

CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES GROUP (COALA)

Minutes of meeting held on Friday, 24 January 2014 L'Institut français, Edinburgh

Welcome

Many thanks to French Institute for hosting. Well attended COALA with many LAs present.

Attendance and apologies: attached

Welcome to:

Victoria Henry (SCILT)
Sarah Connelly (West Dunbartonshire)
Fiona Moffat (Stirling/Clacks)
Richard Leslie (Fife)
John Paul Cassidy (Education Scotland)
Liesa Wallace (Perth and Kinross)
Susan Stewart (Alliance Française)
Fanny Fraser (Highland)
Maureen McNaughton (West Lothian)
Jane Keegan (West Lothian)
Lynne Wells (Dundee)
Sebastian Elvira (Cretiel project)
Fiona Kerr (East Dunbartonshire)
Angela Davies (Edinburgh)
Natasha Koslowska (British Council)
Susan Waugh (Scottish Government)

Sarah Macfarlane - welcome back from maternity leave

Minutes of the last meeting - accepted.

3. Matters arising

Page 3 item 7 - LA proformas - many thanks to those who have returned the proformas. Messages coming through national sharing of good practice, guidelines, advice of PLL (primary language learning), consistency of training, networks, resources. If not completed can all LAs please return.

If new to post and unsure if there has been a return, please contact Fiona Pate.

Item 7. P1 - P7 guidelines. P1 guidelines issued in December. John Paul Cassidy (ES DO) and Louise Glen heading up two groups developing P2 - P4 and P5 - P7 guidelines. Group will have all complete by June 2014.

Government update - Toria Fraser

- Funding - Tim Simons has written to all directors of education to say SG have committed to £4 million for 2014/2015. Anticipate the same for 2015/2016
- Allocation by LA will go to directors of finance 6th February
- ADES met in early January and Michael Wood reported back that they will hold a strategic planning event for LAs.
- National Language Conference very well attended, 30 of 32 LAs present and all presentations are on the SCILT website.

- Implementation group have now met twice. Reps from COSLA, unions, and now also Do Coyle, head of school of education at Aberdeen
- Reiterate importance of proformas to provide evidence for continued funding. Please return if not done so already.
- Engagement - engage for education - need to widen the audience and help spread the messages re. 1+2
- SCILT website have FAQs for 1+2
- Real need to get messages out to business.
- Richard Leslie many thanks for passing on that Mail on Sunday were asking about 1+2. LAs have to respond to press requests, respond.
- Put messages to SG to put any news out through engage for education.
- Erasmus plus - please take advantage of this funding opportunity.
- 1st October national languages conference (provisional date).
- General revenue grant so can be carried forward.
- 19th December Tim Simon's email has confirmed with directors that money can be carried forward.

Supporting the 1+2 agenda

SCILT update - Fhiona Fisher

- New Professional Development Officer so SCILT/CISS team is now at full strength
- Regional 1+2 events - Saturday morning events to hear from pilot schools. Do yes released in next few days.
- Train the trainer summer school - 30th June. LA trainers, 2 places available to every LA
- New pilot school in South Ayrshire
- New Case studies secondary on website.
- 2nd Glow meet for trainers (PLL) 8 or 9 attended. Lynne Jones has sent out link to recording.
- CLPL workshops which will be recorded. Spring edition of Glow meets.
- Outreach - engagements across the country. CLPL menu on websites.
- Looking into masters accreditation for workshops with credit points. Please see Lynne Jones or Hannah Doughty.
- Looking for new ideas for CLPL workshops for next session.
- Teacher immersion visit to China - 2 1/2 weeks in Tianjin
- Promotional events and workshops in schools to promote uptake into the senior phase, please contact SCILT if interested.
- Business language champions - ongoing and growing, very successful. Case study will be published on website in next two weeks.
- Word Wizard in 5 languages. 2nd tranche of vocab has gone out to schools.
- Mother tongue/other tongue - poetry competition being piloted in Glasgow
- Found 12 Tianjin scholars - exceptional young people across Scotland going to Tianjin for a year from September on scholarships
- Nanjing Art Troupe - Glasgow concert hall in February. Free of charge.
- Partnership working - working with FLAs, supporting Comenius assistants, GETs through Goethe institute, SQA FAQs developed on SCILT website
- Looking to further develop Business Language Ambassadors. Please contact Christian if interested.
- St Ninian's, East Renfrewshire - congratulations to them for winning Confucius Classroom of the year.
- November conference - all information posted in 1+2 section website
- SQA FAQ will be further developed - many thanks for this piece of work and it has been very helpful.
- Call to add Senior Phase to COALA agenda. Agreed that it will go in as a standing item into 1+2 on COALA agenda.

- Showcase examples of good practice in Senior phase at next meeting. JohnPaul Cassidy, Louise Glen and Fiona Pate to take this forward.
- Education Scotland is preparing practical support materials for Higher and National 3 which will be released in the spring.

