

MLTA ACT News – 2016

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Versailles: Treasures from the Palace – professional learning event invitation

The MLTA ACT inc. have been working collaboratively with the National Gallery of Australia to prepare French teaching resources to support the upcoming Versailles Exhibition. All teaching resources align with the Australian Curriculum. See details in the previous notice below and the [flier](#).



The National Gallery of Australia (NGA) will be hosting two professional learning opportunities suitable for teachers of French, History, Digital and Technologies and Visual Arts on Saturday 10 December 2016 AND Saturday 4 February 2017.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the first professional learning session on Saturday 10 December 2016 from 9:00am to 11:00am at the NGA.

Please RSVP at education@nga.gov.au

Véronique Canellas

President | Modern Language Teachers' Association of the ACT Inc.

Versailles: Treasures from the Palace – learning experiences and resources for the exhibition at National Gallery of Australia, posted 15 November 2016

Dates of the exhibition: 9 December 2016 – 17 April 2017



Free guided tours for education groups, 9.00-10.00am Monday-Friday

This is a fantastic opportunity to show your students treasures from the Palace of Versailles exclusively in Canberra at the NGA. More than 130 paintings, intricate tapestries, gilded furniture items, monumental statues and other objects from the royal gardens, and personal items from Louis XIV to Marie Antoinette, will bring to life the reigns of three Kings, their Queens and mistresses in a fascinating and often tumultuous period of

French history.

Learning resources online for primary, secondary and senior students

Free Visual Arts, French language and Design and Technology educational activities and resources aligned to the Australian Curriculum will be available on the NGA Versailles website shortly. The French language resources have been produced by the Modern Language Teachers Association of the ACT (MLTA ACT Inc) in conjunction with the National Gallery of Australia. Audio guides for the exhibition have also been produced in English and French for children as well as adults. French children's audio tour has been produced in partnership with Telopea Park School.

Teacher professional development sessions

Saturday 10 December 2016 9.00-11.00am and 4 February 2017 10.00am-12.00pm Save the date! Two professional development sessions for pre-school, primary and secondary teachers will be held to introduce the exhibition, the learning resources and curriculum links for Visual Arts, French and Design and Technology. Find out what you and your students can expect from a visit to the exhibition and discover our new NGA Play space, the Versailles activity room. There will also be a free lecture on Versailles by Gerard

Vaughan, NGA Director at 11.00am if you wish to attend. Participating teachers will be given complementary entry to the exhibition. To RSVP for this session please email: education@nga.gov.au .

Learning programs at NGA are proudly supported by Tim Fairfax in honour of Betty Churcher.

For further information on the exhibition, programs and resources visit [the exhibition pages on NGA website](#).

Teach Meet, posted 15 November 2016

A very well-attended Teachmeet was held at the Dickson Tradies on the evening of Friday 21 October, with short presentations listed below, followed by dinner for those able to stay on.

- Kirsten Stobbe/Christine Thambapillai – Ed Puzzle and Screencastify
- Michele Sharp – Using OneNote
- Roisin Lafferty – Language games
- Jennifer Maitland – Pokenesian (Indonesian Pokemon)
- Frank Keighley – Canberra Academy of Languages
- Gaelle Pajot – Challenge ideas for years 7/8
- Lena Britton/Yvonne Webber – French Immersion Day
- Constance Chen – MIP Program
- Ludivine Le-Gal – Using Padlet and Recordmp3
- Kevin Kirton – Using AUSLAN to help learn a foreign language
- Dianne Lefebvre – Differentiation activity for Yrs7-10
- Joanne Chilver – Teaching students as teams
- Lena Hoffman-Raap – Steiner approach to teaching students in Yr 3
- Olivier Texier – The French binational program in Canberra – Le Lycée Frano-Australien de Canberra @ndash; Telopea Park School and Narrabundah College

An overview of the presentations will be published in the coming edition of CONTACT newsletter.

Mini-conference update, posted 1 August 2016

Reminder – the MLTA mini-conference will be held at HBCTL on 13 August 2016

- This event now has 4 hours of TQI accreditation
- Registration: [Google form](#)
- For more details, see [below](#) and on the [Conference page](#).

National Symposium on Japanese Language Education, posted 27 July 2016

National Symposium on Japanese Language Education, co-hosted by The Melbourne Centre for Japanese Language Education, and the Japan Foundation Sydney, will take place on 4-5 November at the University of Melbourne. If you are a teacher of Japanese, please consider presenting at the symposium and letting your colleagues know about the symposium.

The deadline for the call for papers has now been extended. Teachers interested in presenting at the symposium should [submit proposals](#) by Monday 1 August.

