

Welcome to the 85th BBC Active Language Teachers' Newsletter

I feel I must begin with an apology...I am aware that the links in last month's newsletter appeared to be live, but did not link to anything except an error message. Sorry! This month, I am hopeful that they will be both live and actually pointing at something...thank you to all the people who took the time to email me and let me know!

To make up, we have an exciting newsletter this month with news of our beautiful, brand new website that is on the brink of going live (hurrah!). The offer on *The French Experience* and *Sueños World Spanish* continues and there are chances for you to come and say hello to me on my exhibition stand at both SSAT Chinese Network conference and the CILT Adult Education conference at the beginning of the month. Go on, you know you want to...

Susie

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NEWS FROM BBC ACTIVE



***The French Experience* and *Sueños World Spanish* - special offer to pass on to your students**

Our much-loved classic courses have already helped millions learn French and Spanish. To celebrate the *French Experience Tutor's Guide* and the *Sueños World Spanish Instructor's Manual* being made available to download for free from our website, we are offering 25 % off the book and CD packs and 50 % off the activity books of these courses when you or your students buy through our



website!

All you need to do is go to www.pearson-books.com/KR003A. If you pass this URL on to your students, then they will be treated to the same special discount, and can get themselves kitted out for the new term at a bargain price.

This offer applies to:

9780563472612 *The French Experience 1* book and CD pack **£29.57 instead of £39.42**

9780563472575 *The French Experience 1 Activity Book* **£4 instead of £7.99**

9780563519119 *The French Experience* 2 book and CD pack **£29.99 instead of £39.99**
9780563472513 *Sueños World Spanish 1* book and CD pack **£29.99 instead of £39.99**
9780563472476 *Sueños World Spanish 1 Activity Book* **£3.50 instead of £6.99**
9780563519140 *Sueños World Spanish 2* book and CD pack **£29.99 instead of £39.99**

The French Experience and *Sueños World Spanish* are both available at beginner and intermediate level. Apart from the *Tutor's Guide* and *Instructor's Manual*, they also have some great free online resources available from the BBC Languages website.

The French Experience comes with the following free resources:

Level 1 - *Tutor's Guide* can be downloaded from:

<http://www.bbcactive.com/languages/french/5.asp>

- TV Transcripts: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/experience/transcripts/index.shtml>

- online activities: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/experience/>

Level 2 - TV transcripts:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/experience2/transcripts/index.shtml>

- online activities: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/experience2/>

Sueños World Spanish comes with the following free resources:

Level 1 - *Instructor's Manual* can be downloaded from:

<http://www.bbcactive.com/languages/spanish/22.asp>

- TV transcripts: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/suenos/tvtranscripts/index.shtml>

- online activities: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/suenos/>

or you can use these courses with the latest interactive resources from BBC Languages, *Ma France* and *Mi Vida Loca!*

£5 off Talk in WH Smith

From July-September, WH Smith are offering £5 off on some of our *Talk* packs. This offer includes: *Talk French, Spanish, German, Italian* and *Portuguese*; and *Talk French 2* and *Talk Spanish 2*.

To find your nearest WH Smith, go to <http://www.whsmith.co.uk/Support/StoreFinder.aspx> or phone 0870 444 6 444 and select option 5. To read more about any of the titles in this offer, visit our website at <http://www.bbcactive.com/Languages/>.

New French and Spanish DVDs for KS2

The dual language stories *Greek Myths, Traditional Stories* and *Stories from Other Cultures* are all available as DVD Plus Packs from July. Joining them will be *Being French* and *Being Spanish*, also available as DVD Plus Packs, which involve French and Spanish children taking you around their home town.

They are available to buy via the BBC Active School Shop from July:

<https://www.bbcactive.com/schoolshop/>.

Our new website

Our new, updated website will (all being well) go live in the next few weeks. It has a dedicated teachers' area with all our resources presented by language in a clear, easy-to-find layout. You can read what other language teachers think of our courses and keep up to date with our latest news, and more! I will let you know how it all goes in the next newsletter.

