

## 2023 LTANT Annual Conference Reflection

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As always, I was looking forward to the LTANT Annual Conference. I had gone through the programme and chosen the workshops which I wanted to do. I was also hoping to meet some new colleagues and enjoy professional discussions.

I really enjoyed the keynote speech by Andrew Scrimgeour. I felt it gave me much to consider about the future of languages in our schools. It made me reflect on the nature of language teaching in English speaking countries, I have taught in The UK and here and there are marked similarities in the difficulties faced by teachers. I was challenged to consider my own teaching practice and my reliance on textbooks. I have been considering how to incorporate different ideas into my planning.

I had been looking forward to the differentiation workshop and getting practical ideas for my classroom. While I found it interesting much of what was presented was already known to me and there was a lack of real practical solutions, which I would have liked. I found the workshop by Yuta to be much more practical and took away ideas that I could use in my classroom from this. I would not necessarily structure my classroom as he does but he presented some very good ideas for working with differentiated groups.

I enjoyed the presentation by Mark Christie on multimedia storytelling and would like to investigate this further when I can find the time as I believe this would engage my students in learning German. The caveat to this is I need to have a better understanding of the technology myself before I could introduce it to my classes.

I think like most of us I was a little in awe of the ImmerseMe platform and would love to have it for my classes however this is unrealistic for our school due to the cost and technical requirements. However, it was wonderful to see where technology is assisting in the languages classroom to create authentic experiences.

Overall, I found the day to be rewarding with some aspects living up to my expectations. I have much to consider and some practical ideas to take away and work with.