

**IoT's Languages Network  
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**National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching  
& Learning in Higher Education  
Disciplinary Network Funding 2014**

# Previous history of IoTs Languages Network

- May 2006 Initially ‘Languages **P**olicy Network’:  
Guidelines issued to assist language lecturers formulate a language policy (LP).  
Expert Panel: Fáilte Ireland, IDA, RIA, Council of Directors, IBEC, Forfás, DES, HEA, Enterprise Ireland " *The future of languages in the IoTs*" May & Oct 2007.
- 2008 ‘Languages **S**trategy Network’ :  
a national language strategy  
keep languages on the college landscape  
sharing materials & best practice  
a platform for action based research presentations  
Snapshot of Languages in the IoTs 07/08 ; 08/09;
- Brochure promoting language learning & website [www.languagesinireland.ie](http://www.languagesinireland.ie)

# IoTs Languages Starategy Network 2014/15 - is there a need?

- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct IoTs Languages Network meeting
- **what is the purpose now?**
- Replies from 11 colleges
- Conclusion: there is a need as this network includes **all** languages and IoTs and differs from IRAAL, the French network (AFA), German Association (GSAI) and OVFL etc.
- Now **“IoTs Languages Network”**

# Current purpose

- Practical approach – applied language – reflecting what we do in the IoTs
- Develop up-to-date policies/Keep in touch with current languages policies & practices
- Sharing of good practice & materials
- Explore funding opportunities & CPD & staff mobilities
- Dissemination of relevant information
- Meet once a year and if possible not always in Dublin
- Phone & email survey: to follow in November in order to obtain suggestions from network colleagues re (e.g. contact person? role of the network? events of practical use? best time for annual meeting/events? )



# National Forum for Teaching & Learning in HE Disciplinary Network Funding Call

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2014

*“€5000 intended to support the work of existing disciplinary groups to engage with teaching and learning”.* <http://teachingandlearning.ie/teaching-learning-partners/disciplinary-partners>

- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. extended to 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. **Deadline**

# Joint application with OVFL

- The application criteria promote the idea of :

*“ a collective approach that avoids duplication of effort, and focuses on coherence, sustainability, collaboration and strategic alignment”*,

- Consultation :

IoTs Languages Network & DIT colleagues,  
OVFL , AFA, GSAI, post-primary, primary + +

# Actions considered for inclusion in the application

- CPD 1 Social Media
- CPD 2 Year Abroad
- Promotional video 'Why study languages *in an IoT?*'
- Language Fair/Showcase/Expo <http://www.languageshowlive.co.uk/>.
- Maintenance/training updating IoTs website <http://www.languagesinireland.ie/>
- & maintenance of OVFL website <http://www.onevoiceforlanguages.com/>
- *Generic courses development???*

# Application & Funding

- **14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014** Application for funding submitted
- **28th Dec 2014** notification from the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning in Higher Education that joint application for Disciplinary Network Funding 2014 successful.
- ***“A key condition is that all of the activities are also open and promoted to those outside of the IoT sector.”***
- Funding Jan 2015 to June 2015:
- Planning January/February 2015
- Events March, April, May 2015
- June 2015 final evaluation



# Draft Workplan & Budget

- 6th Dec OVFL meeting in DIT Aungier St. Discussion of Draft Workplan for return by 15th December
- Network, OVFL members contacted for comments to Draft Workplan
- Budget €5000 total - €1000 per action
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Work Plan and Budget submitted

# Final Workplan (Jan – June 2015)

X 4 actions/events:

- a) Promotional video clips by students for students “Why learn languages?”
- b) CPD 1 event: “Social Media & Language Learning”  
& CPD 2 event “The Year Abroad”
- c) Combining a “Languages Showcase/Expo event” with CPD 2 “Year Abroad”
- d) Updating of IoTs Languages Website updated; Payment of fees for maintenance of OVFL website and Network website.

# January 2015 'Call to action'

- Network, OVFL, DIT, AFA, post-primary, primary + +
- Opportunity to get involved in the various activities
- Looking for hosts, co-ordinators, participants, and presenters for each activity
- Any thoughts, ideas, inspirations, experience in this area, or if you are interested in co-ordinating, assisting, participating

## Funded activity :

# The production of a promotional video

- **The production of a promotional video** for languages in the IoTs, using short clips by students for students based on the theme “*Why learn languages?*”
- Please refer to **Word doc. summarising ideas submitted to date**

# Funded activity: CPD events 1 & 2

CPD<sub>1</sub> “Social Media in Language Learning & Teaching” Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 2015:

- **Using Social Media in Language Teaching and Learning: Some Pedagogical and Technological Considerations**

*Dr Mary Ann Kenny, Institute of Technology Blanchardstown*

- **All you ever wanted to know about social media but were afraid to ask. (Demo and hands-on)**

*Dr Niamh Nestor, UCD*

CPD<sub>2</sub> “The Year Abroad” - Best practice....

- **Please refer to Word doc. summarising ideas submitted /discussed to date for CPD<sub>2</sub>**

# Funded activity: “Languages Showcase/Expo” event

Combined with CPD 2 on “The Year Abroad”

Please refer to [Word doc. summarising ideas to date](#)

# Funded activity: OVFL & Network Websites

- Currently being done by Niamh and Kristin.
- Updating of IoTs Languages Website
- Payment of fees for maintenance of OVFL website and Network website
- This involves adding/removing materials to keep the website up to date.