

What's on

22 February-26 March

EXPRESS YOURSELF

North East Festival of Languages

22-26 March 2021



A celebration of languages and cultures in NE England and our connections with the world

Free participatory and celebratory activities in February and March



Mother Tongue Other Tongue

For children & young people aged 7-18
Celebrating poetry in different languages written in their home language or a language they are learning (for North East schools and community schools)

Open 22 February until 26 March



How languages changed my life

For people of all ages and backgrounds
Share stories celebrating your languages and cultures: whether you were born in the region, came to live, study or work here, live here now or came from here

Open 22 February until 26 March



European Voices

For Primary Schools in the North East
Add your ideas to an online community of schools across Europe answering the question, "What do children feel is essential travel vocabulary?"

Open now until 26th March



French Pop Video Competition

Primary & Secondary Schools (ages 7-18):
National competition. Submit a short video, or animated clip, to accompany an original song or rap in French. Regional and national finalists win prizes!

Open now and until 31 March

Free workshops, activities and resources available anytime from 22 February to 26 March



Español: lengua global

For people of all ages
Short films and a quiz about Spanish and its global reach, plus resources on Spain and Spanish speaking countries, teaching and partnership support

Spanish Embassy Education Department



Welcome to the Arab World videos

For young people KS3-4, aged 12-16
Pre-recorded sessions: Syrian-American hip-hop artist; an Arabic storyteller; exploration of Arab stereotypes; and an introduction to the Arabic language

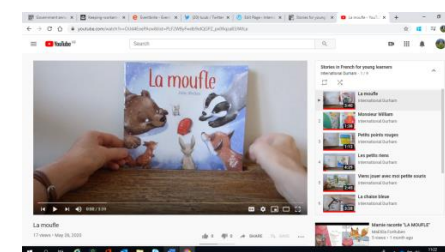
British Council, Qatar Foundation Int'l



Secret Agent's Language Challenge

For young people KS3-4 (11-16)
50+1 fun languages challenges in an app and handbook. Learn more about languages outside school, with friends, or in school/online with classmates and teachers

European Centre for Modern Languages



Stories for Young Learners in French

For young learners at KS1-KS2
Bring stories to life, listen to French story tellers, see French storybooks from a selection online. Supported by teacher resources to help explore the stories

Académie Amiens – Durham Co. Council



Tinku dancers – Bolivian carnival Photo credit: Felipe Abreu



Breeze Bharatanatyam dance Photo credit Lee Dobson



Dhol Drumming - Roshan Singh

World Cultures and Languages

Schools, community schools and community schools/groups – for young people aged 7-18 – pre-recorded sessions available from 19 March (registration required). Join in with performers in these world language and culture workshops in dance and music forms and their languages.

- **Tinku – Bolivian Carnival Dance** (in Spanish/English) with Yuvel Soria
- **Bharatanatyam Dance** (in Tamil and English) with Breeze George
- **Dhol Drumming** (in Punjabi, Hindi and English) with Roshan Singh

GemArts artists and performers



Les Aventures du Lapin 7-11 year olds

Primary schools and families: French

Join in this pre-recorded theatrical production and join in to learn folk songs from the French-speaking Caribbean, with lyrics and recording available online

Théâtre sans Frontières



Year of the Ox, Festival and Zodiac

Film and video resources for children and young people, communities and adults

British Council, Durham University +



Como Agua para Chocolate (16+, students A Level+, public) Pre-recorded film of a theatrical production about love food and the Mexican Revolution. Music and performances from an international cast.

Théâtre sans Frontières



Singer-songwriter Kristin Sophie

KS3-5 11 yrs+, Secondary, 6th form, public Pre-recorded interactive workshop with this German musician who writes and performs in English, exploring her songwriting journey and challenging participants to write lyrics and also translate some of her song lyrics.

Kristin Sophie



Wake it Shake it in Spanish

All ages can Join El Calvo for a 12-minute work-out routine in Spanish (on YouTube). Exercises can be adapted, are simple to follow and target different body parts. Great inside or outside.

El Calvo (The Bald One)



Warum? German-y and the NE

Teachers and pupils from KS3-5 .

Recorded webinar exploring the North East's links with Germany and celebrating German culture, language and business. With teacher's resource pack more information, local and national support and advice to help schools' links with Germany and support for teaching and learning German.

