



**Friday, 13th - Saturday, 14th March 2026**

Leonardo Hotel Hinckley Island, Leicestershire

### **Call for Contributions**

Language World is the annual Conference and professional learning and development event of the Association for Language Learning (ALL). It is a much-awaited two-day event each year for teachers of all languages and attracts hundreds of participants from across different areas of languages education both from the UK and from further afield.

Delegates can listen to and be inspired by keynote speakers in plenary sessions, choose from and engage in a broad range of talks, reflect and debate as they look together at key areas relevant to their own context, and network with other languages educators across the sector.

### **Collaboration - at the heart of languages education**

The theme of Language World 2026 has been chosen by Steven Fawkes and Anna Lise Gordon, our incoming Co-Presidents. They have been active members of the Association for Language Learning since its inception and are constantly enthused and heartened ♥ by the powerful collaborations that take place between Language teachers and others, across the ALL branches, networks and hubs, in online meetings and Special Interest Groups, and in so many other ways. It is this joy of collaboration that inspires the theme for Language World 2026 - we'd love to see you there! ♥

Language World - ALL's annual Conference - is truly at the heart of our professional Association. It is an opportunity to come together, to share, to support, to learn, to network and to collaborate with like-minded languages enthusiasts. Teaching is a profession that requires heart ♥ motivation, patience and dedication, and the Language World 2026 theme shines a spotlight on the importance and power of mutual support and collaboration. We are stronger together!

The theme is deliberately broad to encourage all language educators - whatever their language or phase of teaching - to come along and join the action, so that we can grow professionally and, over time, inspire future generations to love their languages. ♥

We look forward to welcoming you to Language World 2026:

### **Contributions**

The planning for Language World 2026 is under way. We welcome submissions for oral presentations (20 or 30 minutes).

Central to the success of every Language World Conference are the contributions of speakers taking about the things they love which inspire other delegates and offer opportunities for personal engagement or collaboration.

## Possible themes that you might like to present:

- ♥ **Promotion and celebration of languages through collaboration** in the classroom and beyond
- ♥ **Co-creation of an engaging and innovative curriculum for all**, including potentially the use of technology
- ♥ **Encouraging emotional and personal connections** for language learners
- ♥ **Learning together in all four skills**
- ♥ **Links between theory and practice** to ensure evidence-informed classroom practice
- ♥ **Pupils working together effectively** e.g. on a project they care about
- ♥ **Collaboration within and between specific sectors**: primary, secondary, FE, HE, ITE, mainstream and supplementary sectors
- ♥ **Promotion of culture to enhance collaborative learning** in the classroom and the wider community, including development of international links and educational trips
- ♥ **Language teachers working together** on effective transition arrangements
- ♥ **Cross-curricular collaboration**
- ♥ **Leadership of languages** that encourages a collaborative and effective team of teachers

## Collaboration - at the heart of languages education

Language World is a place for us to share, and we welcome contributions on this theme that support languages teachers as they respond to curriculum and assessment developments.

## Abstract guidelines

Please submit your proposal of no more than 100 words for a presentation (20 or 30 minutes) via the online submission system, ensuring you complete all fields. Read the guidelines below carefully before submitting your abstract. We advise you to prepare your submission offline e.g. in a Word document before copying and pasting into our online form. The instructions on the system will guide you through the process.

In writing your abstract, please consider the following:

- ♥ Title: Does your title reflect the theme?
- ♥ What are the key points discussed in your presentation?
- ♥ How is your presentation relevant - useful - applicable to languages teachers and learners?

## Submission deadline: 23:59 (UK time) on Tuesday 4 November 2025

We are planning to send notification of sessions accepted by week commencing 15th December 2025.

## Key guidelines to read prior to submission

All contributions will be blind peer-reviewed. Reviewers will evaluate contributions on the quality of content. Therefore, all outlines must be anonymised in order to be considered. There must be no references to authors or institutions within the body of your abstract to ensure they can be blind reviewed effectively.

## Number of submissions:

Due to the popularity of Language World only one presentation per speaker will be included in the Conference programme. But you are welcome to make multiple submissions, indicating your preferred submission.

## Number of speakers in one session:

You will have the opportunity to name any co-presenters in your submission. Only one person needs to submit an abstract if you are presenting with someone. Only one speaker can register at the reduced speaker rate. Co-authors will have to register at the delegate rate but can co-present with you. Unfortunately, our funds do not permit us to cover any expenses for speakers.

## Presentation Format:

We are keen to accept as many submitted presentations as possible, so will be offering two presentation formats. Flexibility around timings is welcome. You will be able to state your preferred presentation format during the submission process. However, we cannot guarantee you will be accepted to present in your preferred format.

- ♥ 30-minute presentation - two similar topic presentations will be delivered in the same session
- ♥ 20-minute presentation - three similar topic presentations will be delivered in the same session

We always encourage interaction with participants, whether within or at the end of the allocated slot so please leave enough time when planning your presentation. For 30 mins we suggest 24 mins + 6 min Q&A and 20 mins we suggest 16 mins + 4 min Q&A. With such a packed programme we do have to keep to time so please do not overrun to be fair for all presenters in your session.

Language World will take place in person at Leonardo Hotel Hinckley Island, Leicestershire. You will have the opportunity to select which day(s) you will be able to present, Friday 13 or Saturday 14 March 2026. Flexibility is welcome. We regret we cannot offer a virtual presentation.

## Content of the final presentation

- ♥ Please be mindful that the Association for Language Learning (ALL) serves and represents all sectors of education and all languages and examinations systems in the UK. Content should therefore be as inclusive as possible
- ♥ Please bear in mind the importance of preparing a presentation that will be accessible to all participants. Please do make us aware of any accessibility requirements you might have
- ♥ Any content in your presentation which is not your own MUST be appropriately and clearly referenced. ALL will not take any liability for plagiarism complaints; this is the speakers' responsibility
- ♥ Please ensure that any images used have the correct copyright

## Speaker bookings and attendance:

Once the review process is complete, all accepted speakers will need to book to attend the Conference. We are able to offer the following reduced rates for one speaker for each accepted presentation:

- ♥ Speaking day attendance only; £66 (inc vat)
- ♥ Two days Conference attendance £150 (inc vat)

Both registration types exclude accommodation and dinner.

Please note that we are not planning to offer any virtual presentations. The event will take place in person at the Leonardo Hotel Hinckley Island, Leicestershire.

## Deadline for Speaker Registration:

All speakers must register by **23:59 Monday 2nd February 2026**. If registration has not been received by this date, your contribution will be removed from the programme and replaced.

**On behalf of the ALL Co-Presidents and Conference Organising Committee  
we thank you for your interest in contributing to Language World 2026.**