Review of ACT Languages Policy, posted 18 July 2016

The ACT Government's Language Policy Many Voices: The ACT languages policy 2012-2016 is up for review. The MLTA ACT Inc. encourages you to be involved in two ways - via responses using the feedback template and via public forums. As a member of the Committee of the MLTA ACT Inc., you can provide feedback about the current ACT Languages Policy. This provides us with the opportunity to have a voice as an Association which provides support to the language teachers in the ACT. You are invited to email your feedback to MLTA ACT President Veronique Canellas, veronique.canellas@act.gov.au, using the [feedback](#)

[template](#) before Thursday 21 July. Veronique will collate the responses from the MLTA Committee as one submission. Let Veronique know also if you will be attending one of the Forums in the capacity as a MLTA ACT Inc. Committee Member.

1. Call for written comments on the current policy

The Community Participation Group (CPG) of the ACT Community Services Directorate is calling for community input via a template

The template covers 5 key areas of the policy:

- English as the National Language
- Language Services
- Learning other Languages
- Languages and Economic Benefit
- Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages.

In relation to one or more of these areas, you may like to

- list your own activities, whether assisted by government or other organisations/groups
- comment on the policy's aims and government implementation
- suggest new ideas or ways to strengthen the policy

Please email your feedback by close of business Friday 22 July using the [feedback template](#) to veronique.canellas@act.gov.au.

2. Public forums

You are invited to attend one of two public forums to 1) hear reports on the community responses collected through the exercise above, plus responses from a similar template sent to ACT Government Directorates and 2) discuss the issues raised and provide further comments on the achievements of the current policy and ideas for new actions/priorities. Details of the forums:

- Tuesday 9 August 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Function Room, 2nd Floor, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre or
- Saturday 13 August 1.30pm to 4pm at the Australian National University, Room 121 on the lower level of the Baldessin Precinct Building (Building 110)
- Attendance is free, and refreshments will be available

To register for one of the forums (RSVP by Friday 5 August) or for more details of the ANU venue, please contact Lindsay Burge, Senior Policy and Projects Officer, CPG at Lindsay.Burge@act.gov.au or Mandy Scott at languagesact@gmail.com

Discussion at these forums, plus the previous written comments, will help guide the review process and provide input for the Directorate's recommendations to government on the form and content of the Languages Policy 2016-2020.

For further information about the review process, please contact Dr Mandy Scott, Canberra Region Languages Forum at languagesact@gmail.com

Concours Georges Vincent, posted 18 July 2016

Enrolment for the [Concours George Vincent 2016](#) is now open (Y8 to Y12 - ACT schools only). The Concours George Vincent is an annual French language competition organised by Alliance Française de Canberra since 1973 to give students of French in the ACT an opportunity to show their language skills outside the classroom. Each year, around 200 students enter the competition and the best pieces of work are rewarded with exciting prizes. The Concours can be entered at various levels, from complete beginners (1st year of French) to advanced. Any Y8 to Y12 student in your French class is welcome to enrol and take part in the competition.

Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award, posted 18 July 2016

The MLTA ACT Inc. is pleased to announce that nominations for the inaugural [Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award](#) are now open. The 19th June 2016 saw the one-year anniversary of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Fiona Arthur. The MLTA ACT inc. has been working with Fiona's family to finalise the criteria for an annual Language Teaching Award in honour of her memory.

MLTA ACT Inc. members are invited to nominate themselves or nominate another MLTA ACT Inc. member for the Award. Nominations must be supported by a Principal or Senior Executive Teacher.

The award recognises the contributions that a member of the MLTA ACT Inc. makes to the teaching and learning of languages in the ACT.

The nominated candidate must demonstrate the following criteria:

- Engages with current theories of education.
- Models and promotes effective and innovative teaching practice which improves learning outcomes for all students.
- Contributes to the education and professional development of language teachers.

Nominations should clearly address each of the three criteria. Nominations must be submitted by COB Friday 23 September 2016

at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oy3WNJ3BpCf4k1dyTIN5Gb9tR68lpQVFZidYmNieixk/viewform>.

A panel comprised of MLTA ACT Inc. Executive will meet after the nomination due date and assess all nominations against the criteria. The successful recipient of the 2016 award will be announced in Term 4 2016.

The recipient of the MLTA ACT Inc. Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award will receive a perpetual plaque for their school, an Award Certificate and a voucher to the value of \$450 for the purchase of resources from INTEXT.

