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Programme
9–22 November 2026

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All events are FREE unless otherwise stated.

Time	Event	Audience	Venue and Bookings
MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER			
13:00	Language Taster: Arabic	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.11
15:00	Language Taster: Turkish	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.29
16:00	Webinar: What can languages do for you? Skills and opportunities across the globe	Schools	Online | Booking required
17:30	Language and Culture Exchange: Global Café	Uni of Leeds students and staff	Walk-in | On campus: LUU Common Ground
TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER			
9.30	Language Taster: German with Wuschel	Open to all	Online | Booking required
12:00	Say & Play Games Session: Japanese	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.31
12:00	Interactive Workshop: Ukraine Beyond Stereotypes - Culture, Identity and Modern Life	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.27
13:00	Language Taster: Mandarin Chinese	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.31
13:00	Workshop: Discover the Art of Portuguese Tiles	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Parkinson 2.25
16:00	Workshop: Japanese Origami	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Baines Wing G.16
16:00	Workshop: Korean Calligraphy	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.29
16:00	Webinar: Can metaphors improve tweens' critical literacy?	Open to all	Online | Booking required
17:00	Talk: The life and work of Fyodor Dostoevsky and their meaning for today	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.11
18:00	Creative Writing Workshop: The Language of Climate Breakdown	Open to all	Booking required | Leeds City Library: Sanderson Room
18:30	Film Screening: English Vinglish (Gauri Shinde, 2012) Language: Hindi | Subtitles: English	Open to all	Clothworkers Centenary Concert Hall | Pay As You Feel
WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER			
10:00	Language Taster: Persian	Open to all	Walk in | On campus: Parkinson B.11
13:00	Workshop: Chinese Calligraphy	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Parkinson 2.31
17:45	The power of graphic storytelling: an Evening with Kristyna Baczynski and Darryl Cunningham	Open to all	Booking required | Leeds City Library: Drawing Room
18:00	Poetry Without Borders: Abraham Gragera in Conversation	Open to all	Clothworkers Centenary Concert Hall | Pay As You Feel
19:00	CPD Webinar: Building enjoyment and mastery in MFL Speaking for secondary school teachers	MFL Teachers and Educators	Online | Booking required
19:00	CPD Webinar: Raising Empowered Multilingual Readers	Multilingual families and teachers	Online | Booking required

19:00	Language Taster: French Beginners, by Alliance Française	Open to all	Online | Booking required
19:45	Language Taster: French Intermediate, by Alliance Française	Open to all	Online | Booking required
20.30	Film screening: Salaam Bombay (Mira Nair, 1988)	Open to all	Booking required | Admission Fee
THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER			
10:00	Language Taster: Portuguese	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.31
13:00	Concert: Echoes of the Steppe - A Journey Through Mongolian Music, Dance and Living Heritage	Open to all	Booking required | Leeds City Library: Music Library, Floor 1
13:00	Festive German Taster Session for Beginners	Open to all	Online | Booking required
13:00	Say & Play Games Session: Spanish	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.31
14:00	Language and Culture Taster: Discover Mongolian Language, Music, Dance and the Stories of the Steppe	Open to all	Booking required | Leeds City Library: Music Library, Floor 1
14:00	Language Taster: Japanese	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.31
15:00	Language Taster: Korean	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.31
15:00	Cultural Exchange: Let's Chat	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.14
16:00	Webinar: Endangered Languages – How to Protect Language Diversity?	Open to all	Online | Booking required
16:00	Film Screening: Gioia Mia | Sweetheart (Margherita Spampinato, 2025) Language: Italian | Subtitles: English	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Clothworkers North Building Cinema 2.31
17:30	Talk: From Homer to Hollywood: Nolan's Odyssey and the traumatised hero	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.09
17:30	Webinar: Refresh your German and Discover Your German Twin City	Open to all	Online | Booking required
19:00	From France to Leeds: An Evening of Poetry	Open to all	Booking required | The Little Bookshop | Admission fee
19:00	CPD Webinar: Embracing Bilingualism	Multilingual families and teachers	Online | Booking required
19:00	Language and Culture Exchange: Leeds Language Exchange	Open to all	Walk-in | The Griffin Pub | Admission fee
FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER			
10:00	Language Taster: Galician	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.25
10:00	Talk: AI × Music in Korea	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: School of Music, Lecture Theatre 1
12:00	Workshop: Zineing for Language Learning	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Helix
13:00	Concert: Toby Shaer, Archie Moss and Jack Warnock (Ireland)	Open to all	Clothworkers Centenary Concert Hall | Pay As You Feel
13:00	Workshop: AI × Korean Design	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: School of Music, Conference Room
13:00	Workshop: James An's K-Hip Hop	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: School of Music, Lecture Theatre 3
14:00	Workshop: Traditional Korean Weaving	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: School of Music, Lecture Theatre 2
15:00	Workshop: Korean Natural Dyeing Textile	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: School of Music, Conference Room

