

UCML business meeting

Friday 14th January 2022 10am-12pm



Item 4a: Northern Ireland Representative

The inaugural meeting of the Languages Programme Board at the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) took place virtually on 7 December. The Languages Programme Board was established to review and develop the languages curriculum, from primary school to A level and includes representatives from Higher Education, Initial Teacher Education, CCEA, policy makers, school leaders, and other stakeholders in the wider languages community.

UCML was well represented at the meeting with colleagues in attendance from Queen's University, Stranmillis University College, and NICILT. Professor Janice Carruthers gave an invited opening address focusing on the *Towards a National Languages Strategy: Education and Skills* report (British Academy, 2020) and in particular its implications for the Northern Ireland context with its specific challenges and opportunities. Following the meeting, and the agreement of the Terms of Reference, small working groups are being established to focus on development in language education in the following areas: Primary Schools; Post Primary Key Stage Three; Language Qualifications; Communications.

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