



#ThinkLanguages Week
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TY Festival of Languages and Cultures

16-20 November 2026

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 Europa Experience, Irish Film Institute, universities and cultural institutes across the country, each providing exciting activities to include in your school's festival of languages and cultures. We are once again partnering with the Department of Foreign Affairs, who, as part of **A Career for EU Strategy**, are kindly

sponsoring the exciting prize for this year's Champion Team Vlog Competition – a trip to Brussels! In addition, we will run an Individual Poster Competition this year, with some amazing prizes up for grabs!

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. You might even consider arranging a visit to your local primary school to share the experience.

#ThinkLanguages Champion Team

We'd like you to appoint a #ThinkLanguages Champion Team of six 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 25 September

The Team Supervisor (MFL Teacher or TY Coordinator) must register interest and estimated number of participants before **Friday 25 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!

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Monday 16 November–Friday 20 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, cultural institutes 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. Full event kits will also be sent out to all registered schools and a limited number of live workshops will be allocated.

Enter the Champion Team Vlog Competition or the Individual Poster Competition

Deadline Monday 30 November

Schools interested in entering will need to choose their #ThinkLanguages Champion Team and are asked to send us their completed Champion Team Vlog Competition Entry Form, along with a vlog of their #ThinkLanguages Week, by **5pm on Monday 30 November 2026**. A trip to Brussels is up for grabs, kindly sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs, in line with **A Career for EU Strategy**.

We're also inviting all Transition Year students to create a poster, exploring languages through the theme of Think Global Work Opportunities. The top three entries will each receive an exciting prize!

#ThinkLanguages National Final

January 2027

Finalist teams for this year's Champion Team Vlog Competition and Individual Poster Competition winners will be invited to an award ceremony taking place in January 2027. Teams will present their learnings to a panel of judges, and the winners will be chosen.

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



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Lots of ideas on our social channels

We 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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