

Preston's Festival of Language and Culture Programme

MET Mobile Event Tent, Preston Market Sunday 19 June, 11.00am - 3.00pm Free entry - no need to book











Preston Sejong Institute University of Central Lancashie

Talks, Tasters and Performances

11.00am Festival Opening with Worldwise Samba Drummers

UCLan's own samba drumming band will open the Festival with a vibrant music performance. Join us to feel the power of the carnival rhythm.

11.15am Classic Baduanjin Qigong

Classic Baduanjin Qigong is also sometimes called Mini Tai Chi. Join Professor Hong Liang in this ancient and most widely practiced wellness exercise from China. It consists of trying out eight simple movements of gentle to medium intensity, making it easy to learn, and suitable for all ages and all levels of fitness.

11.30am A Beginner's Guide to Italian Body Language

Would you like to learn how to speak Italian with your hands? Then join Danila Datti in this interactive session where you will be introduced to the origins and basics of Italian body language before trying your hand at Italian gestures yourself! No prior knowledge required.

12 noon Why are there so many French words in English?

"Why are there so many French words in English and so many English words in French?" wonders Dr Fred Brayard. Find out about sharing words through centuries of shared history.

12.30pm Little Red Riding Hood in British Sign Language

In this interactive British Sign Language (BSL) session, Dr Nicola Nunn will show a signed version of the classic children's story, Little Red Riding Hood. You will be able to join in and learn BSL vocabulary related to the story. The session will help you to understand the importance of facial expressions for providing extra information and how to use the signing space around the body. No prior knowledge required.

1.00pm K-Pop Performance and Korean Language Taster

Enjoy a performance from UCLan's own K-Pop group Be:u and get a flavour of the Korean language with an interactive taster session.

1.30pm Analysing Comics

What can we find in East Asian comics? Join Dr Adina Zemanek for a taste of the language of comics - the strategies used to make meaning and appeal to audiences. It also shows that graphic novels may address topics with country - and even region-wide relevance, such as history and national identity.

2.00pm Spanish Language Taster

Join Aina Mir Fons for a fun packed half hour for beginners, offering a simple introduction to Spanish. Sample typical phrases, tackle a few of the basics and you'll be greeting each other in a new language by the end of the session.

2.30pm Flash Fiction Workshop

Flash fiction, also known as microfiction, microstories or sudden fiction is a genre of fiction characterised by the length of the stories, which could go from a few words to a page. Dr Eduardo Tasis will explain the characteristics of the genre and provide you with the necessary techniques to produce successful and impactful flash fiction stories.

Parallel Activities 11.00am - 3.00pm

Around the World in 15 minutes

Feel like travelling around the world? Join Irina Alexa and take part in cultural knowledge related tasks and quizzes that will take you to different parts of the world.

Chinese Brush Painting

Using soft brushes, water and black ink, the art you could make will stand out. Our Confucius Institute team will teach you the traditional methods of this beautiful art form. You can try your hands at this unique and beautiful way of painting and create your own masterpiece of a panda, goldfish or bamboo.

Chinese Calligraphy

Calligraphy is an ancient Chinese art form that turns simple writing into amazing works of art. Use traditional Chinese brushes and ink to make your own calligraphy whilst learning some Chinese words and numbers in the process with the guidance of our Confucius Institute team. You can also take this chance to learn how to write your name in Chinese.

Henna Tattoos

Henna tattoos are the temporary designs on the body used in many eastern cultures, often as rites of passage or in religious celebrations. Get your own beautiful Henna tattoo by Aminah Khan.

Japanese Games

Come along and play Shogi, or Japanese chess, the most popular of a family of chess variants native to Japan.

Korean Crafts and Games

Get immersed into Korean culture by playing Gonggi (Korean: 공기), a popular Korean children's game that is traditionally played using five or more small grape-sized pebbles or Ddakji (Korean: 딱지) played with folded origami paper tiles.

Come along to meet Preston Sejong Institute's team and try your hand at crafts such as colouring your own kite, creating a colourful lantern or decorating your own wooden bookmark with your name in Korean. These crafting activities are fun for all the family.

Try a Traditional Chinese Costume

You will have the chance to try on Chinese costumes belonging to various ethnic groups and take beautiful pictures in these traditional Chinese garments.

Wearing Hanbok

Hanbok, a prime example of Korea's tradition and culture, has embodied the heart and soul of the Korean people for thousands of years. Enjoy and experience the beauty of hanbok by trying on these traditional costumes and having your photo taken.

Stalls 11.00am - 3.00pm

HERSTORY: Silenced by History

A collection of stories of women who believed in themselves, were pioneers in a society that side-lined them and fought for all future generations. A UCLan student-generated project sharing untold tales of extraordinary women across the globe that will move and inspire you. Come and chat to María Iglesias Mora and the students behind the project.

Learn about Life in Oman

Postgraduate student, Aminah Khan, has undertaken research in the Interior of Oman, focusing on the impact of modernisation on communities, particularly those who lived around irrigation channels called 'AFLAJ'. Come and chat to Aminah about her research and find out how art is bringing younger and older generations together.

Learn English for Free at UCLan

At UCLan we run General English classes for free between October and June. These community classes are for everyone. In our classes, you can:

- Practise your English
- Make friends with other English learners
- Study together (speaking, grammar, writing, listening, reading)

Our classes are taught by trainee teachers under supervision.

We have a range of levels from Elementary to Upper Intermediate. Classes are both online and face-to-face.

Students are aged between 18 and 70. Come and meet our friendly team of teachers and check which level and class will be best for you!

Research Centre for Migration, Diaspora and Exile (MIDEX)

With more than 60 internal members across all faculties of the University and 20 external members, MIDEX is an interdisciplinary centre of research and community engagement. It develops in-depth, state-of-the-art and impactful analysis of cultural, political, social, socio-legal and historical topics within migration, diaspora and exile. Visit us to find out more.

The Stories of Multilingual America, Told Through Art

Did you know that you can hear French and German in the United States of America? The Louisiana French and the Pennsylvania Germans are two communities that have been using their own forms of French and German for hundreds of years. Chat with Holly Lawton to learn more and try some 'heart in hand' Scherenschnitte (traditional German paper cuttings), listen to some Louisiana French music, or look at the folk art that is still being made today!

Worldwise Centre

The Worldwise Centre at UCLan provides language and inter-cultural training opportunities to students and the wider community. Come along to find out about upcoming courses and have a go at our language games.

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