15:00	Workshop: Presenting with Confidence	Uni of Leeds students and staff	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.31
16:00	Workshop: Jagae (Mother-of-Pearl) Keyring	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: School of Music, Lecture Theatre 2
19:00	CPD Webinar: Introducing the UK Linguistics Olympiad	MFL Teachers	Online | Booking required
19:30	Concert: Dongyang Gozupa (South Korea)	Open to all	Clothworkers Centenary Concert Hall | Admission fee
SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER			
10:00	Korean Pop-Up Market	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Stage@Leeds
10:00	Exhibition: Flowing Landscapes - From Ink to Code to Fashion	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Stage@Leeds
10:00	Exhibition and Workshop: Traditional Korean Weaving	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Stage@Leeds
11:00	Music event: Seven By Seven Clubbing with Vinyl	Open to all	Booking required | Leeds City Library: Music Library, Floor 1
13:00	Concert: James An's Korean Hip Hop	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Stage@Leeds, Alec Clegg Studio
14:00	Workshop: Pages and Brushes - A Celebration of Visual Language	Open to all	Booking required | Craftea Cafe
14:00	Language and Culture Exchange: Leeds Language Exchange	Open to all	Walk-in | World Peace Café
14:30	Concert: Leeds Gayageum Group	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Stage@Leeds, Alec Clegg Studio
MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER			
12:00	Language Taster: Filipino, Tagalog and Languages from the Philippines	Open to all	Walk-in. On campus: Parkinson 2.31
16:00	CPD Webinar: Introduction to Erasmus+ for Schools, by the British Council	Teachers	Online | Booking required
17:00	Talk: Dante's Divine Comedy across contemporary film, music, gaming and political language	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.11
17:00	Talk: When the Medium *is* the Messenger - Language Sustainability in the Age of AI	Open to all	Hybrid event | Booking required | On campus: Parkinson B.22
17:00	Talk: Ey up, love: Considering Northern English Accents and Dialects	Open to all	Hybrid event | Booking required | On campus: Parkinson B.09
17:30	Language and Culture Exchange: Global Café	Uni of Leeds students and staff	Walk-in | On campus: LUU Common Ground
19:00	CPD Webinar: Linguistics for Key Stage 3 Languages	MFL Teachers	Online | Booking required
TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER			
9:00	Webinar: Where Can Languages Take Me? by the British Council	Secondary Schools	Online | Booking required
12:00	Workshop: Portuguese Tongue Twister Challenge – Speak, Stick, Score!	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.09
12:00	Say & Play Games Session: Japanese	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Language Zone
16:00	Talk: The People's Prince: The Changing Role of Elections in Putin' s Russia	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.11
16:00	Poetry Translation Workshop: Translating Poetry in a Language you do not know	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Baines Wing 2.08