For further information or enquires about the award, please email veronique.canellas@act.gov.au

Regards

Veronique Canellas
President, MLTA ACT Inc

Mini-Conference speaker for 2016, posted 1 May 2016

The [MLTA ACT Inc. Mini-Conference](#) will be held at HBCTL on Saturday 13 August 2016. **Sharon Brissoni** will present Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol Model (SIOP®). This was developed to make content material comprehensible to English Language Learners. This model is the result of the work of Jana Echevarria, MaryEllen Vogt and Deborah J. Short. It is used in bilingual settings across the United States. As a framework for organizing instruction, The SIOP® Model supports teachers in planning and delivering high-quality instruction for all students. There are eight interrelated components in the Model:

1. Lesson preparation
2. Building background
3. Comprehensible input
4. Strategies
5. Interaction
6. Practice and Application
7. Lesson delivery
8. review and assessment

Anissa Jones (Google Certified Educator) will facilitate two workshops on:

1. Formative and Summative Assessment using GAFE Tools
2. Using MyMaps & Tour Builder in the Languages Classroom

Registration, by Wednesday 10th August, is via [Google form](#).

Cost is nil to MLTA members, \$30 to non-members.

Language Learning Space PL, posted 1 May 2016

[Language learning Space Professional Learning](#) on Thursday 12 May 2016, organised by the ACT Education Directorate, for teachers of Japanese, Indonesian and Chinese, has received 2 hours of TQI accreditation.

National Symposium on Japanese Language Education: Visible and Valuable, posted 1 May 2016

The Melbourne Centre for Japanese Language Education together with The Japan Foundation, Sydney has launched the website for the National Symposium on Japanese Language Education 2016: Visible and Valuable. Please visit [the website](#) for all information including travel grants and early bird registration dates. If you would like to share knowledge, best practice or research findings please see the 'Call for Papers' details on the web page.

FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarship 2016 reminder, posted 22 April 2016

A reminder: applications for the 2016 FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarships (see below) are due on Friday 29 April 2016 at 5 pm.

FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarship 2016, posted 15 March 2016

Applications for the [FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarship 2016](#) are now open. Please read the flier carefully and respond to the application guidelines by writing a MINIMUM one page application.

2016 applications are due by 5pm on Friday 29 April 2016. Please email applications to veronique.canellas@act.gov.au

This year the MLTA ACT Inc. will be making available up to \$4,000 to be divided amongst successful applicants.

Successful applicants will be notified by email and letter by Monday 16 May 2016.

AFMLTA Ready?Set?Plan! Australian Curriculum Languages Workshop

AFMLTA Ready?Set?Plan! professional learning. The AFMLTA has organised a one-day workshop for ACT language teachers at HBCTL on Saturday 30 April 2016. This PL builds on last year's one-day workshop (Ready?Set?Go! workshop). For event details please see the [Events page](#). The cost for MLTA ACT Inc. members is \$165 and for non-members is \$195. Please register on-line by following the link in the attached document. More information is available on the [AFMLTA website](#). The workshop has 5 hours of TQI accreditation.

Arts Olympiad, posted 23 February 2016

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia (TECO) is currently promoting the [International Arts Olympiad](#). This is an opportunity for students in Years 9-12 to showcase their talent in Fine Art, Music and/or Dance. This is a [global educational event](#) with the opportunity for cultural exchange and collaborative work. Applications are due by 20 June 2016.

Indonesian or Chinese Language Teaching Assistant for your school, posted 23 February 2016

If you are a language teacher employed by ACT Education & Training and you are teaching at a school with an Indonesian or Chinese Program in 2016, there is the opportunity for your school to apply for a Language Teaching Assistant. Please ask your Principal or refer to the ETD Schools Bulletin dated 2 February 2016.

Goethe Institut Language Assistant Program, posted 23 February 2016

The Goethe Institut Australien is advertising a [Foreign Language Assistant Program](#) for Australian graduates under the age of 29 who would like to live, work and study in Germany, by taking up a posting as a foreign language assistant at a German secondary school for 9 months.

Teacher Scholarships, posted 23 February 2016

[ACT Teacher Scholarships](#) are available for teachers working with ACT Education & Training. Applications close on Friday 4 March 2016. In 2016, one of the identified system priorities is for Languages Education.

Study and research in Taiwan, posted 23 February 2016

For information on studying in Taiwan view the [Study in Taiwan: 2016 newsletter](#). In addition, there are other research scholarships which enable Australians to study or research in Taiwan. See the Australian Government's [international scholarships website](#).

2015 APTAs, posted 23 February 2016

The Australian Professional Teachers Association's awards acknowledge the exemplary innovation and leadership carried out by individuals and associations who have made outstanding contributions as volunteers to the work undertaken by professional teaching associations. For more information, follow the [link](#) or visit the [website](#). Nominations close on Friday 26 February 2016.

Bridge Programs and School Partnerships

There are currently several Asia Education Foundation BRIDGE Programs and BRIDGE School Partnerships on offer:

1. [BRIDGE School Partnerships with Indonesia](#). Application close Sunday 14 February 2016.
2. [BRIDGE School Partnerships with Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam](#). Applications close Sunday 14 February 2016.
3. [BRIDGE School partnerships with Korea](#). Applications close 28 February 2016.