

All London: The January Event 2026

Saturday 17th January 2026 – BFI

Event booklet

Thank you for your interest in the ALL January Event 2026!

This planning document expands the information which you will find on the event programme links. We hope you find it useful!

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Preparation: Please bring:

- Your registration details (QR code) on phone or paper – but don’t worry if you forget. We’ll have an attendance register.
- Your institution’s lanyard if you like (we have sticky labels for names, but you may prefer to declare where you work!)
- A mug for your coffee if you can
- Any special infusions / milk you like (we provide instant coffee (inc decaff), tea bags (incl decaff), some fruit tea bags, hot water, semi-skimmed milk, almond milk, sugar and biscuits – including gluten-free)
- Snacks / lunch to keep you going if necessary! (But no nuts).
- A bag for your goodies – we have 12 exhibitors
- Job seekers: Your CV if you want Nick to have a look during the job application clinic or if you want to pass to job offers
- Job offers: Your job details to pass to anyone seeking employment

Please note that the dress code is extremely relaxed! It’s the weekend!

Event programme - links to pages and downloadable documents

Please see online links for flyer and registration:

- **ALL London site - dedicated page** <https://all-london.org.uk/all-events/the-all-january-event-2026/> [includes link to registration]
- **Ticket Tailor – to register for event**
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/associationforlanguagelearninglondonregionalbranch/1908800%20> [includes link to ALL London dedicated page]
- **ALL London annual report:** <https://all-london.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/ALL-London-Branch-Annual-Report-2025.docx>

Travel + access

Venue: BFI (British Film Institute) Belvedere Road, South Bank, London SE1 8XT

<http://www.bfi.org.uk/>

Travel information:

- Visit tfl.gov.uk for travel directions or BFI Getting to BFI Southbank: <https://whatson.bfi.org.uk/Online/article/getting-to-bfi-southbank>
- No planned engineering works affecting us as at 16.1.26. <https://tfl.gov.uk/status-updates/planned-track-closures>
- Nearest stations: Waterloo (South Bank exit), Embankment and Charing Cross (cross Hungerford Bridge to reach the South Bank).
- Buses: Routes 1, 4*, 26, 68, 76, 77, 139*, 168, 171, 172, 176, 188, 211, 243*, 341, 381, 507*, 521*, RV1

Parking

Paid parking is available nearby, see BFI guidance:

<https://whatson.bfi.org.uk/Online/article/getting-to-bfi-southbank>

Entrance:

Delegates: enter via the 'main entrance' which is in Theatre Avenue (at the National Theatre side of the building) - **not** the Entrance facing the Thames. Then go up the flight of stairs to your left to reach the Blue Room on the mezzanine floor. Toilets are downstairs. There is one accessible toilet on the mezzanine floor, opposite the Blue Room.

'Domestics'

Registration: Please register and collect badges and certificates from registration desk.

Wifi: Free public wifi in the BFI. Password: to be announced on the day

Refreshments: Refreshments will be served from the Blue Room bar area. There will be an urn. Delegates will be encouraged to bring their own mugs.

Health and safety: Fire exits are clearly signed

Toilets: One accessible toilet on mezzanine floor, other downstairs.

Property: Look after your belongings. Note that phones easily slip between comfy cinema seats!

Access/inclusion/support needs: Please indicate these on registration form in advance.

Privacy: please don't take any photos or screen shots during the session, of people or of slides. This protects confidentiality and intellectual property, and helps everyone relax. Presentations will be available later via our mailing list. We like to take photos for our website. If you'd rather not appear, just let us know — absolutely no offence taken

Sessions – details

Saturday January 17th 2026 9.30 -2.45

For more detail about sessions, biographies and up-dates Check:
<https://all-london.org.uk/all-events/the-all-london-january-event-2026/>