Conferences in July

If any of you are going to either the SSAT Chinese Conference on 3 July or CILT AE on 8 July, do drop by the BBC Active stand and say hello. At CILT AE I hope to have some page spreads of our brand new *Talk Grammars* and also *Talk Arabic!*



20 % off at John Smith's bookshops

The offer of 20 % off at all John Smith's bookshops continues, and includes the following BBC Active books:

All 12 of our *Phrase Book and Dictionaries*, currently available in Arabic, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Turkish.

Get By In Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish (CD+book packs only).

Quickstart Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

All these products are crammed with useful holiday and travel vocabulary and cultural information. You can find your nearest John Smith's store at:

<http://www.johnsmith.co.uk/shop/>.

NEWS FROM BBC

Quick Fix - Summer phrases

Whether it's sunbathing on the Spanish Costas, a cultural city break in Italy, partying in Portugal or sampling Greek gastronomy, don't forget to pack your printable, downloadable Quick Fix phrases:

French: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/quickfix/summer.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/quickfix/summer.shtml>

Italian: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/quickfix/gettingaround.shtml>

Portuguese: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/portuguese/quickfix/basics.shtml>

Greek: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/greek/quickfix/foodanddrink.shtml>

Le Tour de France/Bastille Day

Sucer les roues...? La voiture-balai...? Pick up some cycling slang and Tour terminology and test your Tour knowledge with quizzes, a crossword and other fun activities. To celebrate Bastille Day on the 14th, intermediates to more advanced levels can try a challenging crossword with a French Revolution theme. Vive la France!

Le Tour de France: http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/mafrance/html/tour_de_france/

La Révolution Française Crossword:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/news/crossword/flash/>

New Spanish fiesta phrases - coming soon

Want to Keep your cool while clubbing in Ibiza or running with the bulls at la Fiesta de San Fermín? Or maybe you're already practising your aim for the tomato-throwing fiesta, La Tomatina. Our phrases will improve your street cred and help you get out of sticky situations! Coming soon - watch this space

New look Talk German

Links? Rechts? Geradeaus! Find your way with *Talk German*. We've improved the videos in this popular beginner's course, offering a lively introduction to the language in ten short parts:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/talk/>.

Tutors' pages - forward planning

Yes, we know summer's here and it's time for a well-earned break, but don't forget our new-look Tutors' pages are available 24/7 to help you plan for the next school term. Keep an eye out, too, for a new, short version of Bafta-winning adventure thriller, *Mi Vida Loca*:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/tutors/>.

Languages on TV - BBC TWO Learning Zone

Languages programmes have resumed on the Learning Zone:

30 Jun: set video on the evening of Mon 29 Jun

04:00–06:00 *Italianissimo* 1-8

01 July: set video on the evening of Tue 30 Jun

04:00–06:00 *Italianissimo* 9-16

02 July: set video on the evening of Wed 01 July

04:00–05:00 *Italianissimo* 17-20

05:00–06:00 *Italy Inside Out* 1 and 2

03 July: set video on the evening of Thurs 02 July
04:00–05:30 *Italy Inside Out 3-5*
05:30-06:00 *Eurografter: Italy*
07 July: set video on the evening of Mon 06 July
04:00–06:00 *Deutsch Plus 1-8*
08 July: set video on the evening of Tue 07 July
04:00–06:00 *Deutsch Plus 9-16*
09 July: set video on the evening of Wed 08 July
04:00–05:00 *Deutsch Plus 17-20*
05:00-06:00 *Deutsch Plus II*
10 July: set video on the evening of Thurs 09 July
04:00–06:00 *Germany Inside Out*

Missed the TV version of *Mi Vida Loca*? Watch it on the iPlayer:

Part 1: http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00lbts9/Mi_Vida_Loca_Teaching_Part_1/.

Part 2: http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00lbt1/Mi_Vida_Loca_Teaching_Part_2/.

See the full summer schedule: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/langtravel>.

Ma France is now on the iPlayer: http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/mafrance/i_player/,
and there's also a dedicated page for *Mi Vida Loca* on the iPlayer:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/mividaloca/teaching1.shtml>.

