

#ThinkLanguages 2021

Monday 22nd November

Nationwide

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Think Global Act Local

Join the national celebration of languages this November and host #ThinkLanguages in your school! Our flagship TY event is going local again this year and with your help we want to make it bigger and better than ever!

How it works

We're calling on TY students, TY coordinators and MFL teachers to manage your own local event with the support of the Languages Connect team.

Languages Connect will provide online support and event management kits including Student and Teacher Guides, posters, flyers and promotional material for the day e.g. bunting, merchandise & prizes.

A mix of supports including streamed keynote speakers, online workshops, and the chance to have a live workshop or speaker at your school will also be made available to registered schools.

How do you Think Global and Act Local?

Each school will also be given the opportunity to invite local speakers, workshops and businesses to take part and support their event.

Why not showcase the languages that are spoken in your school and used in your community? Explore how people use different languages in their lives, workplaces and families.

Maybe you can even get the Home Economics students to cook food from different countries and learn some new vocab that way!

You might also encourage the TY students to get the local primary school involved in some way too.

#ThinkLanguages Champion Team

We'd like you to appoint a #ThinkLanguages Champion Team of TY students and a #ThinkLanguages Team Lead (TY Coordinator or MFL Teacher) to help organise your event.

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There are 4 stages to the event:

Stage 1: Register your school - Deadline 1st October

The Team Lead (MFL Teacher or TY Coordinator) must register interest and estimated attendee numbers before Friday 1st October. Please only register TY student numbers. A preliminary pack with Event Handbooks and promotional material will be sent to all registered schools. Updates will be available on the Languages Connect social media channels and website - so keep checking in with us!

Stage 2: Submit your draft event plans - Deadline 22nd October

All registered schools will need to choose their #ThinkLanguages Champion Team and send us draft event plans by Friday 22nd October. This will help us put together the kit for your school and offer any extra advice and support you might need. Full event kits will be sent out to all registered schools and online supports will be available to help support your event planning.

Live workshops will be allocated to certain schools based on their submissions and a large selection of on-line workshops in various languages will be available.

Stage 3: The Event - 22nd November

Opening entertainment with speakers will kick off the day and festivities. Schools all over Ireland will join in the celebration together with a mix of online supports and local speakers, workshops and activities.

Stage 4: #ThinkLanguages National Award 2021

After the event we would like all schools who participate to fill in an online submission to enter the #ThinkLanguages National Award 2021. **Winners will be chosen in January 2022 and prizes awarded at an online ceremony.**

Lots of ideas on our social channels

We would encourage you to follow Languages Connect on social media channels for all the latest updates! For ideas of how #ThinkLanguages worked in previous years, check out our YouTube channel.

Good luck with your event!

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