

Foreign Languages Advisory Group
Minute of Meeting on 5th September 2019, 10am,
G13/14, DES, Marlborough St, Dublin 1

Attendees:

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| Evelyn O'Connor, DES/ CAP, Chair | J Higgins, Dawn Meats, |
| Leona De Khors, DES/ CAP | Gerry O'Sullivan, HEA |
| Catherine O'Carroll, DES/ Inspectorate | Eli Babei, Leargas |
| Maria Lorigan, DES/Inspectorate | Karen Ruddock, PPLI |
| Joanne Tobin, DES/SPEE | Kirsi Hanifin, PPLI |
| Alan O'Callaghan, DES/International | Deirdre Kirwan, Language Expert |
| Alan Power, D.EBI | Celine Healy, Maynooth University. |
| | Wilma Slevin, TPN |

1. Chair made introductions and welcomed attendees
2. The minutes of the meeting on 1st May 2019 were agreed.
3. Wilma Slevin, Teacher Representative gave a presentation to the FLAG outlining the work of the 6 Teacher Professional Networks (TPNs), their achievements, the positive impact of the Strategy and some of the associated challenges.
This was followed by a group discussion on some of the issues raised including CBAs, teacher exchanges, content vs. communication, Erasmus Plus (need to focus on grades encourages participation on courses through English which can impact on language learning opportunities etc.)
The Chair asked WS to convey the thanks of the FLAG to the TPNs and their committees for their work.
4. The PPLI Updated the FLAG on a range of initiatives including:
 - CLIL project
 - Foreign Language Assistants 2019/20
 - PME programme/ Upskilling
 - Awareness Raising
 - Communities of Practice
 - Spotlight on Schools
 - Summer Camps

5. The DES gave an update on:
 - progress on the development of the 4 new LC curricular languages
 - primary curriculum reviewBoth are likely to be ready for public consultation towards the end of 2019.

6. AOB
PPLI mentioned their upcoming joint conference with JCT in Cork on 21st September and also the upcoming #ThinkLanguages event for TY students on 6th December in the Dublin Convention Centre.

7. Next Meeting
Date – Thursday 5th December at 10am G13/14, Marlborough Street
Proposals:
HEA presentation – the impact of Erasmus on language learning
Focus on Awareness Raising

Amendment:

The meeting proposed for 5/12/19 was subsequently postponed until 13th January 2020