NATIONAL NEWS

Language Matters

The British Academy have published a report commissioned by RAND and also a position paper, outlining what many have been saying for years: 'that the future of the UK's world class research base might be threatened by the decline in modern language learning and calls for a series of measures by Universities and Government bodies to address this danger'. Download the paper, press release and report at: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/reports/language-matters/>.

Read comments at: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/jun/02/university-cutbacks>,
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/8079605.stm>.

Threat of closure for university language depts

Two more universities look set to close their languages departments just a week after a damning report highlighted the risks of language decline to British research and the economy: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/jun/11/universities-language-departments-close>.

Blunkett's plea for adult learners

An article in the Guardian where David Blunkett praises the passion for lifelong learning among the learners themselves, and highlights (albeit briefly) the business need for languages: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/jun/16/david-blunkett-lifelong-learning>.

How to become an accidental linguist, in three strange lessons

An expat's view of language learning: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/expat/5436926/How-to-become-an-accidental-linguist-in-three-strange-lessons.html>.

Found in translation: the unusual suspects have become part of our language

A Russian view of the phrases and idioms that have entered our everyday speech: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sponsored/russianow/opinion/5428122/Found-in-translation-the-unusual-suspects-have-become-part-of-our-language.html>.

Mandelson monopoly

News that following the cabinet reshuffle, the DIUS has been enveloped by Lord Mandelson's voluminous mantle: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/jun/09/schools-14-19-education>.

Language teachers

There is a new article in the Independent offering careers advice for those wanting to be language teachers. There is the option to post a comment if you see fit:
<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/career-planning/getting-job/teaching-overcome-the-language-barrier--expertise-in-foreign-tongues-is-still-sought-1696001.html>.

Why languages matter at work

Some extracts from the Guardian careers forum written by Anne Marie Graham and Teresa Tinsley of CILT: <http://careers.guardian.co.uk/forums-languages-careers>.

Minority status for signing

Prof Graham Turner, of Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, argues that signing should be treated as an indigenous and minority language:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/highlands_and_islands/8107801.stm.

Translating foreign poetry - listen ASAP

An edition of Nightwaves on Radio 3 recently discussed translating foreign poetry. At the moment you can still listen to it on iPlayer, but it will cease to be available at 10:02pm Monday 29th June 2009, so listen while you can:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00l8s4z/Night_Waves_Translating_Foreign_Poetry/.

Languages at work

The Confederation of British Industry recently found 74% of employers look to hire candidates with conversational competence in another language because it helps businesses to communicate with customers and clients on a wider scale:
<http://careers.guardian.co.uk/poll/careers-languages-business>.

EVENTS

Is the world our oyster? Languages for life

Any tutors among you need to get set for the CILT Adult Education conference on Wednesday 8 July 2009. This year the conference is not only moving months (from June to July) but is also coming back down to London, and will be held at the Institut Français. Why not book your place today and wander over to chat with your faithful BBC Active exhibitor (me) and join the debate? You can book your tickets via the CILT website, at:
<http://www.cilt.org.uk/cpd/aesummerconference.htm>.

SSAT Chinese Network Conference

This year, this highly popular conference will be taking place on 3 July (at the British Museum) and 4 July (at Lambeth Academy). The programme is yet to be announced, but the event promises 'keynote speeches, interactive sessions and hands-on workshops delivered by experienced Chinese teaching practitioners, practical sessions aimed at schools new to China, and an exhibition of educational resources'. Read more and find out how to book at:
<http://www.ourlanguages.org.uk/news-events/events/Event401>.

Review of Modern Languages in Higher Education - Invitation to Heads of HE Modern Languages departments

A review has been commissioned by HEFCE to investigate the health of modern foreign languages provision in English higher education. The review, led by Professor Michael Worton, Vice-Provost, UCL, will make recommendations to HEFCE, Government and other partners aimed at the long-term sustainability and vitality of modern foreign languages. It will look at recent languages policy and the impact of investment in this area. An interim report is expected by 31 July 2009, followed by a final report to HEFCE's Strategically Important and Vulnerable Subjects advisory group, Government and other relevant stakeholders in September 2009. As part of the review process, a consultation event will be held at Birkbeck College in London on Wednesday 1 July. The day will be divided into two distinct sections, with the morning session for representatives from modern foreign languages in English universities; and the afternoon for representatives from the subject associations and learned societies. This is to ensure that we have as much time as possible to focus on the needs and interests of these different constituencies within the sector.

