

Agenda

- Welcome and Updates
- Jignasha Patel, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir
- Clarinda Calma, Embassy of the Republic of Poland
- Declan Baharini, International Newcastle
- Anna Grainger, Coventry City of Languages
- Feedback and discussion

NCL news was shared

17:08:19 From Anna Grainger to Everyone:

Very good news. Coventry City of Languages would love to be a partner. My colleague from University of Warwick (Head of languages and culture and she also runs Routes in Languages WM) also saying yes yes yes! Please keep us updated!

Jignasha's presentation

17:13:40 From Liz to Everyone:

What a lovely statement. Thank you for sharing this with us.

17:14:04 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

Very interesting to hear about your work, Jignasha. Thank you!

17:15:54 From Vicky to Everyone:

Very interesting !@Jignasha do you work with the mainstream schools that your pupils attend ?

17:16:49 From Caroline Afolabi-Deleu (UK-Success4All) to Everyone:

Success4All (<https://www.s4a.org.uk>) and The Language Centre (<https://.tlcnewcastle.co.uk>) would love to be a partner. Currently working in 12 secondary schools preparing over 200 students for GCSE and A-level Home Languages in 14 languages. Working with a 16-strong team of trained language tutors.

17:17:17 From Vijyaben Bhanderi to Everyone:

Well done! Jignashaben. Please let us know when your next teachers training programme.

Clarinda's presentation

17:23:29 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

For interesting project combining Polish with art see:

17:23:41 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

Polish (/Multilingualism) through Art

Supported by Scotland's National Centre for Languages (SCILT) the Polish through Art project, developed in collaboration with Bilingualism Matters, showcases through art, a multilingual approach to language teaching.

<https://scilt.org.uk/PolishthroughArt/tabid/8517/Default.aspx>

17:24:34 From Sam to Everyone:

looks great

17:25:02 From Carmen to Everyone:

The project looks amazing!

17:26:18 From Jana Nahodilova, Czech/Slovak to Everyone:

Dear Clarinda, your support is great! Us Czechs could learn from you. Does Polish club mean learning about Polish culture not learning language? Many thanks, Jana Nahodilova (Czech and Slovak school Okenko in London)

17:27:16 From Vicky to Everyone:

Great support from the Embassy for Polish !

Declan's presentation

17:29:34 From Silvia Fermo to Everyone:

Declan, could you please share your website link with us? So we can listen to the songs.

17:30:52 From Luma Hameed to Everyone:

This competitions sound great! Thanks for sharing

17:31:26 From Rita Kamdar to Everyone:

Very inspiring and motivated ways of celebrating mother tongue-other tongue

17:31:37 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

Congrats, Declan, on International Newcastle. Connecting language learning with community, citizenship and the arts is a great approach and very engaging for children.

17:33:14 From Sabine Little - University of Sheffield to Everyone:

Such an amazing collection of activities

17:34:00 From Caroline Afolabi-Deleu (UK-Success4All) to Everyone:

'What's My Language' - Interactive activity - 20 young people sharing their mother tongue or a language they learnt - Guess the country, the language and the 3 words they are trying to teach - a contribution to this year's North East Festival of Languages - <https://youtu.be/4jKU55RozuE>

Anna's presentation

17:36:21 From Vicky to Everyone:

Other cities are planning something similar for later in the year - eg Leeds and Portsmouth. If you are in those places, you might be able to get involved ?

17:37:31 From Declan Baharini to Everyone:

<https://expressyourselfne.com/> Express Yourself NE Festival of Languages

17:38:22 From Declan Baharini to Everyone:

I am meeting with Leeds year of Culture shortly to talk about their plans for a Week of Languages. Always happy to work with any other areas about promoting partnerships to celebrate languages.

17:39:24 From Declan Baharini to Everyone:

This is the link to last year's song video as requested:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCB_F5BREac

17:40:37 From Declan Baharini to Everyone:

This is the link to last years Mother Tongue Other Tongue ebook - an anthology selection of entries.

<https://read.bookcreator.com/aPFdJwL6yBQL1EtOM2cNOfHB3nD3/u3CLL276R9OOdZdAHbOdcg>
We will be producing another in the next month from this year's submissions

17:43:15 From Declan Baharini to Everyone:

Here is a link to my full presentation on the Express Yourself: North East Festival of Languages with all links to all the activities that can be used and adapted for your own purposes:
<https://expressyourselfne.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Declan-HHCL-presentation-languages-29-Mar-2023.pdf>

17:44:04 From Association for Language Learning ALL to Everyone:

Thanks Declan :)

17:47:48 From Sabine Little - University of Sheffield to Everyone:

I would love to chat to you about a multilingual library, Anna - posting this, in case it's of interest: <https://www.multilingualism-in-schools.net/the-multilingual-childrens-library/>

17:49:37 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

Anna, you are right to include emphasis on development of biliteracy. It is key to higher level achievement and parents can play key role through reading stories etc.

17:50:25 From Silvia Fermo to Everyone:

Anna, could you please put the link here in the chat?

