

ALL London Branch – Annual Report 2025

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Dear ALL London Branch Members

As the Officers of the London Region Branch of ALL, we are pleased to report on our activities over the past year and to highlight plans for 2026.

COMMUNICATION

Information is shared throughout the year via:

- Website: www.all-london.org.uk
- ALLnet
- Facebook: ALL London Page
- Twitter/X: @ALLLondon007
- Flickr: /alllondon
- LinkedIn: ALL London Group
- Instagram: @alllondon007
- Bluesky: all-london.org.uk

Nathan Jenkins manages our Mailchimp list.

We continue to use our Zoom room extensively for meetings and events.

OUR COMMITTEE

We meet regularly to plan events and review branch activity – mainly online, but, thanks to Gemma Gilmour, we have also managed an in-person meeting this year at Pearson Offices. Our website is hosted by IONOS on a legacy package, with an update planned for 2026.

Officers: Helen Myers (Chair), Nick Mair (Vice Chair), Sarah Hau (Treasurer), Liz Fotheringham (Secretary)

Committee Members:

Cara Bleiman, Nathalie Blondeau, Tanja Bloss, Nadine Chadier (Primary), Darnelle Constant-Shepherd, Lavinia Dos Remedios, Mary Heath, Nathan Jenkins, Fatima Khaled, Ali Koubaa, Elisena Lavecchia, Sharon Mangion, Richard Margerison, Wanda Marshall, Angela Murphy (Events), Peter Moore, Miriam Paridjanian, Kerry

Phipps, Susie Porsz, Judith Rifesser, Antonio de Silva, David Shanks.

We were delighted to welcome **Faris Sanhaji** this year as an active teacher trainer, continuing Judith Rifesser's Goldsmiths legacy.

Warm congratulations to **Judith Rifesser** on the birth of her son, Felix. Although now based in Austria, she remains an active member of the committee.

If you would like to contribute to the committee's work, please contact Helen Myers via info@all-london.org.uk

EVENTS IN 2025

January Event – 18 January 2025

<https://all-london.org.uk/all-events/the-all-london-january-event-2025/>

Held at Harris Bermondsey and expertly organised by **Mathilde Bouquin**. The show went on despite local travel disruption! Parallel sessions ensured something for everyone. The Harris Languages Consultants Team (Nathalie Blondeau, Julien Violette, Mathilde Bouquin) presented their Primary and Secondary competitions offer and shared practical resources. They also presented and shared their superb resources for the new GCSE.

Adam Lamb, supported by exam board representatives, gave a GCSE exam update. We thank our Corporate Members and Language Institutes for attending- AQA, Consejería de Educación, Languagenut, L'Institut français, Pearson Edexcel, The Japan Foundation- and Linguascope for their calendars. Special thanks to **Angela Murphy** for coordinating stands and running the raffle.

June Event – 15 June 2024

<https://all-london.org.uk/all-events/the-all-london-june-event-2025/>

Hosted at Instituto Español Cañada Blanch with generous practical support from the Spanish Education Office. Highlights included:

- **Vincent Everett** – *Lesson with Digressions*

- **Liz Lord** – building a “City of Languages”
- GCSE language-specific sessions led by:
 - French: Nathalie Blondeau
 - German: Catherine Ames & Wanda Marshall
 - Spanish: Adam Lamb
- General GCSE advice relating to grading from **David Blow**, **Helen Myers**, and exam board representatives
- Primary sessions with **Liz Lord** and **Steven Fawkes**
- HHCL sessions with **Dr Fatima Khaleel**
- A final discussion on a *London City of Languages*, chaired by **Vicky Gough** (British Council)

London: City of Languages

Following the June discussions, the branch has been closely involved in the initiative, attending Steering Group meetings and setting up the website launched in August 2025: londoncityoflanguages.org.uk

Teacher Trainee Reception – 15th October 2025

<https://all-london.org.uk/all-events/2025-trainee-teacher-event/>

Enormous thanks to Darnelle who made contact with Joe Ford and his lovely team at ILCS Senate house when we needed last-minute accommodation for this event. After an icebreaker led by **Wanda Marshall**, Helen introduced ALL and committee members shared their top tips.

Language Show – 15 November 2025

We hosted a packed *Show and Tell*. Thanks to **Joe Dale** for co-leading and **Jonathan Scott** for hosting the conference.

Webinars

Now in our fourteenth year of online events, our ALL London webinars continue to be popular. <https://all-london.org.uk/webinars/>

Speakers included:

- **Jérôme Nôguès** – purposeful use of social media

- **Julien Violette & Mathilde Bouquin** – preparing for the new GCSE
- **David Blow** – grade estimation and tiering for June 2026 (Subject Leader SIG, arranged by **Catherine Ames**)

More webinars are planned for 2026.

FINANCE

Sarah Hau continues to manage our HSBC account efficiently. We are exploring banks offering free services to charities. Ticket Tailor remains effective, though we are considering a return to Eventbrite now that it again offers free use for free events.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our **June Event** will take place on **Saturday morning, 13 June 2026**. We welcome suggestions for speakers and topics. It is an excellent opportunity for trainee teachers to meet before starting their careers.

Please also look out for details of our next *Show and Tell* at the Language Show.

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the branch—through organising, attending, hosting, or offering encouragement. We are grateful for the support of ALL centrally, especially **Crista Hazell**, who promotes our events, supplies materials, and provides invaluable encouragement.

We hope to see many of you this year, particularly at **Language World**, held at the Leonardo Hotel, Hinckley Island, Leicestershire, on **Friday and Saturday 13–14 March**, with an optional free *Show and Tell* on the evening of **Thursday 12 March**. It is a wonderful venue and an opportunity to support our Co-Presidents, **Anna Lise Gordon** and **Steven Fawkes**.

ALL the best,

Helen Myers – Chair
 Nick Mair – Vice Chair
 Liz Fotheringham – Secretary
 Sarah Hau – Treasurer
 January 2026