

## *Impact Case Study*

### **UoA 28B: Modern Languages and Linguistics**

#### **Embedding computer-assisted language learning (CALL) in Modern Foreign Languages curricula, in industry and in the community**

The impact of research in computer-assisted language learning (CALL) at Ulster is evidenced by the changes it has driven regarding the delivery of language teaching using ICT and multimedia language learning tools in a variety of environments. The production of internationally-recognised research to demonstrate effective motors for change led to the establishment of a key infrastructure, the Centre for Excellence in Multimedia Language Learning (CEMLL), funded by a CETL (Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning) grant of £825,000 from Department of Education and Learning (DEL). This has informed developments in language teaching in higher and secondary education and has provided language learning opportunities beyond traditional educational sectors into industrial and community settings.

The impact of Modern Languages research can be broadly defined in four categories:

**Influencing practice in secondary schools and other HEIs** – evidenced for example in LASER, an outreach project working with teachers and pupils in schools and in consultancy work in other HEIs nationally and internationally.

**Contributing to innovation and economic prosperity through engagement with the private sector** – through development of multilingual multimedia resources for the tourist industry and design and delivery of language teaching to employees of multinational companies such as Wrightbus and Michelin.

**Contributing to continuing personal and professional development** – achieved through enabling language teachers from around the globe to engage with Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) approaches developed at Ulster through hosting the WordCall Conference in 2013.

**Influencing public policy** – Ulster researchers provided leadership in developing the Northern Ireland Languages Strategy which was adopted for implementation by the Northern Ireland Assembly.