## Language Ambassadors

## **Profile**





## DR CATHERINE WATTS

**Occupation:** University Lecturer (Principal Lecturer in languages and education)

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Languages spoken (native and learned): English, French and German

"Language learning opens up the world

– you have a far greater choice of job
opportunities and there is never a dull
moment if languages are involved it seems!"

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"As a child, I lived in Germany for 4 years and then as a teenager I moved to Belgium with my parents. I was lucky enough to absorb both French and German along the way and that triggered my interest in the wider language learning community. I have worked in the field of language learning and teaching for over thirty years both in England and abroad. Any job I have had which has been languagebased has been great fun and I have met some fantastic people along the way. There is always something new going on when you work with languages. At the moment many of my energies are spent visiting local schools and encouraging younger people to take up foreign language study. This is interesting and rewarding in itself and I have absolutely no regrets about going down the languages pathway as a career."