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## Newsletter

Welcome to the Post-Primary Languages Ireland/Languages Connect May Bumper Newsletter. PPLI offers foreign language supports, resources and training at primary and post-primary levels, and our team of experts work with many partners to diversify, enhance and expand the teaching and learning of foreign languages across all levels of education in Ireland.

## Language Trends Research



Language Trends Ireland, a report commissioned by PPLI and British Council Ireland on behalf of the Department of Education and Youth, was launched in May. This report examines modern foreign language provision, uptake, and learner attitudes across post-primary schools in Ireland. Details including the full report are available [here>>](#)

## Primary Education Officer Recruitment



PPLI/Languages Connect is seeking to recruit an Education Officer for its primary programme. The candidate for this role should be a qualified primary school teacher with strong project management skills and competence in a foreign language. Apply by Tuesday 2 June. [Read more>>](#)

## Erasmus+ Job Shadowing Opportunities



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PPLI/Languages Connect is offering primary teachers and principals a valuable opportunity to conduct a funded, one-week observation of teaching practice in a primary school in the south of France, during autumn 2026. Apply by Monday 8 June. Further information can be found [here>>](#)

## Arabic Leaving Cert Language Classes



Do you teach, or know students, who speak Arabic at home? Fully-funded online language classes for Leaving Certificate Arabic are now open for registration. Students entering 5th year in September 2026 can register. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Register [here>>](#)

## HEI Meeting and Funding Applications



Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from across Ireland joined PPLI/Languages Connect recently to engage in collaborative discussions around the promotion and uptake of languages at third level. Funding is available to HEIs to support this aim with applications for the 2026/27 academic year now open! Apply by Friday 19 June [here>>](#)

# European Centre for Modern Foreign Languages



Read about PPLI's participation in the ECML project *Pluriliteracies for Global Citizenship*, exploring deeper learning, global citizenship and pluriliteracies in language education. Discover how European collaboration is informing the development of PPLI's upcoming CLIL Toolkit and supporting innovative language teaching in Ireland. [Read more>>](#)

# InTouch: Opening Doors to Languages

## Opening doors to languages

Lessons from a year of progress

As Ireland's primary education language continues to evolve, modern foreign languages (MFL) are beginning to take on a more visible and meaningful role in classroom practice. Dr Francesca La Morgia joined PPLI Languages Ireland (PPLI Languages Connect) prior to the launch of the redeveloped Primary School Curriculum, bringing her extensive experience as a lecturer in language education and multilingualism, alongside many years of teaching languages to adult learners. She offers insight into the preparation for teachers such as *Say Yes to Languages and Foreign Languages* (building on the redeveloped Primary School Curriculum), making languages accessible, enjoyable and meaningful to primary classrooms. Here, she reflects on a year of progress for PPLI Languages Connect and explores new approaches to fostering children's curiosity towards languages and cultures.



Dr La Morgia welcoming pupils from Griffith Barracks School who visited the Interactive Museum of Languages for Young Audiences.



### Opening European pathways for teachers

Building on these upskilling opportunities abroad, another significant achievement this year was securing Erasmus+ accreditation. This will enable us to offer primary teachers opportunities to take part in language upskilling courses and shadow teachers in other European countries. Our own education officers have reported on how enriching these exchanges are, providing a fresh insight into classroom practice and a deeper appreciation of the benefits of learning from colleagues across Europe.

### From European vision to Irish classrooms

Evidence from primary classrooms around Europe shows that introducing languages at primary level plays a vital role in shaping long-term attitudes to language learning.

It was very fortunate to join PPLI Languages Connect just a few months before the redeveloped Primary School Curriculum was

As many teachers across Ireland upskill in a foreign language, celebrating small wins becomes a powerful driver of confidence

In the latest InTouch article, *Opening doors to languages*, Dr Francesca La Morgia reflects on progress in modern foreign languages at primary, highlighting how programmes including *Say Yes to Languages* and teacher language upskilling build confidence and inspire curiosity in languages and cultures. [Read more>>](#)

# Say Yes to Languages



Confirmation emails for *Say Yes to Languages* 2026/27 applicants are being sent to schools this week. If your school applied, please check your inbox and keep an eye out for further updates. Remember to check your spam folders! For more information on *Say Yes to Languages*, click [here>>](#)

# My Language Learning Journey



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