

Supporting international connections, experiences and opportunities

- International Newcastle and Newcastle City Council work together and wider partners to provide support and opportunities for schools
- In is a not for profit social enterprise, set up in 2012
- Priority 2020-23: Newcastle as an international city for our children and young people (0-30) as confident, global citizens





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

WORK PROGRAMME 2020-2023

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

Benefits for children and young people

- opening up new perspectives and dialogue
- enhancing the education curriculum
- building invaluable international connections
- improving intercultural awareness
- supporting language learning
- raising aspirations and confidence
- influencing positive education and life choices
- impacting on future career opportunities



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





TURING

SCHEME

The UK's global programme
to study and work abroad

Connecting internationally: Schools' links and Turing

Supporting schools with Turing visits taking place May-June 2022
incl, France, Italy, Netherlands (travel preparations)

Brokered 20+ new links for schools, many with Nancy through
partnership with DAREIC, new links sought in Spain, Czech Republic

Intense support provided for schools to apply for Turing in April
2022 for visits in 2023 (mainly for visits to Europe, one to Uganda)

Connecting internationally: Sharing opportunities

Access

- International events and programmes – debates, workshops, exchanges

Resources

- Sharing 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

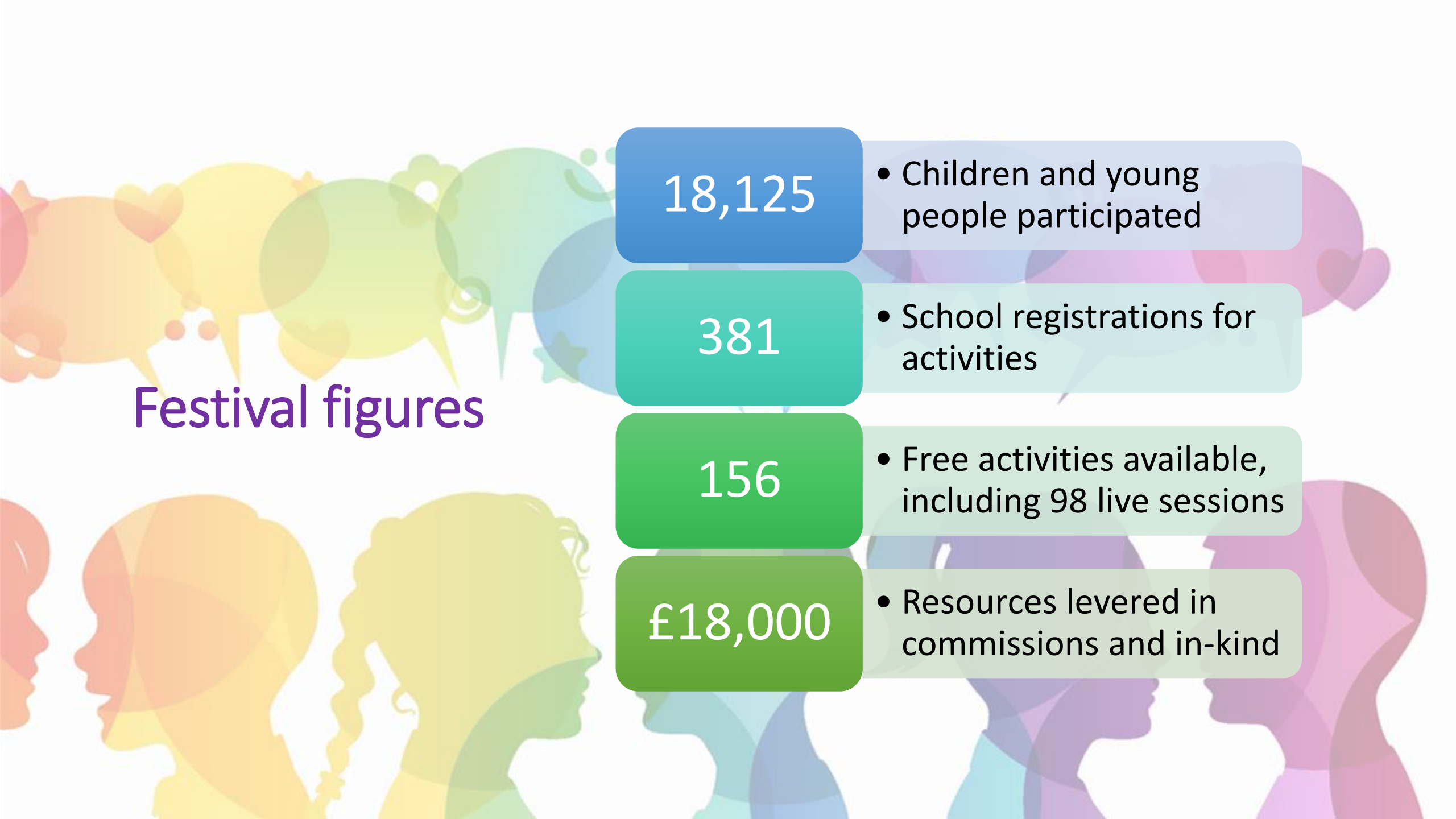


**North East
Festival of Languages**

1-31 MARCH 2022



- Pilot festival hosted by International Newcastle, delivered with partnership support and resources
- Activities launched in February for schools and month of activities and events in March 2022
- Fun and engaging activities for schools and communities, celebrating languages and cultures and our connections to the world
- Encouraged 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
- Planning from June for 2023 Festival and fundraising



