



## L2paths

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Migrants moving to a new country face the challenge of having to learn the host country language. There are numerous ways to achieve this ranging from language courses and self-study materials to language exchange partners and apps. However, finding the right option is not easy.

In response to this problem, partners in Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia and Sweden have been working together in the EU-funded project „L2 Paths“- Pathways to Host Country Languages for Migrants”. Over the past two years the project partners have:

- created a standardised format for language advice
- created a tool called Pathfinder for matching a person's needs with the learning options available
- trained language advisors and set up advice centers in all partner countries

#### Yana – a case study from Latvia

**Yana Aksenova** is a 24-year-old Russian girl. In November 2014 she moved to Riga (Latvia) after she got married. She now lives with her husband and his parents.

Yana started to learn Latvian at Baltic Bright in February 2015, not knowing a word of Latvian (A0 group). In September 2015 Yana decided to attend language advice sessions. She was interested in the Latvian language and wanted to find out more

about literacy support the language adviser could offer her. She wanted to improve her Latvian grammar and writing for study purposes.

During the advice sessions Yana was asked to make a list of different situations in which she wished to communicate using the Latvian language and the skills that she would need in these situations. The language advisor provided Yana with online materials appropriate for her level and informed her about the language learning tools available to enhance her independent learning.



*Advisee Yana Aksenova, Baltic Bright, 17/09/2015*

In the end, Yana reached all her language learning goals and reached the A2 level. She is now studying at a college in Latvia. If you are interested in meeting a language advisor and find out, just as Yana did, how you can achieve your learning goals, please go to [www.language-pathfinder.de](http://www.language-pathfinder.de) to find your nearest language advice center.

### **The Pathfinder online tool**

Personal assistance provided by language advisors is not the only option available to learners when looking for language learning alternatives. They can also use the Pathfinder-system at [www.language-pathfinder.eu](http://www.language-pathfinder.eu) to look for suitable learning options and to create their personal learning programme.

Due to the huge interest from Spanish and Arabic speaking users, we are happy to announce that the Pathfinder-system is now available in these languages as well!

However, the Pathfinder-system does not only help learners. It also allows language course providers to use the online platform in order to offer their materials to learners of different languages. If you are a resource provider, do not miss the opportunity to

register in the Pathfinder-system and offer your courses or learning materials to all registered learners!

## What's next for L2PATHS?

### **New: Pathfinder-Boxes**

Are you interested in taking a closer look at the training course for language advisors? Or perhaps you would like to open your own language advice center? If you want to find out more about the Pathfinder-system, have a look at the new Pathfinder-Boxes! Apart from promotional materials, each box contains a memory stick with lesson plans for the language advisor training, guidelines for setting up a language advice center and conducting advice sessions as well as the link to the Pathfinder-system.

If you are interested in receiving a Pathfinder-Box, please send an email to [info@l2paths.eu](mailto:info@l2paths.eu).

### **Fairs: L2PATHS at the Language Show Glasgow 2016!**

After presenting the project at the Expolingua in Berlin in November 2015, the project partners will soon take the Pathfinder-system to the Language Show in Glasgow (UK). Do not miss your chance to try the system and to meet some of our language advisors on the 11th and 12th March 2016 from 10 am to 6 pm. Click here for free tickets:

[www.languageshowlive.co.uk/scotland/](http://www.languageshowlive.co.uk/scotland/)

### **Final project meeting:**

The final project meeting will take place on 10th March 2016 in Glasgow (UK). The partners will review the work of the past two and a half years and discuss exploitation strategies.

For further information please visit [www.l2paths.eu](http://www.l2paths.eu)

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