

# CNS Weekly

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has announced that leading educational software provider [RM](#) will deliver the Open School for Languages, a key recommendation of the 2007 Dearing Review. CILT, the National Centre for Languages is delighted to be a major partner with RM and their subsidiary, Lightbox Education, in this exciting new initiative.

The Open School for Languages (OSfL) is a £6 million project which will make available online in a highly imaginative way a range of materials in different languages, with content designed to engage learners, both independently and in the classroom. The service will also support new developments in the secondary languages curriculum.

The vision for OSfL is to help more young people discover the relevance and value of languages by switching them on to language learning and providing them with opportunities to improve their language skills.

Ultimately, the goals of the OSfL are to provide a service that will help teachers to engage young people with languages, raising their competence, increasing their participation and supporting the wider languages agenda.

CILT will convene an advisory group for the OSfL and will engage in a sophisticated marketing campaign to bring the project to the attention of schools and students. Other major partners include the Cambridge University Language Centre and the University of Salford.

Kathryn Board OBE, Chief Executive of CILT said: 'We are absolutely thrilled to be involved so centrally in the Open School for Languages. RM and Lightbox Education are providing first-class leadership and an exciting concept which we think will really grab the attention of children in Key Stage 3.'