

Quarterly report Global Futures 2021-2022

TEachers Learning to Teach languages (TELT)

The Open University in Wales (OUiW)

April 2022 Update

Impact Study

We are delighted to report that we have been successful in applying for a small amount of funding from the OUiW Knowledge and Innovation Fund (Kii) to run an Impact Study for TELT. Kii funds support pilot-scale activities, stakeholder engagement activities that demonstrates impact in Wales.

Since 2018, 141 Wales based in-service primary school teaches have taken part in TELT, taking French, Spanish, German and Chinese modules. We will be running a short impact study to assess how we can further tailor the module content and how we deliver it to meet the needs of primary practitioners and their pupils. We will be inviting TELT participants and alumni to take part in online focus groups and to complete questionnaires which will enable us to make community informed curriculum changes and assess which updates and amendments are required in time for the planned internal rewrite of the TELT modules.

Working with the consortia and TELT participants, we hope to develop screencasts/recordings which will showcase the achievements of teachers who have studied TELT modules, demonstrating how they apply new pedagogical skills and knowledge in the classroom setting. It is hoped that the screencasts will encourage more schools to engage in upskilling staff to effectively teach languages at primary level.

- The project will run from mid-May-July 2022
- Invitation to existing/past TELT students and Education Consortia leads to take part in focus groups and questionnaires in June 2022
- A report will be written summarising findings and listing recommendations for future practice

eTwinning between TELT schools in Wales and Scotland

The eTwinning project has got underway. Two schools in Wales are twinning with primary schools in Scotland.

- Welsh medium school in North Wales and school in South Wales
- Primary years 1/2/5/6 participating and learning Spanish and French
- Teachers studying in year 1 of the TELT programme are collaborating with teachers studying in year 2 developing teaching skills together
- Focus groups will be run to assess the pilot at the end of the school year with a view to developing findings that will inform the programme-wide roll-out of eTwinning from 2022 onwards

Preparation for TELT 2023

- We intend to run webinars to help with recruitment for TELT 2023. These will be offered to teachers in Wales and Scotland and will provide information about the programme, enrolment etc. It provides people with the opportunity to ask questions as well. The webinars will be offered online on specific dates; however, Wales consortia can book us to run a dedicated webinar for their teachers as well.
- Dates and links to the central webinars will be circulated soon.

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