



Newsletter

Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter. We would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to supporting you with lots more innovative, informative, and useful resources, news, and ideas in 2026. Seasons Greetings from the PPLI & Languages Connect Team!



Primary Language Upskilling Courses



Looking for something new in the New Year? Start 2026 by boosting your language skills! Hundreds of primary teachers have already completed our fully funded foreign language upskilling courses. Registrations for Term 2 are now open, with flexible delivery modes available. For more details, please click [here>>](#)

Language Trends Research



The Department of Education and Youth have shared links to the Language Trends research with post-primary principals nationwide. We would like to ensure that there is as much representation from different schools as possible and to hear your voice in the context of seeing what needs to be done to prepare for the next foreign languages strategy. Complete the survey by Friday 30 January [here>>](#)

#ThinkLanguages Week



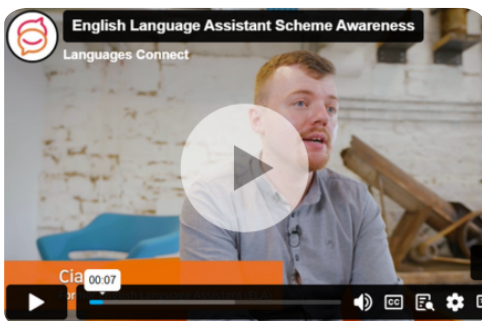
#ThinkLanguages Week 2025 saw over 21,000 students from 240 schools celebrate languages and cultures nationwide. Our partners added to the excitement with the IFI, universities and cultural institutes providing workshops and activities for students. Competition finalists have been invited to the National Final in January. Read more [here>>](#)

My Language Learning Journey



In the second story of this series, Dylan Collins recounts his 13-year journey learning Russian, inspired by a TG4 documentary and a passion for languages. From tackling the Cyrillic alphabet to embracing mistakes, his experience shows how embracing challenges can foster cultural and personal growth. Read more [here>>](#)

English Language Assistant (ELA) Scheme



Applications for the 2026/27 ELA scheme are now open! The scheme is a great opportunity to develop language skills and experience life in another European country while assisting in a local school. An information video is available to find out more. Apply by 12 March 2026 For more information and to register, [click here>>](#)

Euro Languages College



Entry for the Euro Languages College Languages Connect Flash Fiction Competition is now open to students from 1st - 5th year. Let your students and friends know that three scholarships are available, one for French, German and Spanish. The deadline is Friday 30 January 2026. For more info click [here>>](#)

Gaisce Challenge Partner



Languages Connect is an official Gaisce Challenge Partner! Gaisce participants can now choose foreign language skills as part of their 'Personal Skill' and 'Community Involvement' challenge areas to deepen their language skills while working toward their Gaisce Award. For more information click [here>>](#)

Dúshlán Gaisce Languages Connect



Faigh amach conas is féidir le Languages Connect cuidiú le do chuid scoláirí Gradam Chré-Umha Gaisce a bhaint amach sna dúshláin 'Scil Phearsanta' agus 'Rannpháirtíocht Phobail'. Déan iniúchadh ar na gníomhaíochtaí ann agus faigh amach conas a d'fhéadfadh teangacha saibhreas a chur le saol do chuid scoláirí inniu agus amach anseo! Tuilleadh sonraí ar fáil [anseo>>](#)

Upcoming



- [#ThinkLanguages 2025 National Final](#)
29 January
- [IPPN Deputy Principals Conference](#)
5-6 February
- [IGC Conference 2026](#)
6-7 March

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