

Modern Foreign Languages Development Group

Meeting: October 14th 2015

Agenda for October 14th:	Documentation/Discussion
Update on consultation process on the background paper and brief for Junior Cycle MFL	A presentation was made to the group on the findings of the consultation process related to the background paper and brief for Junior Cycle Modern Foreign Languages. A discussion followed in which it was noted that there was overwhelming consensus on the need to have a greater focus on oral language. Further it was felt that this needs to be reflected in the assessment of Junior Cycle MFL. It was also noted that the findings seem to mirror those of the consultation on Gaeilge.
The purpose and features of Learning Outcomes in a junior cycle specification	Following the presentation at the last meeting by Dr Anna Walshe, Denise Kelly reminded the group of Anna's key messages and added some further information on the purpose and characteristics of learning outcomes.
Critique of draft strands, elements and learning outcomes for Junior Cycle MFL	The group was divided in three and asked to consider the draft strands, elements and learning outcomes (LOs) for Junior Cycle MFL sent to everyone in advance of the meeting. They were asked to thoroughly critique the LOs using the information provided on the purpose and features of learning outcomes. Members were also asked to add their own comments. These were collated and passed to NCCA for consideration.