Invitations will be circulated by email in the next week; places are limited and early booking is advisable. The consultation event will be supplemented by an online survey, which will allow for the collection of responses from individuals who are unable to attend the event itself. Further details will be circulated with the consultation invitation. More information is available at: <http://www.llas.ac.uk/news/3238>.

World Learning Conference

Hove Park School's World Learning Conference is on June 29th 2009. The national one-day conference on delivering both language learning and the international dimension will include workshops and plenary presentations from distinguished speakers, including Lid King (DCFS), John Rolfe (British Council), Pam Haezewindt from OFSTED and speakers from CILT and regional language groups. To find out more about this exciting day, and to register, go to: http://www.hovepark.org.uk/language_college/index.asp.

POLSKA! Year

POLSKA! YEAR comprises over 200 projects presenting the most interesting achievements of Polish culture and showcasing works of the most outstanding Polish artists to the British public. Extraordinary pieces from Polish museum collections and works of young contemporary artists and designers are being exhibited; there are concerts with Polish performers, and concerts of Polish music performed by British bands and soloists. We plan theatrical performances, reviews of Polish dramatic productions and the promotion of Polish literature at selected British literary festivals. You will find galleries, theatres, concert halls and cinemas of London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Belfast, Norwich, Liverpool, Oxford and dozen other cities in Great Britain: http://www.polskayear.pl/polska_year.php.

Third CEMLL symposium, Belfast – 18 September 2009

Building on the success of our previous symposia in London (2007) and Nottingham (2008), the Centre for Excellence in Multimedia Language Learning is hosting a third symposium on the use of digital labs to be held in Belfast on 18 September 2009. This event aims to bring together digital lab practitioners to share examples of good practice in the use of digital labs for language teaching. With the focus on how labs are used in teaching and learning, rather than on the technology itself, delegates will have an opportunity to discuss their language teaching with peers and to share practice-based research.

Proposals are invited for presentations on any aspect of the use of multimedia materials in digital labs. Submissions are welcome from disciplines other than languages. More details are available at: <http://www.cemll.ulster.ac.uk/site/news/symposium%202009>.

Russian Essay Competition results

The results of the 3rd Association of Language Learning essay competition have just been announced and once again the Edinburgh Russian school "Russian Edinburgh" has won prizes - this time winners are Lev Demianov and two adult students. Details in an article about the competition in "Angliya" 1 May (available in the SRF Library). For more information about the Scotland-Russia Forum and its library, visit: <http://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/>.

ALL events

There are also a number of regional events coming up for specific languages, hosted by ALL. Find out more on their website, at: <http://www.all-languages.org.uk/events.asp>.

Japan Return Programme

The Japan Return Programme is once again selecting panellists (Junior Category aged 15-19 and Senior Category aged 20-27) from among young people throughout the world who have studied Japanese, and inviting them to Japan to contribute in the 2010 Nihongo Summit. In addition to the presentation of their opinions at the Summit, participants will participate in various programmes such as discussions with Japanese students, homestays, and experience Japanese traditional culture. More information is available from the following sites: <http://jrp.nihongo.or.jp/works/summit/> (Japan Return website, in Japanese); <http://www.jpf.org.uk/language/download/Call%20For%20Panellists.pdf> (flyer in Japanese); <http://www.jpf.org.uk/language/download/2010%20Summit%20Call%20For%20in%20English.pdf> (flyer in English).

RESOURCES

Free CILT DVD

CILT, the National Centre for Languages, is giving away free copies of a DVD produced by CILT and Language Networks for Excellence to demonstrate the practical use of OCR's Certificate in Business Language Competence (CBLC). The DVD contains background information to the qualification and focuses on two school case studies where CBLC is used for different purposes. The case studies are designed to provide examples of good practice, ideas for implementation and support the teaching of the qualification. It also provides details of further sources of information. To order your copy please email jodie.martin@cilt.org.uk with your address.

