

UCML Executive Committee

Friday 29th April 2022 10am-12pm
Via MS Teams

Item 9.b: Scotland

1. Scottish Modern Languages mentoring programme

Work continues on the Scottish Modern Languages mentoring programme with the aim of launching a pilot scheme for the 2022/23 academic year. The pilot will involve schools in the Northern Alliance Regional Improvement Collaborative and mentors from the University of Aberdeen. Mentoring interventions will take place over a period of 4-6 weeks, with coordination, training and organisational support provided by SCILT. Assuming a successful pilot, the aim will be to expand the programme nationally from AY 2023/24 working with other HEIs and local authorities across Scotland. The Education Scotland ML Strategic Interest Group is likely to endorse the mentoring programme as part of its review on consolidating the implementation of the Scottish Government's Modern Languages 1+2 programme.

2. Senior Phase Modern Languages Workshops

SCILT is leading on coordination of a series of workshops aimed at Senior Phase students (Higher/Advanced Higher) from across Scotland to run in autumn 2022. The scheme builds on successful workshops run jointly by SCILT and Glasgow in recent years. Sessions on different skills (translation, cultural and critical analysis, grammar and language) are being offered by six HEIs (Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Strathclyde), with the aim of giving a taste of language study at university as well as tips and guidance to support students with their current studies. A mixture of in-person blended and online formats to enable wide participation and uptake.

3. Proposed Scottish Government mobility programme

We are awaiting details of the Scottish Government's proposed mobility scheme to complement the Turing programme, including the budget likely to be allocated to it.

4. UCML Scotland meetings

UCML Scotland representatives met in February 2022, discussing the ML mentoring programme and workshops as well as issues relating to Brexit and the Year Abroad. An early summer meeting is planned for June (date TBC).