International Newcastle, Durham International, Gelsenkirchen, Tübingen, Goethe Institute, German Embassy, UK German Connection, British Council

Events



Stories



French Escape Room Challenge

An interactive, cross-curricular challenge run in school with teacher supervision. **KS3 French learners** use knowledge of French language and culture to escape the room, make it to the stage to win!

Durham County Council



Newcastles of the World projects

An exciting opportunity for **secondary level schools in Newcastle upon Tyne** to develop international links and participate in projects with schools in other cities and towns called Newcastle, across many countries.

Newcastles of the World

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Latest news



Partners



Monday 22-Friday 26 March
(between 10am and 4pm)



FULLY BOOKED [Language tasters](#)

Secondary and 6th Forms (KS3-KS5)
30-45 min sessions on languages and culture: **Mandarin, Spanish, French German, Portuguese, Japanese, Welsh**
(1 school per session pre-booked)

Newcastle University
Language Resource Centre

Monday 22-Thursday 25 March
(11am and 1pm)



FULLY BOOKED [Language tasters](#)

Primary/Secondary Schools (KS2-KS5) 11am and 1pm: 45-min fun, interactive sessions in **Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, Italian, Catalan, Turkish, German**
(1 school per session pre-booked)

Durham University
Modern Languages & Cultures

Monday 22 March
10.45-11.30



[Express Yourself in Spanish](#)

For children aged 3-11 and families in an Early Years or Primary school setting or joining from home. Fun and interactive with songs, stories, games, drama and play

Lingotot

Tuesday 23 March
2.00-2.45pm



[Where can languages take you?](#)

For KS3 and KS4 pupils: A question and answer session with local business ambassadors about the role languages play in their work

Durham International
(Durham County Council)

Tuesday 23 March
3.30-4.30pm



[ENACT app workshop & demo](#) (origami boat in Japanese)

For all ages: Live demonstration of the free ENACT web app, which helps you learn languages through cultural activities in their language and share your own

Newcastle University
ENACT

Wednesday 24 March
2.00-2.45pm



[Live puppet show in French](#)

For Early Years and Primary pupils and teachers: Join Nathalie and her puppets in an entertaining story, helping pupils learn French words and giving teachers inspiration and ideas of how to use puppets to help children learn languages
Booking required to get the link

Nathalie Paris
Nattalingo

Wednesday 24 March
6.30-8.00pm



[“Nous, on parle français”](#)

For French speakers of all ages
A live, interactive event entirely in French, celebrating French language, bringing together people of different ages and backgrounds, in and around Newcastle, expressing themselves in French and sharing their love of French

Alliance Française de Newcastle et
La petite école de Newcastle

Thursday 25 March
10.45-11.30am



[Express Yourself in French](#)

For children aged 3-11 and families in an Early Years or Primary school setting or joining from home. Fun and interactive with songs, stories, games, drama and play in French with education specialists

Lingotot

Thursday 25 March
6.00-6.45pm

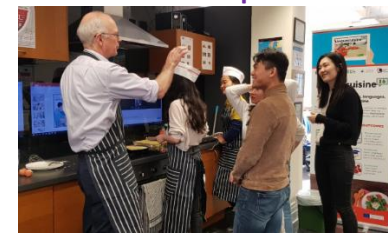


[Let's speak Geordie](#)

For adults whose mother tongue is not English (international students and others). Practice some Geordie phrases in this live, fun, interactive workshop and get to grips with the local Geordie dialect, as a group

Newcastles of the World

Friday 26th March
4.00-5.00pm



[Linguacuisine app workshop](#)

For all ages: Learn to cook crêpes/pancakes in French and English. Use the Linguacuisine app yourself to cook along with us during the session, or just watch. We will explain how the app helps you learn about languages, cultures and cuisines

Newcastle University
Linguacuisine

Mon 22-Thurs 25 March
10am and 2pm



[British Sign Language \(BSL\)
Taster Sessions](#)

North East schools or community groups, adults 45 min session introducing Deaf language and culture in a fun and interactive way. Learn simple BSL conversation skills.

Becoming Visible

Mon 22-Fri 26 March
30 min sessions



[Collaborative Community
Translation](#)

Proficient English-speaking adults will work with speakers of heritage languages in 30 min sessions on zoom to help translate simple books into the heritage language.

Newcastle University

22-26 March
Arranged with schools



[Arabic Story telling sessions](#)

Primary schools – Newcastle
1 hour sessions of a traditional Arab story told by Elias Mattar, a Palestinian play specialist, storyteller, drama therapist, performer.

British Council