

# Teachers of French in Scotland



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

## Agenda

- Welcome
- Background to association – *see rationale document*
- Information from registration forms
- Discussion and planning
- Logo vote
- Next steps

## Which part of Scotland are you based in?

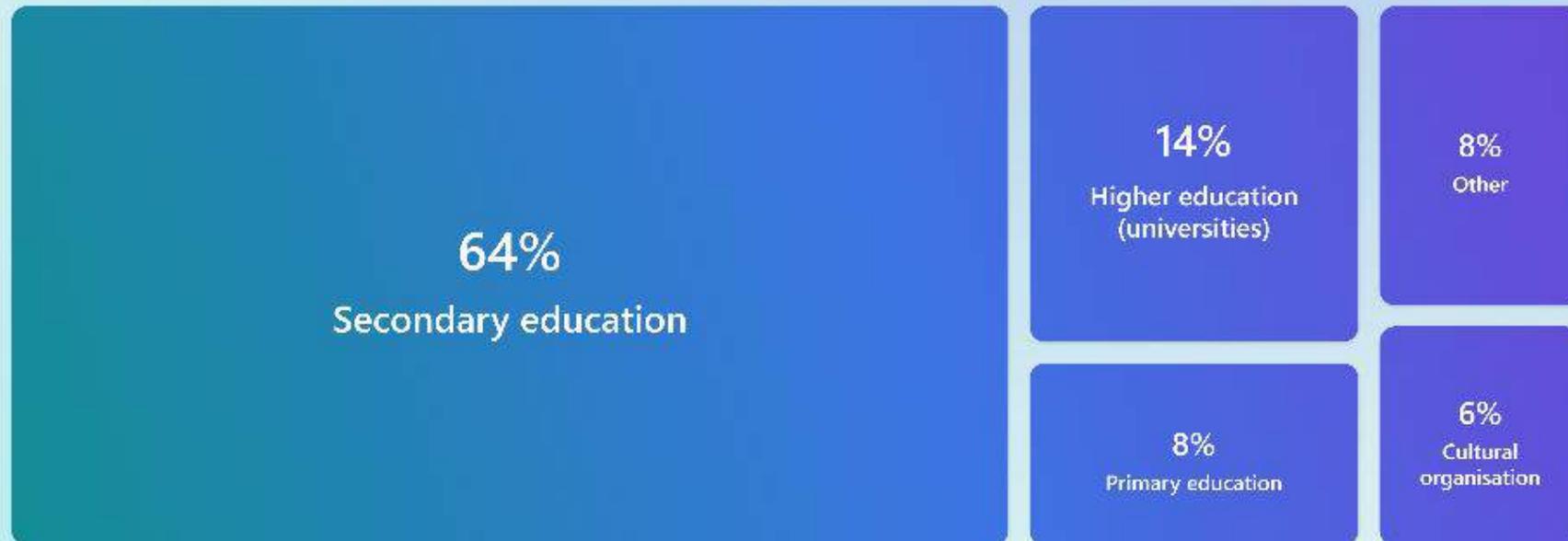


## Information from registration forms

84 members  
registered to  
date.

These infographics are based on 77 responses

## Which sector do you work in?



Have you attended The Future of French conference before (2024 in Glasgow or 2025 in Edinburgh)?

65%  
No

35%  
Yes

## What is your preferred meeting format?



## Key Themes Emerging from Responses

### Strategic Priorities

**Increasing Uptake & Retention:** BGE & Senior Phase uptake • Impact of 1+2 • Subject choice retention

**Policy & Curriculum Development:** Scottish language policy • Curriculum reform • SQA/QS assessment

**Advocacy & Promotion:** Outreach strategies • Incentives for learners • Public champions & stakeholder voices

### Pedagogy & Classroom Practice

**Innovative & Engaging Pedagogy:** Active learning strategies • Creative approaches (poetry, projects) • Making grammar engaging

**Oracy & Participation:** Getting learners speaking • Managing talking activities • Building learner confidence

**Differentiation & Inclusion:** Universal design • Personalisation & choice • Multi-level teaching

What is one activity that TOFIS should organise this year?

What is your order of priority for the areas below?

Networking opportunities



Resource sharing



Lobbying/advocacy



Professional development



Events/conferences



**Discussion and  
planning**

Responses on  
next slides

What advice do you have for TOFIS to better support members?

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regular network meetings  
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international importance cpd day cpd cpds networking meeting  
resource-sharing workshop classroom talking libbying  
communication- speaking update on 1 plus 2  
funding opportunities networking event  
lobbying scottish gov

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## What advice do you have for TOFIS to better support members?

Having an online platform easy of access and organised!

Share good practice of what is happening in successful schools; how are they having good numbers in the senior phase?

partner with associations in French-speaking countries?

Reaching out to the Scottish Exec to ask why schools still get good reports even though they don't implement mandatory support for languages, making it too early for students to drop languages early.

Resources for primary schools so that pupils AND teachers in primaries recognise the importance of languages, particularly French.

Future of french, advocacy with parents and school management

A repository of resources that's organised, searchable, etc

Exploring whether the return of Erasmus could offer opportunities to bring back language assistants in school to enhance the experience for pupils

Resources to help show the international importance of French, i.e. the language of politics, diplomacy, food, art, dance, international organisations like the International Olympic Association, FIA

Reach support from the Scottish government Keep the school trips to France Look at the Town twinning activities. Glasgow is twinned with Marseille, Edinburgh with Nice..



## Logo vote

We had a clear winner on the day; following suggestions this has been tweaked to reflect the Francophonie. Voilà !



**SAVE THE DATE**

**THE FUTURE OF FRENCH X EN ÉCOSSE**

French Forward >>

Join us for a free in-person conference for all teachers of French at primary, secondary and tertiary level

Monday 22 June 2026  
University of Aberdeen

## Next steps



Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in any aspect of the association!

WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS!



If you haven't yet signed up to be a member of TOFIS...



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## Contact us!

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