

# Language Ambassadors

## Profile



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“Languages enrich your life in so many different ways. They provide an insight into the varied patchwork of societies and cultures of the world, and a better appreciation of their unique art, literature, and film. They empower you to explore these cultures directly for yourself and give you the ability to engage and communicate with the peoples of the world on your own terms. They also give you a valuable tool in your chosen career, enhancing your capability to operate on an international level, bringing global reach to your employer. They bring richness to your personal life and a valuable USP to your career: a unique combination...”

“I never intended to study languages at A Level or degree level as a teenager. But as I found myself getting more interested in the wider world, Spanish came calling and I was hooked!

“Learning Spanish at university and living in Spain and Latin America changed my life completely. It opened a window on a whole different way of seeing the world and helped broaden my thinking. It also had a direct impact on me gaining a place on an international graduate training programme, and various jobs since then. It undoubtedly also helped me learn several other languages later in life; the most recent, Welsh...no easy task!

“Being a linguist gives you a strong academic foundation to take forward in all other intellectual challenges in life. It brings personal pleasure through direct interaction with other cultures and peoples. And it gives you a practical tool that you can exploit in your career. Need I say more?”

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