Festival figures

18,125

- Children and young people participated

381

- School registrations for activities

156

- Free activities available, including 98 live sessions

£18,000

- Resources levered in commissions and in-kind

Mother Tongue Other Tongue

2022

EXPRESS
YOURSELF

North East
Festival of Languages
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by the Young People across the North East



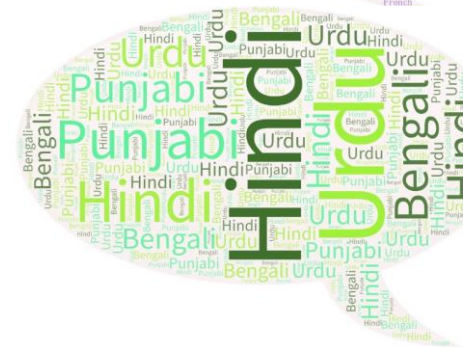
I Am A Small Part of the World

Sally K. Albrecht & Jay Althouse, arr. Gareth Miller

2,070 performed the Festival song (video produced)

BEAT THE RAT RACE USING LANGUAGES TO GET AHEAD

1,933 in languages & careers webinar



4,341 took part in 87
live language tasters



Tinku dancers – Bolivian carnival Photo credit: Felipe Abreu



1,620 took part in 3 world
languages & cultures workshops



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1,080 in 3 French puppet shows



Ancient Stories in stone

396 accessed resources



-6,150 accessed 5 languages tasters

Fun with Japanese



674 in workshops

534 entries for Languages Open Doors poster competition





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FESTIVAL FEEDBACK

CELEBRATING LANGUAGES

The Festival gets better and better! The children at loved learning a new language while celebrating their own language and culture- thank you from all of us!

The children felt proud to celebrate the languages which they speak.



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY



Thanks a lot for providing such a great opportunity for our pupils to share their culture and language!

It raised the profile of heritage languages and our children's talents around school.

WIDENING PERSPECTIVES

Why Languages webinar - just what we needed to reinforce where languages can take you and how they can be useful. A great springboard to discuss higher education and career opportunities with KS4.



NEW EXPERIENCES

Our students thoroughly enjoyed learning a song in a new language.

Thank you for offering these excellent experiences, which we were able to open up to a wide number of pupils.





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FESTIVAL FEEDBACK

LEARNING FROM OTHERS

I enjoyed reading about the life and language experiences of people as part of How Languages Changed my Life - really interesting to find out all the different journeys of so many different people.



SUPPORTING SANCTUARY

We used our involvement in the Mother Tongue, Other Tongue project for our School of Sanctuary application and to amplify the voices of our EAL pupils.

PROMOTING LANGUAGE LEARNING

Our school really enjoyed taking part in the languages festival. A great way to promote languages across our school.



EMPOWERING LEARNERS

As a school we chose to focus on 5 languages during the month, one for each week and the ones most relevant to the children ie Polish, Japanese, Spanish French and Sign Language. The children were very pleased and proud to share their mother tongue with us and become 'teacher'.



Festival impact

- Boosted interest in language learning and international cultures
- Celebration of home languages and exploring cultures in schools
- New connections made with schools and widening participation
- National profile and recognition for Newcastle and the North-East
- More engagement and new opportunities for schools and pupils
- More engagement of partners who can provide support
- Boost for International Newcastle work programme activities



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 Sanctuary initiatives 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



INTERNATIONALISM IN THE CITY

Supporting Sanctuary and campaigns

- Ways to help Ukraine webpage and ongoing promotion of advice, guidance and how to support people in Ukraine, refugees and those arriving in the city
- Promotion of engagement in Nationalities and Borders Bill campaign for fair treatment (now an Act)
- Support for Newcastle City of Sanctuary initiatives:
 - Just the Ticket crowdfunder to support travel for asylum seekers
 - Promoting volunteering opportunities
 - Engagement in Newcastle Sanctuary Forum (April, June) to improve collaboration and support for refugees and asylum seekers within the city
 - Supporting Newcastle Schools of Sanctuary - all schools to become SoS, preparing applications in May, links to opportunities for intercultural and language activities





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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- 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](#)