







UCMLS/SCILT Update on Cross-Sector Regional Meetings

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UCML UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF MODERN LANGUAGES

UCML- Who are we?

'The University Council of Modern Languages (UCML) was established in 1993 and is the overarching national organisation which represents the interests of modern languages, linguistics and cultural and area studies in higher education throughout the United Kingdom, and works with corresponding bodies in other countries'

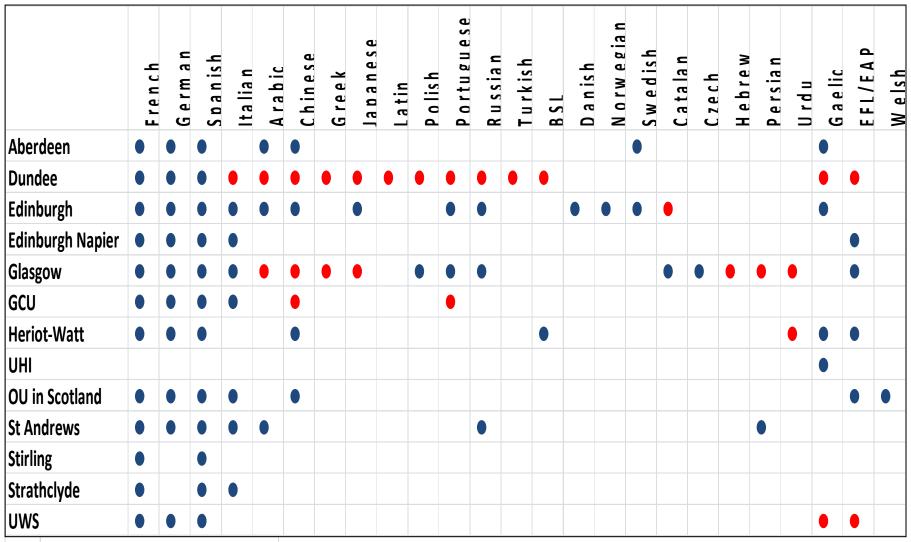
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Languages offered at Scottish Universities



degree provision

• credit/non-credit bearing provision

History of UCMLS-SCILT partnership

Joint events in 2014 and 2015 as part of 'Engage with Strathclyde' week to explore how the HE languages community could support the implementation of the 1+2 language policy in Scotland.

Aims:

- improve links between the school and post-school sectors
- allow for better information across all sectors including government bodies, Scottish government, Local Education Authorities, cultural institutes, individual schools, colleges, between and within HE institutions including education departments within those institution that train languages teachers

Action

Information sent out to all conference attendees, also UCMLS and SCILT contacts via SCILT e-bulletin and other networks

Action so far

- 4 regional cross-sector languages hubs
 - East: Edinburgh, Edinburgh Napier, Heriot-Watt
 - West: Glasgow, GCU, Strathclyde, UWS
 - Central: Dundee, St Andrews, Stirling
 - North: Aberdeen, UHI, plus OU across all regions
- 1st round of hub meetings held Sep-2015 (Edinburgh, Strathclyde, Dundee, Aberdeen)
- 2nd round of hub meetings in Feb/March 2016:

Second cross sector hub meetings

- Central: St. Andrews University, Saturday, 20th
 February, 10-12, Arts Lecture Theatre (No.31 on campus map)
- West: University of West of Scotland (UWS)
 Paisley Campus, Wednesday 24th February, 4.30-6.00 pm, Room D141
- East: Friday, 26th February, 2-4 pm, Heriot Watt University, Riccarton Campus, Room EF26 (tbc)
- North: Inverness College (UHI), Wednesday, 9th
 March, 5.00-6.30, Room tbc

Collaborative Initiatives with SCILT

- 6 Business Brunches during January/February:
 - West: Strathclyde (13-Jan) and UWS (28-Jan)
 - Central: Dundee (20-Jan)
 - North: Inverness (26-Jan) and Aberdeen (10-Feb)
 - East: Edinburgh (2-Feb)
- 3 Word Wizard Regional Finals during March
 - West: Strathclyde on Friday 4th
 - Central: Dundee on Wednesday 9th
 - North: Aberdeen on Wednesday 16th

Collaborative Initiatives cont'd

- Language Linking Global Thinking:
 - Planning Meeting held on 15 January. Participating universities for 2015-16: Aberdeen, Dundee, St Andrews, Stirling
- Mother Tongue Other Tongue
 - Poetry Workshops held in Dundee, Glasgow and more...
 - Institution-specific Language Ambassador initiatives

Looking further ahead

- Language Research Dissemination Event planned for June (Strathclyde, exact date tbc)
- Cross-Sector Event planned for 9-Sep-2016 (Dundee):
 "1+2: Looking Back and Moving Forward"
- Aim
 - Taking stock of where we are: what worked well, where are there still barriers
 - Produce a cross-sector action plan to 2020 and beyond









Website References

- UCML Homepage
- UCMLS/SCILT Engage 2015 Report on SCILT website
- Business Brunches 2016
- Language Linking Global Thinking (ML Ambassadors strand)
- Mother Tongue Other Tongue 2015-16
- Word Wizard 2015-16
- Scottish Languages Review #29 and #30









Thank You! Any questions?