17:50:56 From Anna Grainger to Everyone:

www.covlanguages.co.uk is the website but it is rather out of date

17:51:42 From Declan Baharini to Everyone:

The Multilingual Library in Newcastle has now moved to Gateshead and is about to reopen. it is an amazing resource run by Amina Marix Evans: kittiwake@multilinguallibrary.org.uk

17:53:52 From Jana Nahodilova, Czech/Slovak to Everyone:

Is there any interest in doing Festival of Languages in London?

17:56:23 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

Jersey policy is great, Sam and a model of an integrated and inclusive language policy. Best of luck in developing it.

17:58:44 From Declan Baharini to Everyone:

This might be of interest, a project supporting MFL and HHCL in schools provided by a partnership of two charities in Newcastle: covering 14 languages to qualification level:
<https://internationalnewcastle.org.uk/mfl-eal-offer>

maybe we could approach the mayors office ! Easier to organise by borough maybe...

17:59:08 From Clarinda Calma, Polish Embassy in London to Everyone:

Dear Everyone, I have to go in a moment. But please drop me a line and will be very happy to answer any questions. The #HHCL is a very exciting project, thank you for getting us on board.

Discussion

This is a great idea! Jenny Carpenter with (I think) IOE have experience of pan-London initiatives and Jenny ran a languages film festival in London as well - we could ask her

18:01:40 From Caroline Afolabi-Deleu (UK-Success4All) to Everyone:

Very well-said Bernardette. Edexcel has a page for Students thinking of sitting a home language which the student or the parent take to their school

18:01:45 From Philip Harding-Esch to Everyone:

This looks fantastic. I wonder if we could find a way to replicate this kind of support across the country.

18:03:01 From Liz to Everyone:

Really informative session this evening. Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed

18:03:17 From Vicky to Everyone:

Please keep in touch with ideas for raising the profile of HHCL !

18:04:25 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

Costs in London very high - £400 per day

18:04:53 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

This means schools have to cut number of days they run

18:05:58 From Vicky to Everyone:

we have worked with ASCL the Headteachers union to try and raise the profile of HHCL and suggest how they can support supplementary schools - we will go back to them re fees !

18:06:27 From Declan Baharini to Everyone:

Newcastle University Language Resource Centre students provide support in Newcastle for HHCL speaking exams - we broker the link to them when asked by the schools who are holding GCSE speaking exams. Students are paid a small fee. If we can't find a student, we do also engage community speakers involved (many of whom teach languages in their own cultural and language communities)

18:08:55 From Anna Grainger to Everyone:

Find the right angle with MPs. Find out what their backgrounds are, what their interests are etc and then ask them to help you get to other MPs!! It's worked for us so far!!!!

18:08:56 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

Anna, In Critical Connections. Multilingual Digital Storytelling Project there is big emphasis on student voice. It is a global project. See below and feel free to contact me:

18:09:02 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

<https://goldsmithsmdst.com>

18:09:24 From Anna Grainger to Everyone:

Thank you Jim. I will take a look

18:09:38 From Caroline Afolabi-Deleu (UK-Success4All) to Everyone:

That's is very true Luma, some of the schools we work with ask the parents to pay, others schools are using their EAL-pupil premium to pay for tutoring and/or the speaking examination

18:09:41 From Amira Musa to Everyone:

Yes, Luma I agree with you.

18:10:15 From Clare Allison to Everyone:

The Home Languages Project in Sheffield (HoLA) is working with 50 schools. We charge £35 for a speaking exam to mainstream schools. I encourage schools not to pass this fee to students as £35 for effectively a GCSE is very little as opposed to the cost of 2 years teaching. I also pay £30 a hour to expert speakers to conduct exams.

18:11:38 From Caroline Afolabi-Deleu (UK-Success4All) to Everyone:

Jana - an idea is to start an online petition. I would support you with this. There is a large Czech speaking community in the North East who would like to do a GCSE or A-level in their language but can't at the moment

18:11:40 From Jignasha to Everyone:

Steve please share my presentation with everyone if they need it

18:11:54 From Vicky to Everyone:

@Jana there might be alternative kinds of accreditation. We are piloting one with Arabic linked with the the CEFR that we are piloting at the moment

18:12:28 From Clare Allison to Everyone:

There is also the ASDAN Languages Short Course that can be completed in any language

18:12:39 From Caroline Afolabi-Deleu (UK-Success4All) to Everyone:

Wow Vicky that is interesting We are also thinking of becoming a CEFR approved examination centre in the UK

18:13:05 From Declan Baharini to Everyone:

Thank you so much for having me along to this event and I would love to remain involved with the group.

18:13:36 From Sam to Everyone:

Thank you for allowing me to join - I'm overwhelmed - you are all brilliant!

18:14:05 From Antigoni Bazani to Everyone:

Thank you all from Sheffield, it's been incredibly interesting!

18:14:08 From Vicky to Everyone:

let us know if you want to suggest themes for meetings in the future

18:15:32 From Clarinda Calma, Polish Embassy in London to Everyone:

Thank you so much for organizing this!

18:15:33 From Jignasha to Everyone:

Thank you 😊

18:15:34 From Jim Anderson to Everyone:

Thanks Steven