0930	The Blue Room: Registration & tea/coffee and biscuits - the committee will be there to welcome you! Opportunity for Job offers + seekers to match up!
10.00	NFT3: Introduction, welcome and essential up-dates from ALL (Helen Myers (ALL London Chair), Nick Mair (ALL London Vice Chair) Anna Lise Gordon (ALL Co-President)) incl. encouragement to match Job offers + seekers London:City of Languages - some inspiring stories for all Vicky Gough (London:City of Languages Chair)
10.30	NFT3: Building Your A-level Repertoire- Steve Smith. A great opportunity to meet our friend - popular blogger, author, experienced teacher with a wealth of strategies for your A level class. Steve will outline sound principles for A-level teaching along with a wide range of classroom activities for listening, speaking, working with texts, vocabulary, grammar, film and literature essay writing. The session will suit both practising and aspiring A-level MFL teachers. OR 'NFT4: Primary + KS3 focus: "Sharing what works: Local collaboration, transferable ideas". Anna Lise Gordon (Co-President) will lead a session which invites Primary and KS3 teachers to share what is working for them, including those in Hackney, as referenced in the CAR report. Bernadette Clinton MFL Consultant describes the Hackney approach to languages and introduces secondary and primary teachers from the borough who will share their experience and practical activities which have worked for them. Samantha Saggar - Head of languages at Waterside Academy (secondary) and Cristina Gainza - Head of European languages at The Urswick School (secondary); Jacqueline Smith ex-Head of languages St John of Jerusalem Primary; Raquel Tola Rego - Spanish and CLIL specialist at Parkwood Primary International Spanish School; Sara Alonso Jimeno - teaching in 3 primaries in a Federation of Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston
11.30- 12.00	The Blue Room: Comfort break / top-up of coffee / chance to 'network' / view info from corporate members (incl exam boards), speakers, and our sponsors and to soak up the feeling of being in a beautiful venue by the Thames! Job offers and seekers encouraged to meet up! Exciting raffle with great prizes! Please bring own mug (if possible) to save the environment! Exhibitors: AQA, Business Language Champions, Edexcel Pearson, Institut français, Languagenut, NCLE, Spanish Education Embassy, Maison Claire Fontaine, The Japan Foundation, Thisisschool, Twinkl, Voyager School Travel
12.00 - 13.00	NFT3: 'What's working for the new GCSE preparation?' We are delighted that Jennifer Wozniak, Assistant Headteacher i/c of teaching and learning and CPD is joining us to share her passion for her craft and her subject. This presentation will delve into practical methodologies and techniques to enhance students' engagement and proficiency. There will be a range of tried-and-tested activities designed to strengthen reading, listening, writing, speaking, dictation, and translation and that can be used in your classroom right away. OR NFT4: Studio Cinema: Primary focus: What next, following the CAR report? Panel and discussion Led by Anna Lise Gordon (Co-President) + the ALL London Primary Hub Leaders: Cara Bleiman, Nadine Chadier, & Miriam Paridjanian. An opportunity to add your voice to the follow-up consultation to the CAR report by sharing what works for you.

13:15 - 14.00	<p>'Getting your Years 10 and 11 ready for June 26 GCSE: An Update for Teachers'</p> <p>NFT3: Edexcel: Rebecca Waker Subject Advisor & Fiona Pryce, Senior Qualifications Manager MFL</p> <p>NFT4: AQA: Chloe Burrows and Rachel Livingstone, Subject Support Managers for Languages,</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Blue Room: Job Application Clinic for Students. 'What are schools looking for?' with Nick Mair, Academy Teacher, ISMLA, Vice Chair ALL London, Nathalie Blondeau, Harris Federation, David Blow, SESSET Executive Headteacher. A 'Must' for trainee teachers preparing CVs, applications and interviews from experienced and inspiring teachers and managers!</p>
14.00 - 14.45	<p>The Blue Room - a working lunch! [We provide the drinks + biscuits]</p> <p>London:City of Languages - The next steps Vicky Gough</p> <p>Annual General Meeting - Chaired by Helen Myers 1. Election /confirmation of committee members; 2. Reports from the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer; 3. Response to issues raised by Management Board; 4. Issues to be raised with the Management Board (please give advance notice of issues you wish to raise in writing before the event if possible); 5. AOB</p>

Speaker bios

We are incredibly grateful to our fantastic speakers who are so generously giving of their time and expertise. Here is an alphabetical list of their bios.

