



Friday, 12 - Saturday, 13 March 2027

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 annual two-day event for teachers of all languages, and attracts hundreds of participants from across different areas of languages education both from the UK and further afield.

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

A Lifelong Love of Languages: Connecting Cultures, Empowering Voices

The theme of Language World 2027 has been chosen by Jane Driver, our incoming President.

Languages are more than simply words; they are bridges that connect people, cultures and ideas. Learning new languages opens doors to different perspectives, fosters understanding, and helps us appreciate the richness of human diversity.

Beyond culture, language skills empower individuals by creating opportunities for education, careers, and everyday life. They also encourage empathy, helping us to understand differences and build stronger communities.

A lifelong love of languages is not only a celebration of connection and understanding, but also the power of every voice to be heard.

Ultimately, a lifelong love of languages is a celebration of human interaction. By embracing linguistic diversity, we build bridges between cultures, break down barriers, and empower people to share their stories. In doing so, we create a world that is not only more connected, but also more compassionate, inclusive, and rich in understanding.

We look forward to welcoming you to Language World 2027.

Contributions

The planning for Language World 2027 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 talking 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:

- **Language as a Bridge Between Cultures**
 - Exploring how languages foster understanding, respect, and collaboration across diverse communities.
- **The Journey of Lifelong Language Learning**
 - Personal growth, resilience, and continuous learning through the study of languages at every stage of life.
- **Empowering Voices Through Multilingualism**
 - How language skills enhance confidence, self-expression, leadership, and participation in society.
- **Preserving Heritage and Identity Through Language**
 - Celebrating linguistic diversity and the role of language (including Home, Heritage and Community Languages) in maintaining cultural traditions and identities.
- **Global Citizenship in a Multilingual World**
 - Using language learning to develop intercultural competence and global awareness.
- **Language, Inclusion, and Social Connection**
 - Breaking down barriers and creating more inclusive communities through communication and understanding.
- **Technology and the Future of Language Learning**
 - The impact of digital tools, AI, and online platforms in expanding access to language education.
- **Beyond the Classroom: Language Learning Through International Exchange**
 - Highlighting innovative approaches to physical mobility, future Erasmus+ projects and virtual intercultural engagement that bring languages and cultures to life.

A Lifelong Love of Languages

Language World is a place for us to share our love of languages, 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 150 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 (GMT) on Tuesday 3 November 2026

We are planning to send notification of presentations accepted by week commencing 14 December 2026.

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 12 or Saturday 13 March 2027. 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 who must be a member of ALL 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 (GMT) Tuesday 2 February 2027**. If registration has not been received by this date, your contribution will be removed from the programme and replaced.

On behalf of the ALL President and Conference Organising Committee we thank you for your interest in contributing to Language World 2027.