



German

#LovemyGerman

The Action Group for German is piloting a new way of supporting German teachers. This is the first of an occasional series of pieces on the individual languages that ALL members love.

In the summer holidays we used our social media channels to ask Germanists 'When you were LEARNING German what was your favourite thing? #LovemyGerman'

Here are a few of the answers :

Grammar! It just made so much sense!

C'mon....Vater Grossvater 🤔🤔

What's not to like when you're 14?!?? And Quatsch!

The songs from Hallo aus Berlin. Also, being given random German names. Mine was Lieselotte.

Grammar and working out the patterns as to how the language works.

Later on - Heinrich Böll and Günter Grass and Thomas Mann.

Quark - and still love it.

I liked the logic of it all... and the Capital Letters !

Honestly??? My teachers. They were the best.

Going to Germany to stay with my exchange partner.

Mastering 'weil'! Satisfying verb order. For years I struggled, then my year in Berlin happened and I completely fell in love with the language.

Colloquialisms and idioms, - even though I wasn't confident or accurate in lots of my conversations, they made me feel like a native speaker 😊 Also catchy songs 🎵

There are more like this in the NEW German Zone 'Good news for German' section, along with reports, anecdotes, resource recommendations, guest blogs and an open invitation to contribute!

<https://www.all-languages.org.uk/research-practice/language-zones/deutsch-lehren-und-lernen/>

Look out for other #LovemyLanguage' features – our Twitter handle is @ALL4Language and on Facebook we are @alllanguages.org.uk

German in the North : 50th anniversary of the link between the two University cities of Durham and Tübingen



The centrepiece event in Durham City was the Night of German Kultur in the Millennium Square , featuring German storytelling, German songs, a German film in the Gala cinema, food and drink, a German-inspired brass music concert and a visit from the Tübinger Saxophon Ensemble.

In the German Zone you can find a report from a student involved in a related school visit.

More details from : <https://www.durham.gov.uk/Tubingen50>

Deutsch in the Dales

Once again German teachers gathered in Fryupdale in July to share ideas, exchange news and strategies and to eat, drink and talk German!

IDV – International German Teacher Association - seminar 2019 – highlights



German teachers from around the world met in Leipzig in August to explore the newest findings from neuroscience for (language) learning, new approaches to learning through digital innovation in the language classroom and language learning through film and music.

Two highlights : Professor Krumm's reflection on the situation of German in the world (and the important role the IDV played over the last 50 years in representing over 90 associations worldwide) argued that in order to continue promoting German as a relevant language in the 21st century we should teach learners to communicate in German and to gain the ability to move comfortably in multilingual situations. He also stressed that we should stop aiming for "near-nativeness" at all times.

Another highlight without doubt was the in-depth exchange of experiences and ideas with other language/German educators across the globe. It demonstrated to the UK representatives that many of our fellow German teachers across the world are grappling with similar questions and issues and that we should be striving to collaborate between language associations even more.

ALL is a member of IDV on your behalf. The discussions will continue over the next two years and we invite you to join in ! info@ALL-Languages.org.uk

A fuller report with photos appears in the German Zone <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/research-practice/language-zones/deutsch-lehren-und-lernen/>