North Lanarkshire update

- 2012/2013 - steering group came up with an action plan and a policy was prepared and given to directors
- Funding too late for FLAs this session
- Next year 24 FLAs through 1+2 funding
- Huge increase in MLPS numbers in Spanish

Louise Dunn (Renfrewshire) will do the update in June 2014

Cultural Organisations

Goethe-Institut

- Please call Lilo Börgmann if interested in working together
- German adventure - booked out until April and into May
- Funding 2013/2014 still to be announced. May need to ask for contributions from LAs/schools
- Primary schools CPD re. L3 German resources. 22nd March 2014.
- German national qualification appropriate differentiated resources available on Goethe Institute website e.g German calendar and Internet pages auf Deutsch
- Link will be distributed by SCILT and in Goethe Institute newsletter

Scotland Russia forum

- Offering a programme of tasters in primary school
- 2 Edinburgh primary schools currently having a Russian taster
- Speak to Jenny for more info.
- SQA stopping assessment for Russian higher next year

Alliance Française

- Very happy to work with LAs and schools and please contact if looking for support from teachers and native speakers in schools

Institut Français

- French agreement in education signed in 2013, looking to establish links between French and Scottish LAs, if you are looking for a partners please contact MCT.
- French schools are implementing languages from P1 from 2015
- Rencontres Théâtrales running in Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh
- Vive la francophonie competition running around Scotland
- Free online resources for teachers available on IF website
- Annual French film festival
- Erasmus plus - developing links with French and Scottish local authorities. Target to have 16 LA links.
- Twilight CPDs offered at 3 levels at the institute
- Developing posters which can be sent out to schools. Sports posters in development.

- Range of resources available on FI website.
- If interested in any of the above, please contact MCT at the FI. education@ifecosse.org.uk

Le Français en Ecosse

- Immersion courses in France and Spain
- Erasmus plus deadline - March 2014
- Schools can register themselves and LA can register schools
- Eforms available at the end of January
- Dates of immersion course available for the year

Mark Pentleton

- Producing a video in partnership with CISS re. Work of Confucius institute
- Please get in touch with Mark or SCILT if you have senior pupils who would be good for this
- Pupils can send videos as a Youtube video and sent to Mandy @ SCILT

Feedback on 1+2 conference

- Appreciated shared good practice from schools e.g. Calder Glen High School example.
- Case studies from Glasgow were useful and network events will enable LAs to share strategic approaches.
- Opportunity in future for more LA sharing of approaches welcomed.

Q&A

- Is there any possibility of professional recognition for various levels of language training/learning for teachers?
- This is currently being looked at by the GTC. You can approach GTC to have courses accredited. Portfolios of evidence can be built up of progression in teacher's language learning. Invite GTC to COALA to discuss. ML certificate at university of Glasgow gain GTC recognition and process not overly difficult. Immersion training in country can also become part of folio of evidence. Rosa Murray is contact at GTC.
- Janey.mauchline@southlanarkshire.gsx.gov.uk
- Call for this to be built into train the trainer week.

Erasmus plus and British council update

- Rosanne Hirst @ British Council - FLA team
- FLAs make a fantastic contribution to the classroom. BC support FLAs throughout year. BC looking at increased flexibility in FLA appointments. 73 FLAs in 2013/2014
- Eshots will be going out to all LAs with details on how to apply.
- Schools online BC website to apply online.
- Please contact Rosanne if any issues with processing applications
- Chinese language assistants - Hanban are subsidising new CLAs with LAs only responsible for paying minimum wage and NI.
- Fully funded CLAs available for a cluster of 3 schools - deadline 31st Friday and mustn't have had a CLA previously.
- Projects initiative - in last week of April there will be a showcase of projects. Information will go out.
- BC have a pool of ELA ambassadors who are available to come into schools to speak about their experiences.

- China week - week beginning Resource packs have been issued to primary schools and there will also be an accompanying competition for all schools across Britain. Secondary school competition also running looking for written pieces in Mandarin which will be published in local press. Finally also doing a BBC report on Chinese language assistants in an Edinburgh school.

Erasmus plus

- Various European funding programmes have been combined to create Erasmus Plus
- Budget has increased by 40%
- 3 Key actions are learning mobility (1), cooperation for innovation (2) and good practice and support for policy reform (3)
- Organisations apply and not individuals i.e. Schools and local authorities
- Funding set according to distance and length of stay. Travel grant, course grant and a participant grant.
- No central course list.
- Admin fee of €350 per participant paid to schools.
- Deadline 17th March 2014.
- Strategic partnerships (key action 2)
- One common application per partnership with one school identified as the coordinator. Deadline is 30th April.
- British Council e-twinning site can facilitate finding partners.
- Webinars will be available to provide online training on how to apply for applicants
- Register on the European Commission authentication service.
- Develop your European Development Plan and establish aims of training plan for 2014 - 2016
- Are there restrictions on numbers and frequency of applications? Ed will find out.
- EC website has all information and forms.
- Contact Eduardo.lees@britishcouncil.org.uk if more info. required.

Hazel Crichton University of Glasgow

- Twilight courses available for teachers at university of Glasgow
- Teachers should have some language (French or Spanish)
- Courses starting in September
- GTC recognised
- £350 per module
- University having problems placing French/Spanish students. Please can you send details of schools to placement coordinator.

Janette Kelso - CLPL menu for SCILT 2014/2105

- Janette will send an electronic needs analysis out to inform CLPL SCILT planning for 2014/2015
- Janette.kelso@strath.ac.uk for more info.

AOCB

- Change of date for June meeting to 5th June 2014. British council will double check the room and SCILT will confirm.