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Proposed cuts to Modern Languages at the University of Aberdeen

As the Executive Committee of the Association of University Professors and Heads of French+, we wish to express our grave concern at recent news concerning the proposal to cut Modern Languages programmes at the University of Aberdeen. We repeat once again our position that a university that does not offer students the opportunity to study and explore other languages and cultures is not truly global. The continued targeting of Modern Languages' programmes by university management across the UK reflects a combination of shortsightedness and parochialism that will inflict long-term damage to the sectors' claims to international leadership and the UK's economy. In the wake of Brexit, it is more important than ever the UK universities actively resist monolingualism and cultural isolationism. In the case of the University of Aberdeen specifically, we urge the university's management to reconsider this act of self-harm and to engage with their highly talented staff in Modern Languages in order to preserve the department which is internationally renowned for the quality of its teaching and research.