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# Newsletter



Welcome to the **September 2021 Post-Primary Languages Ireland** Newsletter. We would like to wish you the best on your return to school and for the year ahead.

## #ThinkLanguages



**Registration** for #ThinkLanguages 2021 is now open! It will take place in schools across the country on Monday, November 22nd. There will be an **information session** for language teachers and TY co-ordinators, who are new to the event and want to find out more, on **Wednesday the 15th of September** from 7.00 - 8.00pm. On the night we will hear from teachers who ran #ThinkLanguages last year and we will open the chat for a Q&A session at the end. For more information check out **Languages Connect**

## Digital Technologies



tool, has been developed by JCT, PDST and PPLI to support language teachers to self-evaluate and develop their digital practice in the languages classroom. Inspired by and rooted in the document *Digital Learning Framework for Post-Primary Schools*, **Digi Tech for Languages** helps language teachers and MFL departments identify areas of development with regard to embedding digital technologies and digital tools in their teaching methodologies. [Visit >>](#)



## Open Night Toolkit on way to schools soon



### Communities of Practice



In collaboration with local Education Centres, **CoPs** are starting back across the country. They will be online at present, but we hope to see you face to face very soon. To **find** the CoP nearest to you and to **register**, check our main CoP page. Be sure to follow **#PPLI\_CoP** on social media.

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### Leaving Cert Language Classes



### Languages Connect



Have you checked the **Languages Connect** website recently? It has been transformed with a complete **re-design**. Alongside previous features such as news & events, you can now **explore** detailed information pages on multiple languages and also check out the **fun with languages** sections.

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### Blended Learning





For the school year 2021/22 PPLI will be offering **Leaving Certificate** classes in **Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Lithuanian, Romanian, Polish, Portuguese** and **Russian**. They will run at various locations, subject to demand. Classes, which are free, are held on Saturdays during school term time. We also offer an online **essay writing support** for students of non-curricular Romanian language for the Leaving Certificate.

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PPLI, together with Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board and H2 Learning, introduced a taster **blended learning** project in March 2021 for Polish, with a full course in the **Senior Cycle** being implemented from September. Some classes will be **online**, some **face to face**. A blended learning pilot of Saturday LC Chinese and Portuguese **classes** has also begun with two groups of **5th Year students** from across the country.

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## Primary Modules



**Languages Connect** and **PPLI** are delighted to announce that over **500** Primary Schools nationwide will be participating in the Say 'Yes' to Languages **Primary School Language Sampler Module**. The scheme will be rolled out across the three terms with the first modules starting in **November 2021** in over 150 primary schools across the country.

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## Events



**Languages Connect** will team up with the **European Commission** again this year for **Culture Night** on Friday, 17th September. Twenty minute online **taster classes** are on offer in the following languages: Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish.

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## Continuing Professional Development



The PPLI **Teacher Team** has recently welcomed 10 new members of Polish, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese teachers. **Online CPD** sessions and **face-to-face** pre-service training were provided and supported by the PPLI **Education Officers** and **Associates** as well as external **experts**.

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## Teaching & Learning



The **online** tutorial '**Planning and Teaching 60 Minute Lessons for Language Teachers**' is to assist you in transitioning from 40 to 60 minute lessons. It will support you in planning and teaching challenging learning sequences, as well as reflecting on different lesson planning models.

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## Resources



Building on the success of our [classroom language mats](#), PPLI are developing a set of language mats to support the use of home languages for multilingual children and parents. The first two languages being developed are **Polish** and **Mandarin Chinese**, with more languages to follow.

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## Third Level



Promotion of  
Foreign Languages  
at Third Level

Grant Applications  
Now Open

There is new **funding** available from PPLI for **Higher Education Institutions** for the promotion of foreign languages at Third Level. This is to support their work as a stakeholder in the **awareness raising** campaign, **Languages Connect**. Deadline for the grant application is September 10th.

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## Upcoming



- [#ThinkLanguages Information Session](#)  
September 15th 2021
- [Culture Night](#)  
September 17th 2021
- [European Day of Languages](#)  
September 26th 2021
- [Communities of Practice](#)  
Various dates, listed on our calendar
- [#ThinkLanguages 2021](#)  
November 22nd 2021



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