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Post-Primary Languages Ireland | Languages Connect

Welcome to the October PPLI/Languages Connect Newsletter. We work with partners to diversify, enhance and expand foreign languages education in Ireland.

We're Hiring



PPLI are seeking to recruit a Director of Operations to support organisational growth, strengthen operational systems and governance and lead strategic change. This exciting senior leadership role will help ensure PPLI continues to support and deliver impactful foreign language education programmes across Irish primary and post-primary schools. **Click here>>**

#ThinkLanguages Week



#ThinkLanguages 2026 is just over a month away! Over 19,000 TY students will be taking part this year with over 220 participating schools beginning to plan their event. Partners are also getting involved offering a large selection of language-filled activities, as well as a national competition. Find out more **here>>**

Erasmus+ Language Courses



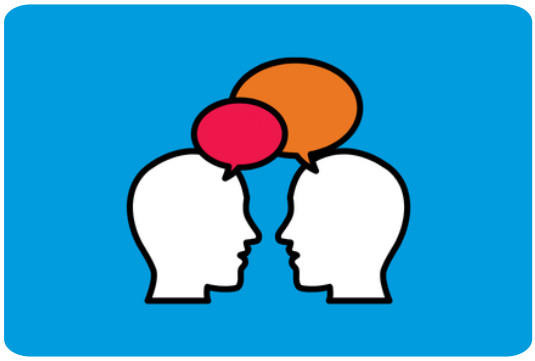
Apply now for a funded, one-week French or Spanish language course in Toulouse or Madrid taking place in March 2027. Open to primary teachers and principals, this opportunity is part of the foreign language upskilling scheme, supporting the introduction of Modern Foreign Languages in primary schools. Find out more and apply **here>>**

MFL Teachers Talk Podcast

MFL Teachers Talk

Explore AI in language teaching with the latest two-part special from the MFL Teachers Talk Podcast! Discover practical guidance on getting started with AI and explore tools and ideas to support listening, speaking, reading and writing in the MFL classroom. Listen to both episodes now! **Click here>>**

Communities of Practice

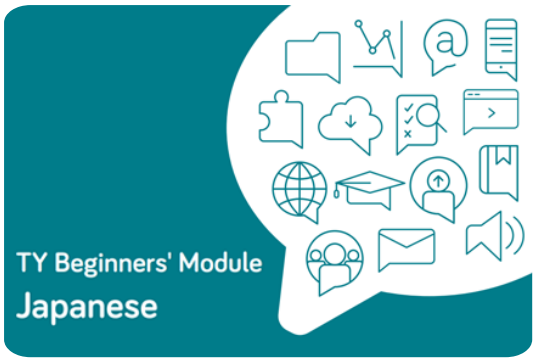


Collaborate and share ideas with fellow language teachers through PPLI's Communities of Practice (CoPs). These online sessions offer opportunities to exchange experiences, explore practical approaches and engage in professional dialogue around language teaching and learning. Keep an eye on our CoP page for upcoming sessions and registration details! **Click here>>**

European Centre for Modern Languages

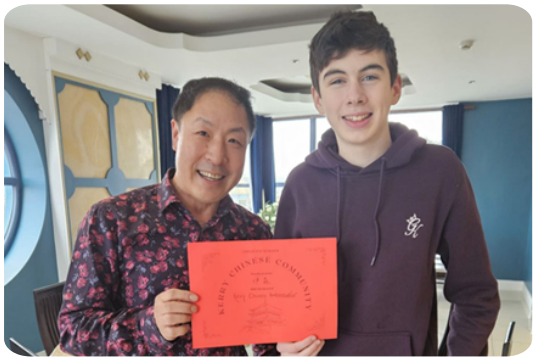
How can teachers' plurilingual identities contribute to their wellbeing and more inclusive classrooms? This ECML project offers insights into these connections, with practical implications for language teachers working in Ireland's increasingly multilingual schools. Explore how these perspectives could inform your own teaching practice. **Read more>>**

Transition Year Japanese Beginners' Module



This updated module offers a task-based introduction to Japanese language and culture. Addressing themes such as self-introduction, hobbies, intercultural awareness and more, it supports the development of linguistic, digital, personal, and intercultural competencies. It also encourages students to explore, compare, and reflect on Japanese culture and everyday life. **Read more>>**

My Language Learning Journey



For Ethan Gilroy, studying Mandarin has led to experiences far beyond the classroom. Through dedication, curiosity and the support of teachers and community, he has travelled to Shanghai and Shenzhen, represented Kerry's Chinese community, and discovered the power of language to connect people across cultures. Read more about Ethan's story **here>>**

Domhan na hOibre



Tá an tsraith Domhan na hOibre ar fáil anois i nGaeilge do na heagráin Fhraincise, Ghearmáinise, Iodáilise agus Spáinnise de Dhúshlán Mór an Fhoghlaimeora Teanga. Dírithe ar scoláirí Idirbhliana, cuirtear béim san acmhainn seo ar luach teangacha san ionad oibre agus ar fhorbairt scileanna praiticiúla teanga. **Tuilleadh eolais anseo>>**

Upcoming



- **Communities of Practice**
  19 October - 11 November 2026
- **Leaving Certificate Japanese Exam Prep Session**
  22 October 2026
- **Leaving Certificate Russian Exam Preparation Session**
  4 November 2026
- **#ThinkLanguages Week 2026**
  16-20 November 2026

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