



#ThinkLanguages Week
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TY Festival of Languages and Cultures

18–22 November 2024

Join the national celebration of languages this November and host #ThinkLanguages in your school! The flagship TY event will take place in schools across the country again this year, and with your help, we want to make it 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 #ThinkLanguages Team. We will provide online support and event management kits including a student sign-up sheet, posters, flyers and promotional material for the day, such as bunting, language fold-outs, and badges.

A mix of supports including a pre-recorded Opening Ceremony, national online quiz, online workshops, and the chance to have a live workshop or speaker at your school will also be made available to registered schools.

This year, we also have some great partners involved, including the Irish Film Institute and universities across the country, each providing exciting activities to include in your school festival of languages and cultures. We are also partnering once again with the Department of Foreign Affairs, who, as part of

the **A Career for EU Strategy**, are kindly sponsoring the exciting prize for this year's Champion Team Competition – a trip to Brussels!

How do you Think Global and Act Local?

Each school will also be encouraged to invite local speakers, workshop facilitators, 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 vocabulary that way!

#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.

Keep an eye on the key dates below!

Register your school

Deadline Friday 27 September

The Team Supervisor (MFL Teacher or TY Coordinator) must register interest and estimated attendee numbers before **Friday 27 September**. A starter pack with a planning handbook 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!

Enter the Champion Team Competition

Deadline Friday 25 October

Registered schools will need to choose their #ThinkLanguages Champion Team and are asked to send us their completed Champion Team Competition Entry Form, which includes their festival lineup, by **5pm on Friday 25 October 2024**. A trip to Brussels is up for grabs, kindly sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs, in line with the **A Career for EU Strategy**. Full event kits will also be sent out to all registered schools and live workshops will be allocated during this time.

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Monday 18 November – Friday 22 November

A pre-recorded Opening Ceremony with inspirational speakers will kick off the festivities. Transition Year students all over Ireland will celebrate languages together in their schools and communities, as well as in universities and organisations on a national level. School events will include a mix of online supports provided by the #ThinkLanguages Team, #ThinkLanguages partner offerings, workshops, activities, and contributions from local speakers.

#ThinkLanguages Champion Team Competition Award Ceremony

January 2025

Finalist teams for this year's Champion Team Competition will be invited to an award ceremony taking place in January 2025. Teams will present their learnings to a panel of judges, and the winner of the trip to Brussels will be chosen.

For further details on #ThinkLanguages visit languagesconnect.ie/thinklanguages/

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Think Wider
Circle of Friends

Think Greater
Life Experiences

Think Boosting
Life Skills

Think Global
Work Opportunities

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 and our website. Good luck with your event!

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