 <p>Bleiman, Cara</p>	<p>Cara has worked in inner-city London schools for the past 10 years and now works as Primary Mandarin Project Consultant for the Swire Chinese Language Centre at The Harris Federation where she is responsible for the teaching and learning of Chinese to over 3000 primary pupils. She was awarded the IoE Confucius Institute's 'Excellence Award' in 2019 and a Harris Federation 'Transforming Lives Award' in 2018. She has previously worked as a Year 6 Intervention teacher, EYFS/KS1 English Coordinator, MFL Coordinator, TA and live-in tutor.</p>
 <p>Nathalie Blondeau</p>	<p>Senior Languages Consultant at Harris Federation, A level French Advisor (ESS), SLE, MCCT, ALL London Branch Committee & LCoLSG member.</p> <p>Member of the Steering Group of London: City of Languages.</p>

<p>Blow, David</p> 	<p>David Blow, Executive Head of South-East Surrey Schools Education Trust, was awarded the ALL Fellowship at Language World 2022 .</p> <p>Since 2004, he and Helen have been highlighting the issue of severe grading in Languages at GCSE and A-Level, whereby as a historical legacy, students on average gain lower grades than in other academic subjects. After much effort and working with colleagues from a wide range of organisations, changes were made at A-Level in 2015, and in GCSE in 2020.</p> <p>Most recently, he and Helen have worked to highlight the impact of proposals and publications from DfE and Ofsted, and to contribute to a very widely supported set of statements.</p>
<p>Chadier, Nadine</p> 	<p>Experienced Leader with a demonstrated history of working in the education management industry. NPQS, Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching, Skilled in Translation, Management, Proofreading, Training, and Research. Founder of the North London Primary Language Hub.</p> <p>Member of the Steering Group of London: City of Languages.</p>
<p>Clinton, Bernadette</p> 	<p>Consultant for languages and International Links in Hackney at Hackney Education Lecturer on primary ITE at Middlesex University.</p> <p>Member of the Steering Group of London: City of Languages.</p>
<p>Gordon, Anna Lise</p> 	<p>Professor of Education, St Mary's University @TeachStMarys @AnnaLiseGordon Co-President, Association for Language Learning, 2025-2026 Key interests: Languages, teacher wellbeing and bereavement in education</p>
<p>Gough, Vicky</p> 	<p>Vicky is lead for Modern Languages in schools in the UK at the British Council and oversees the annual Language Trends England research. She is a passionate advocate for improving young people's access to other languages and cultures, and continuing language study.</p> <p>Chair of the London: City of Languages.</p>

<p>Mair, Nick</p> 	<p>Former Director Dulwich Languages, Former chair ISMLA, Trustee Chartered Institute of Linguists IoLET, Board CFBL, Trustee Speak to the Future - the campaign for languages, Vice chair ALL-London, Chair Camberwell Society.</p>
<p>Myers, Helen</p> 	<p>Helen Myers - ALL volunteer with recent experience of teaching and senior management. Chair of the ALL London branch, and member of ALL's management board, she has been involved over many years with GCSE examination and curriculum issues, including severe grading. She makes her analyses available on her blog: helenmyers.blogspot.com</p> <p>Secretary of London: City of Languages.</p>
<p>Noguès, Jérôme</p> 	<p>Taught French for over 20 years. Translator/Adaptor/Editor/Project manager</p> <p>Teaching resources writer K2 to KS5 & integration of cinema in language learning for the British Film Institute.</p> <p>Article writer on the effective integration of technology in teaching.</p> <p>Leader of multiple national and international webinars on technology in education and the efficient integration of edtech and AI in language teaching.</p> <p>Microsoft Innovative Education Expert – Google Certified Educator – Apple Teacher</p> <p>Transforming digital learning in multiple environments.</p> <p>AI and Languages specialist.</p> <p>Founder of Poésiæ and Poésiært, global foreign language poem and art competitions.</p>
<p>Paridjanian, Miriam</p> 	<p>French Teacher at Rosendale Primary School.</p> <p>ALL London Committee member.</p> <p>Member of the Steering Group of London: City of Languages.</p>

Smith, Steve 	Steve Smith taught A-level French for 32 years and was a Head of MFL at Ripon Grammar School for 24 years. He is a blogger and author about language teaching, occasional speaker, and resource producer for the widely used frenchteacher.net website. He was an associate with AQA, training teachers about the the post-2016 A-level specification. In 2024 he published, with Steve Glover, the book called Teaching A-level Modern Languages. His latest books are called Thinking About Language Teaching (Volumes 1 and 2).
Wozniak, Jennifer 	Jennifer Wozniak-Rush , Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning, ELE and Specialist Leader of Education in T&L and MFL at The Hollins in Lancashire. She has a wide experience of teaching French from KS1 to KS4 and Spanish to KS3.