

# #ThinkLanguages 2023

Monday 27 November - Friday 1 December

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!

#ThinkLanguages  
Think Global Act Local

Think Greater  
Life Experiences  
#ThinkLanguages

Think Wider  
Circle of Friends  
#ThinkLanguages

## 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 school. This year, we also have some great partners involved including the Irish Film Institute and Business in the Community Ireland, each providing some great activities to include in your school festival of languages and culture!

## 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 Supervisor (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 Friday 29th September

The Team Supervisor (MFL Teacher or TY Coordinator) must register interest and estimated attendee numbers before Friday 29th September. Please only register TY student numbers. A starter 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 festival lineup - Deadline Friday 10 November

Registered schools will need to choose their #ThinkLanguages Champion Team and are asked to send us their festival line up plans by Friday 10 November. This will also be entered into our Champion Team Competition for this year where a trip to the multicultural capital of Europe, Brussels, is up for grabs!

Full event kits will also be sent out to all registered schools and live workshops allocated during this time. Online supports will made be available to help support your event planning.

### Stage 3: #ThinkLanguages Week - Monday 27 November - Friday 1 December

An opening ceremony with inspirational 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 2023

Shortlist for this year's Champion Team Competition will be announced and teams invited to the next stage of the competition which will take place at an awards ceremony in January 2024. **Winners will be chosen in January 2024 and prizes awarded.**

## Lots of ideas on our social channels

We would encourage you to follow Languages Connect on social media 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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