

Supporting international connections, experiences and opportunities

- Not for profit social enterprise, set up in 2012
- Leads on **Our Newcastle Our World**, the city's international relations plan
- Engages partners from public, private and voluntary sector to develop & support actions
- Priority 2020-22: Newcastle as an international city for our children and young people (0-30) as confident, global citizens
- Work closely with Newcastle City Council and wider partners to provide support and opportunities for schools





Newcastle as an international city
for children and young people (0-
30) as confident, global citizens

WORK PROGRAMME 2020-2022

Connecting internationally

Increasing international links,
experiences and opportunities

Newcastle City of Languages

Supporting language teaching, take
up and learning in schools and
celebrating languages in the city

Internationalism in the City

Increasing intercultural awareness
and engagement and celebrating
cultural diversity in the city

CONNECTING INTERNATIONALLY

Helping Newcastle schools and pupils develop international connections, build relationships and access opportunities

Supporting Newcastle schools' to develop international links and partnerships where Newcastle already has links, or with new areas around the world and helping enhance relationships and opportunities

Encouraging schools to engage with UK, European and international programmes, projects, events and initiatives; leveraging support from local, regional, national partners; sharing links to funding and resources

Creating new opportunities for children & young people, especially from disadvantaged areas to engage and broaden their horizons, expand their perspectives and experiences, increase intercultural awareness and improve their skills and future opportunities



Connecting internationally: Schools and the Turing Scheme



10 schools secured £400,000 in 2021 for visits in 2022

IN/Council supporting new links, preparing visits

Joint activities (Festival of Languages)

Future funding opportunities for 2022 (visits in 2023)

TURING

SCHEME

**The UK's global programme
to study and work abroad**

Connecting internationally: Sharing opportunities

Access

- International events and programmes – debates, workshops, exchanges

Resources

- Funding opportunities and support for international collaboration, travel, exchange

Relationships

- Strengthening existing partnerships (Nancy), developing new ones (Kolkata)



NEWCASTLE CITY OF LANGUAGES

Supporting the teaching, take up and learning of Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) in schools and celebrating and recognising home and community languages



- Partnership of local and regional partners who support or deliver MFL, with input from British Council, Embassies and their cultural institutions. Newcastle City of Languages action plan with a key focus on language teaching and learning in schools
 - Newcastle schools' MFL network for teachers
 - Opening access to training and international opportunities for Newcastle's teachers of languages
 - Language programmes being introduced in schools
 - BSL and Deaf Culture promotion
 - Linking language promotion to skills and careers work and international links
- New French language transition project
 - Pilot project to improve teaching and learning experience and improve level and transition of French from Primary to Secondary (with Institut Français Primary French Project) and encourage language take up at GCSE. If successful, will seek to scale up across the city and also establish more schools' partnerships with our twin city, Nancy
- Development and delivery of [Express Yourself NE Festival of Languages](#) and cultures in March 2021 and again in 2022 to help drive activities and actions and profile achievements across all strands and plans for blended annual event



EXPRESS YOURSELF

North East Festival of Languages

22-26 March 2021



Pilot festival hosted by International Newcastle,
delivered with partnership support and resources

Fun and engaging activities for schools and
communities, celebrating languages and cultures

5 weeks of virtual activity from 21 Feb, live online
events 22-26 March

12,000 children and young people, 1000 adults
engaged and 237 school registrations for activities

2021 Festival feedback



- Positive coverage and feedback
- Boosted interest/engagement in language learning and international cultures
- Celebration of home languages
- New connections made
- National profile and recognition
- New opportunities for schools





**North East
Festival of Languages**
1-31 MARCH 2022



- Full month of activities and events in March 2022
- Activities launching in February for schools, leading into the Festival
- Fun and engaging activities for schools and communities, celebrating languages and cultures and our connections to the world
- Encourage schools with international links to do activities together during the Festival
- Online live events, pre-recorded workshops and activities, resources to download and use in school

INTERNATIONALISM IN THE CITY

Increasing intercultural awareness and engagement and celebrating cultural diversity

- Promoting intercultural dialogue and awareness raising through engagement with partners and communities in the city and publicizing events and activities, ambitions and achievements
- Supporting initiatives such as Schools of Sanctuary in Newcastle
- Promoting access to activities and opportunities for our diverse communities, including school communities
- Using the Festival of Languages as a means to engage, celebrate, profile diverse language and cultural communities and showcasing achievements at the Festival in March 2022





International Newcastle and Newcastle City Council

How we work together to support schools

Declan Baharini (International Newcastle) works very closely with Sarah Edgar in Newcastle City Council's School Effectiveness Team. Sarah is the City Council's lead contact for all work around international relations for the schools and for languages and is the usual conduit for communications with schools. She is also the English as an Additional Language lead for Newcastle schools.

Opportunities for schools are shared via:

- Newcastle Schools Modern Foreign Language Network (co-ordinated by Sarah Edgar) – language teachers sign up with Sarah sarah.edgar@newcastle.gov.uk
- [Services for Schools](#) website
- enewsletter to Head Teachers with input from Schools Effectiveness team
- Sarah's direct contact with groups of schools who may be working on particular issues (such as Turing scheme funded group of schools setting up international links and visits; those introducing new language programmes in schools, Schools of Sanctuary etc)
- International Newcastle's website and social media channels
- We also develop or host events and engage partners to provide resources, briefings and information, and share opportunities for schools.
- We host and plan (with partners) the Express Yourself NE Festival of Languages

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- [LinkedIn](#) [Facebook](#)

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- Further information about the work of International Newcastle, latest news, a Directory of organisations and also a range of resources available are all on our [website here](#)
- See some of the current languages opportunities for schools and how we support international partnerships [online here](#):
- Languages resources for schools are [shared here](#)

Get involved in Express Yourself NE Festival of Languages

- [Express Yourself: North East Festival of Languages website](#)
- Social media: [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)