17:00	Book Launch and Q&A: Contemporary Angolan Literature - Memory, Place and Storytelling with Israel Campos	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.09
17:00	Talk: From Italy to Yorkshire: Stories from Migration and Belonging in Leeds and West Yorkshire	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Parkinson B.11
18:00	Talk: Misters, Masters and Mistakes: British Referees in South America in the 1950s	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.08
18:00	Talk: Reading Between the Borders - Books, Belonging and the Birth of New Nations, by the British Library	Open to all	Hybrid | Booking required | on campus: Parkinson 2.20
WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER			
9:30	Webinar: Stories from Ukraine, by the British Council	Ages 7-14	Online | Booking required
13:00	Workshop: World in Translation - Beyond English Wikipedia	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Edward Boyle Library
13:00	Talk: German Exchange Opportunity: Discover the Goethe Institut's Exchange2Change Programme	Ages 14-17	Schools | Booking required
13:00	Language Exchange at The Language Zone	Uni of Leeds students and staff	Walk-in | On campus: Language Zone
13:30	Language Taster: Russian	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Language Zone
14:30	Workshop: The Language of Coins	Open to all	Booking required | On campus: Treasures of the Brotherton
15:00	Language and Culture Taster: Discover Thailand	Open to all	Walk in | On campus: Parkinson 2.27
16:00	CPD Webinar: Knowing which bilingual children to refer using a parental questionnaire to screen language difficulties	Teachers and Educators	Online | Booking required
16:00	Interactive Exhibition: Yorkshire Through Our Eyes	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Baines Wing G.36
16:00	Language Taster: Italian	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.27
17:30	Interactive Workshop: Panglish – From Pind to Pop	Open to all	Walk-in | Leeds City Library: Sanderson Room
17:30	Film Screening: Yuli | No Way Home (Iciar Bollaín, 2018) Language: Spanish | Subtitles: English	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Liberty Building Lecture Theatre LG.06
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER			
12:00	Conversation Club: Cantonese	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Language Zone
12:00	Workshop: Portuguese idioms	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.29
13:00	Language Taster: Czech	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B. 22
13:00	Say & Play Games Session: Spanish	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Language Zone
13:00	CPD Webinar: Plain Language and Easy Language for Public Administration and Youth Services	Civil Service and Youth Services	Online | Booking required
15:00	Language Taster: Let's talk Cockney	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B. 28
15:00	Language Taster: Cantonese	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.22
16:00	Language Taster: Slovene	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus Parkinson 2.29
16:00	CPD Webinar: Bring the World Into Your Classroom, by the British Council	Teachers and educators	Online | Booking required
16:00	Talk: Foremothers of Today's "Tradwives": The Early 20th-Century German Housewives' Movement	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Newly Building 1.01

17:00	Talk: Why language change makes people angry and why it shouldn't	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.11
18:00	Talk: The History of Emigration out of Russia and the Former USSR	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.11
19:00	Leeds Language Exchange: Language and Culture Exchange	Open to all	Walk-in | The Griffin Pub | Admission fee
FRIDAY 20TH OF NOVEMBER			
12:00	Webinar: Thinking Strategically - Attitudes to Modern Foreign Languages Learning at KS4	Open to all	Online | Booking required
13:00	Anthology Launch: Mother Tongue Other Tongue	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Language Zone
14:00	Language Taster: Welsh	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson B.11
14:00	Language Taster: Catalan	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.27
15:00	Workshop: Presenting with Confidence	Uni of Leeds students and staff	Walk-in | On campus: Parkinson 2.31
16:00	Workshop: Play Brazilian Songs on Guitar!	Open to all	Booking required | Parkinson B.28
17:00	Talk: From Conversation to Creation with Lingua Connect	Open to all	Walk-in | On campus: Newly Building 1.01
19:30	Closing Ceremony - Flamenco Concert: The Marcos Morales Trio (Spain)	Open to all	Clothworkers Centenary Concert Hall | Admission fee
SATURDAY 21ST OF NOVEMBER			
13:00	Film Screening: Los Futbolísimos | The Footballers (Miguel Ángel Lamata, 2018) Language: Spanish | Subtitles: English	Families	Clothworkers Centenary Concert Hall Online | Pas As You Feel
14:00	Leeds Language Exchange: Language and Culture Exchange	Open to all	Walk-in | World Peace Café

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