

## **Think German Wales Network: Schools Conference**

10 July, 10-3pm, Swansea University  
(Glyndwr Building)

This conference is designed for pupils and students from year 10 (or moving into Year 10 in September) up to A2, either with an existing or potential interest in German and Germany. Each participant will choose three 45-minute sessions on a variety of topics, and take part in a plenary led by MEP Jill Evans. If you are already learning German, we hope to help you to improve your performance in future assessments and inspire you to learn more; if you have no German, we hope to stimulate your interest in the language, the people, and their history and culture. The conference is free and the sessions will be informative, where appropriate interactive, and always entertaining.

### **Programme**

#### **Plenary Speaker**

Ms Jill Evans (MEP), Wales, Germany and Europe

#### **Other Guest Speakers**

Ms Ute Paetzig (UK-German Connection, London), Opportunities Open to Young People for Visits, Exchanges, Study Trips in Germany

Mr Alex Pickering (Goethe Institut), How to Get Ahead: The Importance of German in the World of Work

#### **Swansea Speakers**

Dr Tom Cheesman, "Tomorrow Belongs To Me": the History of a German Song---from Nazi Anthem to English Pastiche to Neo-Nazi Cult Song (with sound and film clips)

(PhD student) Luke Edwards, From *Nosferatu* to the *German Chainsaw Massacre*: How to Enjoy German Horror Films (with clips)

Frau Christiane Günther, How to be Polite in German

Dr Brigid Haines, Can Houses tell Stories?: Time, Place and Belonging in Jenny Erpenbeck's story-text *Heimsuchung* (Visitation)

Prof Julian Preece, *Zeitgeist: Ten Things You Did Not Know about Germany*

Plus sample language classes according to level (Frau Ute Keller)

### **Timetable**

10-10.30 Arrival

10.30-11.15: Parallel Sessions

11.30-12.15: Parallel Sessions

12.15-1.15: LUNCH and Teachers' Forum

1.15-2.00: Parallel Sessions

2-3.00: Plenary: Jill Evans MEP, 'Wales, Germany and Europe'

3.00 Departure

Please respond to Prof Julian Preece ([j.e.preece@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:j.e.preece@swansea.ac.uk)), specifying (roughly) how many will be coming and which parallel sessions they are likely to be interested in. Depending on numbers each of these can run more than once.

Each student chooses THREE from this list, only one of which can be a language class:

1. The Importance of German in the World of Work
2. Opportunities open to Young People for Visits, Exchanges, Study Trips in Germany
3. "Tomorrow Belongs To Me"
4. How to Enjoy German Horror Films
5. How to be Polite in German
6. Can Houses tell Stories?
7. Ten Things You Did Not Know about Germany
8. Language Class (year 10)
9. Language Class (year 12)
10. Language (beginners)

Please respond as soon as you can as places are already filling up!

The Schools Conference is the launch event of the **Think German Wales Network**, a new collaborative initiative for the promotion of German which is supported by the German Embassy.