



Language Café Helpsheet 1

Let's get started

Before you all meet for the first time it is likely that you will already know what language or cultural interest will be the main focus of your Language Café. A useful activity for your first meeting is to discuss your language learning experiences using the form below. Each member of the Language Café group can introduce themselves using the CV below. It will probably be less intimidating for people to speak to each other rather than to the whole group. This can be done in the foreign language or in your own language. Another idea is for each group member to introduce themselves to the person next to them who will then introduce them to the whole group.

LANGUAGE CV

Name:

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What languages do you know (please refer to social and travel experiences as well as formal studies)?

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What cultures have you experienced (e.g. at home, on holiday, at work, socially, through the media)?

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What is your most enjoyable experience of languages and/or cultures?

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What has been your most significant or memorable experience of another language or culture?

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PLANS AND EXPECTATIONS

Use these questions to discuss what each of you would like to get out of the Language Café. This could be done each time a new person joins the Café or simply used for the first meeting to set up the café.

What is it about the language/culture that appeals to you?

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What are your reasons for joining a Language Café?

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Do you have any particular language learning aims, e.g. improving speaking skills, holiday vocabulary, language for work, socialising with the speakers of the language?

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What are your preferred times/days for meetings?

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