

Opportunities and support for Newcastle schools

Summary

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EMPOWERING NEWCASTLE'S YOUTH FOR A GLOBAL FUTURE

Sharing our partnership approach and benefits of supporting internationalism, languages and intercultural awareness



Travel

£2.6m raised for international school visits (Turing Scheme 2020-2026)

71 transformational visits to partner schools abroad 2021-2027

Life-changing experiences for 2,100 children and young people

Destinations in Europe, USA, the Middle East and South East Asia

Building confidence, skills, resilience and raising aspirations



Partnerships

International partnerships brokered for 75% of Newcastle schools

Established strategic education partnerships to support links

Multiple links in France, Germany, Spain, Italy, USA, India, Holland

80% schools achieved the International School Award

Virtual collaboration, joint projects, cross curricular



Languages

Newcastle City of Languages partnership a national exemplar

Primary and secondary schools language teacher networks

Continuing Professional Development, sharing learning

Innovative projects and new opportunities developed

Active network of local, regional, UK, international partners



Festival

Express Yourself: North East Festival of Languages largest in UK and Europe

Celebrating diverse languages and cultures and world connections

Growth from 11,955 (2021) to 116,669 (2026) 3-18 year-olds participating

1, 071 school registrations for free events, activities and projects in 2026

Widening perspectives, motivating language learning



**Erasmus+
enables us to
build on our:**

Strong track
record

Existing
partnerships

Support for
schools



through:

Citywide
coordination

Identifying &
supporting
access to
opportunities
and benefits



Opportunities

Unlock additional funding

Raise standards through innovation

Broaden horizons for students

Invest in staff development

Boost your school's profile

Lead change across your school, Trust and the city/region

Benefits

Access Erasmus+ grants to support international projects, staff development and student opportunities without increasing pressure on school budgets

Bring back fresh ideas, proven practices, and new teaching approaches from schools across Europe to drive school improvement

Give young people access to international experiences that build confidence, cultural awareness, language skills, and employability

Provide high-quality professional learning, job-shadowing and networking opportunities that inspire, develop, attract and retain staff

Strengthen your reputation as a forward-looking, outward-facing school committed to excellence and global engagement

As a consortium lead, coordinate opportunities for multiple schools, maximise impact and shape a shared vision for international collaboration

Erasmus+ Programme Opportunities

Example 'Actions'

Key Action 1:
Mobility of learners

Key Action 2:
Cooperation among
organisations

Example Activities

Pupils: Group mobility of pupils

Staff: job shadowing; teaching assignments; courses and training

Other: hosting education experts; hosting trainee teachers

Short-term projects: min. 2 organisations, min. 2 countries

Cooperation projects: min. 3 organisations, min. 3 countries

Bigger focus on project outcomes

Erasmus+ Programme 2021-27

SCOPE

Key Action 1: Mobility of learners

Key Action 2: Cooperation among organisations

Key Action 3: Policy Development & Cooperation

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ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS AND PARTICIPANTS

Higher Education

Vocational Education and Training

School education

Adult education

Youth and sport

PRIORITY AREAS

Inclusion and Diversity

Digital Transformation

Environment/climate change

Participation in democratic life and civic engagement

Key Action 1 – Learning Mobility of Individuals

Eligible activities pupils

Group mobility (2 to 30 days)

Short-term learning mobility (10 to 29 days)

Long-term learning mobility (30 to 365 days)

Eligible activities staff

Job shadowing (2-60 days)

Teaching or training assignments (2 to 365 days)

Courses and training (2 to 10 days)

Other eligible activities

**Hosting education experts
(2 to 60 days)**

**Hosting trainee teachers
(10 to 365 days)**

Key Action 1 – Funding

Budget category	Rule of allocation
Organisational support	Based on the number of participants
Travel	Based on travel distance and number of participants
Green travel	Top-up to travel contribution depending on mode of transport
Individual support	Daily allowance, based on receiving country and duration
Inclusion Support (“additional costs directly linked to participants with fewer opportunities“)	For organisation: based on number of participants For participant: 100% of eligible costs
Preparatory visits	Based on number of participants
Course fees for staff mobility	Based on duration of the course
Linguistic support	Based on the number of participants
Exceptional costs (e.g. ”expensive travel costs, visa and visa-related costs, residence permits, vaccinations, medical certifications“)	80-100% of eligible costs

Application routes for Key Action 1

Short-term projects

- Simple and straightforward
- Set up few activities in an easy way
- Gain experience in the Programme
- Limit on number of participants and duration of the project

Accredited projects

- For applicants with Erasmus accreditation
- Based on approved Erasmus Plan, applications focussing on estimated budget
- All eligible grant applications receive funding (may not be full amount requested)

Mobility consortium

- Consortium Lead applies for accreditation
- Consortium members do not need accreditation
- Lead applies for funding for all members via the accredited route with guaranteed funding (may not be full amount requested)

Applications will open in November 2026 end close in February 2027

EC to confirm how accreditation will work for UK applicants in final year of Programme

Benefits and responsibilities of consortium members

Benefits

- No accreditation required to access regular funding
 - Consortium Lead manages application and reporting processes, reduced administrative burden
- Network of members to share best practice
- Support and advice from Consortium Lead on how to fulfill Erasmus quality standards

Responsibilities

- Ensure mobilities align with Erasmus+ priorities and quality standards
- Ensure quality of practical and logistical arrangements
- Comply with Erasmus+ regulations (e.g. regarding learning agreements, recognition of learning outcomes, sharing results and providing relevant information to Consortium Lead)

Key Action 2

Cooperation among Organisations and Institutions

SMALL-SCALE PARTNERSHIPS

- Min. 2 organisations
- Min. 2 countries
- EUR 30,000
- EUR 60,000

COOPERATION PARTNERSHIPS

- Min. 3 organisations
- Min. 3 countries
- EUR 120,000
- EUR 250,000
- EUR 400,000

- **Exchange of good practices:** Establish international networks, participate in project meetings, enhance capacity to work transnationally and address common needs.
- **Innovation:** Enable transformation and change, e.g. by creating new teaching activities, innovative tools and digital platforms.

Use existing links and partnerships to identify potential projects

Talk to partners who may be interested in taking on the role of applicant organisation



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Planning ahead

Discuss Erasmus+ opportunities within your school or Trust

Complete our Erasmus+ Expression of Interest Form

Engage with ongoing Newcastle briefings on Erasmus+

Review current school partnerships and explore others

Identify your priorities

Work with us

Next steps

Use briefings and guidance to discuss if and how your school or Trust could be involved in Erasmus+

Complete an EOI form to indicate if your school/Trust is interested in a) applying and b) becoming a lead for a consortium, so we can tailor support

We will provide online and in person briefings for Newcastle schools from June onwards (note that the programme opens for applications in November)

Think about your current partnerships (if you have one) and what other areas you would be interested in and work with us to find partners, including Nancy

Consider the priorities for your school or Trust and the range of activities and themes you may wish to be involved with from the menu on offer

We will coordinate a citywide network for schools interested in being part of Erasmus+ and provide ongoing support and help with applications

Get involved

Complete the Erasmus+ Expression of Interest form for Newcastle schools here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/d1jEQJ4Yzc>

Contact sarah.edgar@newcastle.gov.uk about new international partnerships

