

ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP on MODERN LANGUAGES



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Garden of Frognal (LD); Lord Sherbourne of Didsbury (Con).

Languages TedX: A series of short presentations on languages and policy

Wednesday 14 July, 4pm - 5.15pm (online)

Minutes

In attendance:

Baroness Coussins (Chair)
Baroness Garden of Frognal
Nia Griffith MP
Bishop of Leeds
Wera Hobhouse MP
Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve
Lord Hannay of Chiswick

Speakers:

An update on legislation and languages: Baroness Coussins, Co-Chair of the APPG on Modern Languages

Skills/Post-16 Bill:

Local Skills Improvement Plans will be led by local employers; there have been calls for employer organisations to make the case for languages.

Crime and Policing Bill:

One potential issue is on minimum standards for court interpreters.

Professional Qualifications Bill:

Baroness Garden leading on this; may further the languages agenda in the context of UK-Europe recruitment.

An update from GCHQ on cross-government language activity: GCHQ

(This information is restricted).

The new Civil Service Languages Network: Hugo Griffin and Matthew Brown, founders.

The network has secured interesting speakers for example, Huw Edwards speaking in Welsh about what it means to be Welsh.

The Network asked the APPG MFL to consider ideas for the Network, such as hybrid in-person interviews for broadcast.

**The 2021 Language Trends survey of primary and secondary schools in England:
Ian Collen, Queen's University Belfast, lead author of the report.**

See the separate PPT file for details.

**The new Community Language Examination Centre (CLEx), enabling more
students to achieve a qualification in their home or heritage language: Pascale
Vassie, Director, National Resource Centre for Supplementary Education (NRCSE).**

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