

[The National Consortium for Language Education](#) is England's flagship programme for Languages: research-informed, partnership-based and funded by the Department for Education. NCLE is a consortium of three partners: IOE, UCL's Faculty of Education and Society, the British Council and the Goethe-Institut.

NCLE intends to strengthen Languages Education in England through evidence-based approaches to teaching and learning using two mechanisms.

Language Educators Online

NCLE has developed a free on-demand professional learning platform for Language teachers and leaders called Language Teachers Online. Or LEO for short! The platform provides:

- The latest research into Language Teaching and Learning
- An opportunity to see what this might look like in the classroom with recently recorded footage from French, Spanish and German classrooms across the country.
- Flexible learning pathways, in bite-sized chunks and it's completely free!

Language teachers and leaders can sign up to access LEO - [Language Educators Online - NCLE](#)

Language Networks

NCLE leads 14 Language Networks, located across England. From September 2025, the three West Midlands Language Networks will work collaboratively to broaden their reach and offer CPD to more schools across the West Midlands.

[Grand Union](#) Language Network is based at Tudor Grange Academy in Solihull.

[Swanswell](#) Language Network is based at Sidney Stringer Academy in Coventry.

[Trent and Tame](#) Language Network is based at the Arthur Terry School in Birmingham and Painsley Catholic College in Staffordshire

Language teachers and leaders can access the FREE CPD offer from all three West Midlands Language Networks, regardless of where they are located in the region. [Full details of the CPD offer for the 25-26 academic year can be found on the next page.](#) Most CPD sessions are delivered after school as virtual webinars. There are also three face-to-face teach meets, focusing on the new French, Spanish and German GCSE content.

Teachers can sign up to [NCLE's national newsletter](#) or can sign up to their nearest language network's mailing list (via the network website) to receive information about a more local offer.

Meet the West Midlands Regional Language Network Team

Trent and Tame



Tracy Williams



Clare Oberman

Swanswell



Steph Azarpey

Grand Union



Emily Stallard
Network Lead



Georgina Jackson
Hub Lead



Esther Woodburn



National and Regional FREE CPD Events during the 25-26 Academic Year



Wednesday 8th October
16:00-17:00

An Introduction to LEO

An introduction to NCLE new professional learning platform: LEO. Tour the interactive, flexible, and engaging professional learning platform in this webinar.

[Webinar Registration – Zoom](#)



Georgina Jackson
Hub Lead

Wednesday 22nd October
13:00-16:00
[Tudor Grange Academy](#)

Spontaneous Speech and the new GCSE speaking exam

In person Teach Meet



Tracy Williams

Tuesday 18th November
13:00-16:00
[Arthur Terry School](#)

During the session we'll consider how we can develop genuine spontaneous speech, with examples and emerging success stories shared by schools across the region. We'll also consider how to prepare students and staff for the upcoming mock speaking exams and engage in some moderation of sample speaking scripts.



Steph Azarpey

Wednesday 3rd December
13:00-16:00
[Sidney Stringer Academy](#)

This face-to-face event will be run three times in different locations. Click on the school name where you want to attend the session (on the left) to sign up.



Georgina Jackson
Hub Lead

Thursday 13th November
15:30-16:30

Embedding Phonics

Grand Union Webinar

<https://shorturl.at/mSGeW>



Steph Azarpey

Wednesday 14th January
15:30-16:30

Supporting Home Language Qualifications at GCSE and Beyond

Swanswell Webinar

<https://shorturl.at/1GfVW>

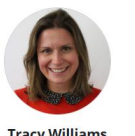


Wednesday 26th November
16.00 – 17.00

Curriculum and Assessment Review: Languages education fit for purpose?

Hear from stakeholders from the languages community discussing the recommendations from the Curriculum and Assessment Review.

[Webinar Registration – Zoom](#)



Tracy Williams

Thursday 29th January
15:30-16:30

Using AI for spontaneous speaking development

Trent & Tame Webinar

<https://shorturl.at/ul83m>



Esther Woodburn
Specialist Teacher

Wednesday 4th March
15:30-16:30

Exploring different Curriculum models

Grand Union Webinar

<https://shorturl.at/bznDR>