Lost and found in translation

Graham Davies has recommended this highly amusing entry in an MEP's blog, rife with anecdotes of mistranslations, jargon and ingenious linguistic invention:
http://www.richardcorbett.org.uk/fun_humo.htm.

Spanish Songs

Someone on the MFL Resources Forum has posted the following links to YouTube that cover Spanish songs: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngRq82c8Baw&NR=1>,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNuGKbwRudE&NR=1>,
<http://www.youtube.com/user/linguscope>.

Antoine

Marie-France Stevens sent the following link that seems to have caused delight and hilarity throughout the MFL Resources Forum. Find out why at:
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-836665112597408122>.

Safety in Arabic

A SSAT Language Consultant has recommended the following Arabic website that deals with all aspects of safety: http://www.salamaty.com/index.php/sal1/school_safety.

Furiginize!

In response to a debate about how to 'translate' Kanji into Furigana, someone on the Japanese Language Education Forum recommended the Furiganizer:
<http://www.furiganizer.com/>.

Listening for AS/A2

This website has been highly praised on the MFL Resources Forum. It is full of listening practice in French, German and Spanish for AS and A2 students:
[http://web.mac.com/sanferminuk/Advanced_Level_Listening/Spanish, French, German AS + A2.html](http://web.mac.com/sanferminuk/Advanced_Level_Listening/Spanish,_French,_German_AS+_A2.html).

Free international penpal site

This site has also been recommended as a good source of penpals for your students. It is managed by the British Council and appears to have quite a wide scope:
<http://www.globalgateway.org.uk/>.

Learning through fairy tales

Marie-France Perkins has recommended the following site, that contains animated fairy tales in French, German, Spanish and Italian: <http://ngfl.northumberland.gov.uk/languages/>.
To accompany this, the following site has some suggestions for story-telling on the new KS2 Scheme of Work: <http://www.itmfl.org.uk/trainees/Professionalknowledge.htm>.

SURVEYS AND COMPETITIONS

Towards a 21st century curriculum: curriculum reform: your chance to influence education

The Qualifications & Curriculum Authority (QCA) is urging all those with an interest in

education, from teachers and parents to employers, to participate in the curriculum public consultation. This is an opportunity to influence the future of children's education in England. The Government is proposing important changes to four key areas: a new primary curriculum; the teaching of personal, social, health and economic education; level descriptions for subjects; and the non-statutory guidance for religious education. In QCA's opinion, teachers and parents are both well placed to contribute and their perspectives on the proposals are important to the consultation process. The easiest and quickest way to register is at www.qca.org.uk/curriculumconsultation. There are four individual questionnaires and each proposal is supported with background information. Those unable to register online can obtain documents via QCA's enquiry line: 0207 509 5556 or by emailing: info@qca.org.uk. The consultation closes at 5pm on 24 July 2009. The Government will then consider its response to the consultation, which is expected to be published this autumn.

Peer reviews

e-pisteme, a postgraduate electronic journal based in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Newcastle University, is currently looking for peer-reviewers in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. They particularly encourage applications from PhD students. If you are interested in becoming a peer-reviewer for e-pisteme, please download the Peer-Review Information Form available on their website: <http://research.ncl.ac.uk/e-pisteme/?page=peer>, and e-mail it, together with an up-to-date CV, to: e-pisteme@ncl.ac.uk. e-pisteme conducts double-blind peer reviews on all submitted articles. Further information about the peer-review process is available at: <http://research.ncl.ac.uk/e-pisteme/?page=peer>.

Once your details have been reviewed, they will contact you to inform you of the result of your application. If your application is successful, your details will be added to their database of peer-reviewers. They will contact you again when they receive a suitable article in your field.

2009 Japan Foundation Group Study Tour for Secondary Teachers and Administrators

The Japan Foundation is inviting applications from full-time secondary school teachers in the humanities, and from those working in the administration of secondary education with previous teaching experience, to its annual two week fully-funded Study Tour to Japan. The Tour offers a valuable introduction to Japan's education system, society and culture, aiming to deepen participants' understanding of the country and to enhance their teaching resources. The Study Tour includes visits to schools and places of educational and cultural interest and also a one-night home stay with a Japanese family.

