



National Association  
of Language Advisers

## NALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday 28 February 2026, University of Nottingham

Programme for the day

### 'The craft of language teaching and learning to meet the needs of everyone'

Schools can now benefit from a wide range of language resources to support the teaching of languages. Many of these resources are practical and useful as well as saving preparation time. AI has further enhanced these resources. However, questions remain as to how effective and inclusive they are for all learners.

**What impact does a standardised curriculum and AI have on both teaching and learning?**

**How do we develop a deep understanding of what is useful and effective?**

**What is the role of the teacher in today's language classroom?**

Opportunities for reflection and debate continue to be a unique feature of the programme, particularly in the current challenging environment. Join us and help make a difference.

09.30	Exhibition and refreshments
10.00	Chair's Welcome Bev Whiteside
10.05 -10.50	NALA Presidential Invitation Address <b>Language People: Who Are We in 2026?</b> President Yvonne Kennedy will introduce <b>Simon Coffey</b> , <i>Reader in Languages Education, King's College, London.</i>
10.50 -11.35	Session 1 <b>What is the impact of a standardised curriculum on teaching and learning in the current languages classroom?</b>

	<b>Vera Koehler-Lewis</b> Subject Leader Languages, Coombe Dean School. <i>in conversation with Jenni Bindon.</i>
<b>11.35 - 12.00</b>	<b>Refreshments, exhibition and networking</b> <i>Please take this opportunity to meet and talk with others.</i>
<b>12.00 -12.45</b>	<b>Session 2</b> <b>Fostering creativity and authenticity within a standardised curriculum</b> <b>Juliette Claro</b> , Lecturer in Education PGCE Languages, St Mary's University, Twickenham and <b>Charlotte Ryland</b> , The Queen's College Translation Exchange, Oxford.
<b>12.45 - 13.10</b>	<b>Plenary discussion</b> <i>Please join whichever group you wish.</i>
<b>13.10- 14.00</b>	<b>Lunch, exhibition and networking</b> <i>Please take this opportunity to meet and talk with others.</i>
<b>14.00 - 14.45</b>	<b>Session 3</b> <b>Co-crafting an alternative curriculum for languages</b> <b>Dr Joseph Ford</b> , Senior Lecturer in French Studies, University of London.
<b>14.45 – 15.30</b>	<b>Session 4</b> <b>Shared understandings: a (mainly) social justice perspective on Languages Education.</b> <b>Camilla Smith</b> , Lecturer in Secondary Initial Teacher Education -Languages, UCL.
<b>15.30- 16.00</b>	<b>Plenary discussion</b> <i>Please join whichever group you wish.</i>
<b>Conference closing remarks</b>	

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