


Perspective from a teacher and a principal

- ▶ Experience of studying languages at school and university
- ▶ Early experience as a teacher of Irish in the 80s
- ▶ Motivating students to study a language – creating a relevance




Challenges for language teaching and teachers today

- ▶ Status of languages on the school curriculum
- ▶ Curriculum changes since 2007- KS3, KS4
- ▶ STEM agenda
- ▶ Standards of language - Re-invigoration of language teaching
- ▶ Elitism
- ▶ Lack of incentives
- ▶ Employment opportunities



Successful initiatives

- ▶ Travel to countries
- ▶ Extra-curricular provision
- ▶ Links to universities
- ▶ Focus on careers
- ▶ Flexibility in curriculum models



Going forward, we need

- ▶ A language agenda/campaign
- ▶ A radical review of the curriculum
- ▶ Establish language networks – teachmeets
- ▶ Incentives for students who study languages
- ▶ Joined-up approach – DE, Business, industry, CEA and school leaders