Period of Visit: 31 September – 14 October 2009

Deadline for Applications: 20 July 2009

For full details about the tour and the application process, please contact Neil Cantwell:

neil.cantwell@jpf.org.uk.

Arabic immersion course - Alexandria, Egypt, October 2009

The Department for Children, Schools and Families is committed to encouraging the diversification of the study of modern foreign languages in this country. The delivery of certain aspects of the National Curriculum can be enriched through links with schools in the Arabic speaking world and students and their teachers in these countries will also benefit from such ties. DCSF has therefore agreed with the British Council a strategy for the support of the study of Arabic through direct access to native speakers and joint collaborative activities with peers.

2009-10 Immersion Course

An Arabic immersion course will take place in Alexandria, Egypt from Saturday 24 October-Saturday 7 November 2009. The two-week course will involve Arabic tuition in the mornings and cultural activities, including lots of contact with young native speakers in the afternoons. All course activities, accommodation, transport and meals will be organised by British Council. Schools and colleges in England are eligible to apply. Student participants must be between years 8-12 and must have received at least 10 contact hours of Arabic language tuition prior to the course. However, in case of competition for places, priority may be given for years 8-10. Please note that this course is aimed at non-native speakers therefore pupils who are native speakers or speak Arabic at home are not eligible.

For more information about funding, eligibility and details of the course, including an application form, please contact the World Links Team on 020 7389 4961, or alternatively please email Helen.booth@britishcouncil.org. You can also read further details at:

<http://www.ourlanguages.org.uk/news-events/news/News464>.

Closing Date for applications: Please submit the application form via email, followed by a signed copy via post no later than Friday 31 July 2009. Successful schools will be notified of the outcome of their application by email no later than 14 August 2009.

Egyptian photography competition

'Makes me think of Egypt' is the first photography competition organized by the British Egyptian Society jointly with the British Museum and Amateur Photographer magazine. There is a special category for the under 25s and all you need to do is submit a photo inspired by the notion of Egypt - inspiration can come from anywhere so the photo does not have to have been taken in Egypt. The competition is very flexible: photos can be classical or adventurous; use colour or black and white; picture a place, an object, a face, a moment, sites or places or faces inside Egypt or in the UK. Judges will be looking for creativity of idea and beauty of composition.

The competition might make a fun class project, and there are some fantastic prizes, including a week's trip to Egypt. Details can be found here:

http://www.britishegyptiansociety.org.uk/BES_events/mmtoe.html.

Nominations for ECML delegates

The European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML) is an international body that supports the implementation of language education policies based on the recommendations of the Council of Europe. It aims to facilitate and stimulate discussion around language learning by inviting language experts, trainers and researchers to participate in workshops around Europe.

They are currently looking for a delegate to represent the UK in the fifth ECML workshop, 'Curriculum development for Content and Language Integrated Learning', which will take place on 22-23rd October in Graz, Austria. It is an opportunity to use your CLIL teaching and training experience (bilingual and plurilingual education) in an international context, and to share and develop your expertise around the application of the curricular frame in various different countries.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward for the next workshop, please do get in touch. CILT will be choosing the UK delegate, so you will need to write to Stella at Stella.Emseis@cilt.org.uk to request an application form. This form should be completed and sent back to us by 27th July.

You can find out more about the workshop here: <http://clil-cd.ecml.at/>.

Review of the National Language Standards - your views needed

CILT is consulting across the UK to review the National Language Standards. They form the basis for vocational qualifications in languages including sign language. The review will be completed by May 2010. Can you help? You could help CILT make sure they get the content right, and write the standards in a way that is clear to everyone who uses them. Why not start now, by clicking into and completing this questionnaire at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=1O0R0nziyl6fXns8RfxsXw_3d_3d, and forwarding this link to your colleagues.

For more information, please contact Helen Astley on: helen.astley@cilt.org.uk, or go to: <http://www.cilt.org.uk/standards/languages.htm> to find out more.

What do YOU think?

We want to make this newsletter as useful as possible, so your opinions matter! What would you like to see in the newsletter? If you have any comments or feedback (good or bad!) then please let me know at susanna.jones@pearson.com. It is your newsletter - have your say.

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