

## *Announcing the launch of Cluster Support Groups for Asset Languages*

More support is now available to those centres wishing to introduce Asset Languages at their centre with the launch of the new Asset Languages Cluster Support Groups. We are working with lead centres in different regions across the country to provide support to centres looking to implement Asset Languages themselves.

Typically a cluster will comprise about ten centres situated in a geographical area. Lead centres who have been involved in using Asset Languages can provide insight into the best ways of managing the introduction of Asset Languages.

The role of Cluster Coordinator is to provide support to teachers of Asset Languages by facilitating meetings which will:

- provide a forum for exchange of ideas and networking
- promote good practice in teaching, learning and assessment for the qualifications concerned
- Enable teachers to receive support and training locally
- provide an effective channel of communication between schools and Asset Languages

Advantages to centres in joining the network are:

- Through the Cluster Coordinator, you will have a line of communication with Asset Languages
- You will meet and be able to work with teachers in local centres to share good practice, improve teaching and learning in your Asset Languages classes and develop shared resources etc
- Support and training will be provided locally, at times and locations convenient to those attending

- Network meetings can be held more or less frequently and set agendas as determined by the members. The cluster is 'owned' by the centres participating
- In many cases networks can run in parallel with the other support services available to centres e.g. from LA Advisors/consultants, ASTs and specialist language colleges etc

### ***Local Authority Areas for Asset Cluster Support Groups***

Listed here are local authority areas where we have Asset Languages Cluster Support Groups ready to help you.

Bexley	Hertfordshire	North Yorkshire
Birmingham	Hillingdon	Northumberland
Bournemouth	Islington	Oldham
Brent	Kent	Peterborough
Cambridge	Kirklees	S Cumbria
Cheshire	Knowsley	Telford & Wrekin
Cornwall	Leicestershire	Uttoxeter
Croydon	Lincoln	West Sussex
Cumbria	Liverpool	Wigan
Devon	North Tyneside	Wiltshire
Hampshire	Newham	

To find out more details about the Cluster Support Groups in your area please email us at [assetlanguagesclustersupport@ocr.org.uk](mailto:assetlanguagesclustersupport@ocr.org.uk) . Please enclose your centre details and we will let you know the schools in your area who are acting as Cluster Support Group Coordinator. If you would like your local Cluster Support Group Coordinator to get in touch with you, then please give your consent for your details to be passed to them when you email us.

If there's not a Cluster Support Group listed below in your Local Authority Area then please let us know and we'll make every effort to find a school in your area that can take on this role. If you would like to become a Cluster Support Group Coordinator then please let us know by email. To find out more about what is involved in being a Cluster Support Group Coordinator please see the documents 'The Role of the Cluster Support Group Coordinator' and 'What is a Cluster Support Group?' on the website.