

# Global Futures – A plan to improve and promote modern foreign languages in Wales 2020–2022

## Strategic aim 1: Increase the number of learners studying languages at all levels and across all sectors

### Strategic action 1

- **Support primary schools to plan their international languages provision.**

Goethe-Institut London offers:

Monthly online webinars for primary teachers covering a variety of classroom topics and pedagogical themes. More information is available at

<https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/for/gia.html>

Classroom resources and lesson plans for primary teachers (Felix and Franzi, Karla and Kai programme) and free training and support is available for teachers to implement these in the classroom. More information is available at

<https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/kum/dfk.html>

Language upskilling is available in German for primary teachers. Get in touch with the Goethe-Institut at <https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/for/gia.html>

The Language Magician app is an online motivational assessment tool available for teachers of primary German and other languages, which can help teachers monitor the progress of their students. More information is available at

[https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/kum/dfk/the\\_language\\_magician.html](https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/kum/dfk/the_language_magician.html)

### Strategic action 2

- **Increase the opportunities for learners to experience languages alongside examination courses.**

The Goethe-Institut London offers free online resources, materials and activities, which support the teaching and learning of GCSE and A level German. All resources are available at <https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/kum/dfj.html>.

- Students who are 16–18 and have a GCSE in German can now apply to take part in an annual work shadowing programme. This year a virtual programme will be offered from 25 – 29 October. More information about the work shadowing programme is available at [Best Events for Teachers and Students of German | Goethe-Institut UK](#). The closing date for applications is **11 June 2021**.
- Students participating in the work shadowing programme in October 2020 took part in a virtual work experience programme and had the opportunity to create their own podcast, **Sag's Mir**, for students by students that covered a range of topics and themes, including politics, STEM, music, culture, film and sport. Now more episodes have been added on themes including history, gastronomy,

sustainability for students who participated in additional weeks offered in November 2020 and February 2021. More information can be found at: <https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/kum/dfj/pod.html>

- Green Sauce Cook Along Show

Green Sauce is a live-streamed cooking show that happens once every season, in Spring, Summer and Autumn. The next show is taking place on **Saturday 12 June** from 6pm to 7pm. Registration is now open for young people aged between 16-19 from the UK and Germany, who have a shared interest in cooking, to apply. No prior knowledge of German is needed. Led by the chef Judah London, and with special guests, 30 participants from Germany and the UK cook together online and then share their food in a private virtual dining room.

<https://greensauce.de/>

- A new secondary school app, German Quiz Challenge, is a stress-free assessment and motivational tool for 13 to 16-year-olds that teachers can use in the classroom to track the development of their students' knowledge in reading, writing and listening. The Goethe-Institut is offering free training workshops locally for teachers about the app and how to use it in class and monthly online taster sessions are available for teachers. More information can be found at: <https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/kum/dfj/gqc.html>

- Speak Up German sessions for year 11- 13 students

These free fortnightly online sessions for young people provide them with the opportunity to practise their speaking skills and gain confidence in presenting about a topic of their choice and answering spontaneous questions. The last two Speak Up German sessions of 2020/21 will take place on 10 June and 24 June from 16:30-17:15. More information is available at:

<https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/kum/dfj/sug.html>.

- Annual Debating Competition

An annual debating competition is organised that allows four year 12 students from Sixth Forms to apply and participate in what has become a popular fixture in the Goethe-Institut calendar. The Debating Competition Final took place in March 2021 and the next round of debating will start in the new academic year. More information about the debating competition 2021/22 will be announced soon. More information about how the competition works can be found at

<https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/mag/21537837.html>.

## **Strategic action 5**

### **Deliver a national campaign that addresses the negative perceptions of language learning.**

The Goethe-Institut offers presentations and workshops by motivational speakers, both online and in person, on the theme of the 'German Language and the World of Work' and regularly offers talks on the benefits of learning German.

A new initiative called the **Young Goethe Scheme** will be launched week commencing 7 June 2021. The scheme encourages young people who are studying German at A-Level or beyond to have a positive impact on the educational experience of other young people and to promote the benefits of learning German. The scheme will offer young people the opportunity to gain invaluable work experience and skills and meet other like-minded people who have an interest in German. Those taking part will share their own experiences of learning German with younger students and can talk about the projects and activities they have been involved in that are led by the Goethe-Institut London. They will also be able to talk about how they overcame any challenges of learning German themselves.

The Goethe-Institut supports all Routes into Languages Cymru/consortia partner events throughout the year, to motivate learners to study languages at GCSE and beyond, including offering training sessions for the Routes Pupil Language Ambassadors.