

York St John University were delighted to host another celebration of language and culture to mark the European Day of Languages, attended by YSJ staff, home and international students, and pupils from local schools Lady Lumley's and Canon Lee.



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Participants were given the opportunity to sample numbers, the alphabet, greetings and other useful phrases in seven different languages: British Sign Language, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Spanish and Welsh. They were also given insights into aspects of each foreign culture. The language tables were hosted by YSJ staff, students and guest tutors.



Welsh



Indonesian



Impromptu tables for French and German also sprang up, and international students were able to mix with home students and practise their English.



Polish



Spanish



Italian

The evening finished with a spectacular performance by York Kaminari Taiko drummers, who encouraged audience participation on the drums and various other percussion instruments and vocals.



*Kaminari Taiko Drummers
Audience participation*



..... and the real thing!

Many thanks to everyone who played a part in the success of the event, particularly the staff, student and guest hosts and helpers, Kaminari Taiko drummers, Betsy Whitwam-Kirkup, the Languages administrator, and the Student Union for inviting us to use their venue.

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