association for Language Learning (ALL) Language Teacher of the Year Awards 2018

The awards are:

Primary Language Teacher of the Year
Secondary Language Teacher of the Year

The aim of the award scheme is:

- To support and promote language teaching
- To recognise the efforts and achievements of language teachers
- To encourage and disseminate exciting, motivating practice among language teachers
- To raise the profile of language teaching as a career

The awards recognise:

- Imaginative teaching which inspires language learning in students
- Exceptional commitment to the teaching and learning of foreign languages
- Exemplary contribution to the profession
- Work which inspires, informs and is shared with colleagues

Winners will receive:

- A prize from one of our generous sponsors (up to a value of £200)
- A one year group membership of ALL (to support you and your colleagues)
- One day's attendance at ALL's [Language World Conference](#): Saturday 24 March 2018, Jurys Inn Hinckley Island, Watling Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 3JA (conference attendance, standard class travel and accommodation for Friday 23 March 2018 will be paid).

Winners will be expected to:

- Attend the Awards Ceremony at Language World 2018
- Complete a short case study outlining why it has been beneficial to them and their school to enter the awards and raise the profile of languages
- Submit one article for [Languages Today](#) magazine (theme and format to be agreed with the editor, but likely to be 'A Day in the Life')
- Present a 'Show & Tell' workshop or take part in a Q&A session at the [Language World](#) conference in 2018

Nominations:

The scheme is open to all language teachers working in institutions in the UK.

- **For the secondary teacher awards**, secondary languages teachers may be nominated by their Head teacher, or by their Head of Department / Faculty.
- **For the primary teacher awards**, primary languages teachers may be nominated by their Head Teacher, or by a colleague (who should be a languages specialist), or an ALL Primary Hub leader.

All nominations must be made on the **official nomination forms**:

- [Primary Language Teacher of the Year 2018 nomination form](#)
- [Secondary Language Teacher of the Year 2018 nomination form](#)

Submission of the nomination form indicates consent has been given by the nominee to put them forward. It is the responsibility of the nominator to seek this first.

Judging criteria:

Nominees for the teacher awards will be judged on the following:

Measure	Information	Evidenced by
Commitment to imaginative and high quality language teaching	Concrete examples from colleagues and learners	Nomination form Candidate's entry form Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)
Sound progress and high levels of achievement and interest among students	Concrete examples from colleagues and learners, appropriate to the school phase in question	Nomination form Candidate's entry form Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)
Role or initiative in developing a stimulating languages curriculum	Concrete examples from colleagues/senior leaders – could be a module, a scheme of work, other initiatives	Nomination form Candidate's entry form (exemplification) Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)
Role in extra-curricular activities related to the teaching / promotion of language and culture in your institution / in your local community	Duration of activity over time (e.g. this exchange has run for the last four years...) Numbers involved	Nomination form Candidate's entry form Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)
Inspiring colleagues to develop their practice / significant contribution to development of other language teachers	Details of involvement in CPD activities (these could be within a department, a locality, regional or national) Number, variety of activity	Nomination form (CPD activity, dates etc.) Candidate's entry form (exemplification e.g. links to shared resources) Membership of professional groups and organisations Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)
Excellent subject knowledge appropriate for the school phase at which the applicant is teaching		Nomination form Candidate's entry form

Judging:

A panel of experienced judges will assess entries against the awards criteria. Shortlisted candidates for each category will be interviewed by Skype. Supplementary evidence may be provided by shortlisted candidates via the Skype interview.

ALL retains the right to long-list and short-list candidates. Judges reserve the right to request additional information electronically should this be required.

Winners of each category will be expected to attend Language World conference on Saturday 24 March 2018 for a day, where they will receive their award at an awards ceremony (conference attendance, standard class travel and accommodation will be paid).

Eligibility Criteria:

Teacher awards

- Nominees for the primary language teacher category must currently teach in a primary (state or independent) in the UK
- Nominees for the secondary language teacher category must currently teach in a secondary (state or independent) in the UK
- Nominees must have been teaching for at least two full years at the time of their nomination
- Nominees must be able to demonstrate that they currently spend over 70% of their time teaching in the classroom
- Teachers of all modern languages (except English) are eligible
- Nominees are not required to be members of ALL

All awards

- All nominations must be made on the official nomination forms:
 - [Primary Language Teacher of the Year 2018 nomination form](#)
 - [Secondary Language Teacher of the Year 2018 nomination form](#)
- All nominations must be received by the appropriate deadline
- Candidate entry forms completed by nominees must be received by the appropriate deadline.

Timetable:

- Launch: Thursday **07 September 2017**
- Closing date for nominations: Sunday **22 October 2017**
- Closing date for receipt of entry forms from nominees: **Thursday 16 November 2017**
- Shortlisted nominees will have been interviewed by Skype by **Friday 19 January 2018** and unsuccessful candidates notified thereafter
- Awards ceremony at Language World **Saturday 24 March 2018** at Jurys Inn, Hinckley Island, Leicestershire.

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