

Interested in curriculum development?

The NCCA is looking for two people to work as members of the **Leaving Certificate Arabic** development group. Beginning in March 2020 this development group will play a key role in developing revised leaving certificate subject specification for **Arabic**.

Context

The NCCA advises the Minister for Education and Skills on curriculum and assessment for early childhood education, for primary and post-primary schools. In light of recent developments, including feedback to NCCA from teachers of Arabic raising concerns about the accessibility, inclusion and relevance of the current Leaving Certificate Arabic Interim Syllabus and bearing in mind the new Leaving Certificate Foreign language specifications for Lithuanian, Polish and Portuguese, a revised Leaving Certificate specification in Arabic will be developed.

The development group will include nominees of the education partners, the Department of Education and Skills and other key education agencies. To avail of further expertise, the NCCA is seeking expressions of interest from individuals who would like to contribute to work on the above new specifications.

Specialist knowledge and expertise

Interested individuals might offer one or more of the following:

- experience of innovative classroom practice in language education at second/third level
- involvement in research in areas involving or related to languages
- Knowledge of plurilingual and pluricultural education
- knowledge of assessment practice in languages
- experience of working curriculum development
- experience of working with learning outcomes.

If you are a teacher or researcher, and particularly if you are in the early stages of your career, or if you work outside the formal education sector, the Council is especially interested in hearing from you.

The Council plans to have its work on the above specifications completed by the end of 2020. The Development Group will support this work through a series of day-long meetings. It is estimated that in the period up to the completion of the task, 7 or 8 such meetings will take place.

Application

Please complete [online 'expression of interest' form here](#) by 12pm on Friday 13 March 2020. Two positions on the development group will be filled using this process.

Further information

See [here](#) for further information on senior cycle developments in general.

You might also be interested in looking at the NCCA's Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2021 [here](#).