

Languages in Liverpool

As well as looking forward to the Eurovision Song Contest, the City of Liverpool has a great programme of other activities around Culture and Languages including:

EuroFestival in May

<https://www.cultureliverpool.co.uk/news/epic-euphoric-engaging-entertaining-eurofestival/>

EuroLearn

<https://www.cultureliverpool.co.uk/eurolearn/>

and EuroStreet

<https://www.cultureliverpool.co.uk/news/liverpool-communities-united-by-music/>

where events will focus on:

- Festival of Europe – Celebrating the cultures and heritage of all Eurovision nationalities in the city region
- Songs for Europe – Live participatory performances touring residential care settings
- Solidarity Disco Banquets – Food, music and crafts at community-based feasts
- Chess for Everyone – A huge pastime in Ukraine, celebrated with in-person and online games

Picture from <https://www.cultureliverpool.co.uk/news/>



Andre Olchowski writes:

Our annual Supplementary Schools 'International Day of Languages' was on 8th October 2022, the day after our successful bid and was planned as a celebration of Supplementary Schools languages with a song from each school - the newly formed Ukrainian school submitted 'Yerhenia' a Ukrainian TV star of the 'Voice' Ukraine!!! She was amazing!

Likewise our Romanian girl, Irish and Greek schools, all belting out linguistic karaoke pop - just like the real thing. This opened the door for the next event!

Planning is full steam for another extravaganza involving all our community language schools with the addition of the actual Eurovision singers themselves who will make an appearance. Some performers will be in Liverpool early and have heard about our event!!! The Greek school is going crazy with excitement at their confirmed visitor and we hope other Eurovision teams will wish to perform with the children. This has done wonders for raising the profile of languages.

This event in our city has given languages a new dimension, increased awareness of our roots in the city, raised standards of linguistic attainment with the increase in European tourist traffic and a wish for the hospitality trade to befriend 'in another language' and certainly opened up a 'routes to language' avenue in our schools, colleges and universities.