



# mother tongues

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# What is Mother Tongues?

Education

Parents

Creativity and the arts

# How do we operate?

Social enterprise, not government funded

Working all over Ireland – delivering training also abroad

Project partners are wide ranging

- 1) Project grants
- 2) Income from training
- 3) Income from membership
- 4) Language classes

# We are multi-lingual and multi-talented!

## Backgrounds

- Academic/Education
- Arts/Activism
- Social work/Linguistics
- Marketing/Poetry
- Arts/communications



Education

# Online training and support for preschool/school teachers

Database of resources

<https://discover.movertongues.ie/category/education/plurilingual-preschools-and-schools/>

Webinars delivered by a range of speakers

Our resources and webinars are available to members only

Bespoke training – available also to non members



2 hours



Target audience:

This two hour course is designed for primary school teachers working with EAL pupils. The course is suitable for English medium settings and international/multilingual schools.

## Supporting primary school children who are new to English

This course provides teachers who are new to teaching EAL pupils either in the mainstream classroom or as EAL support teachers. It offers guidance and strategies to support pupils who are starting to learn English as an additional language.

Attendees will learn to:

- Distinguish between different types of bilingual/multilingual children
- Identify typical phenomena in English language learning in childhood
- Identify suitable approaches to support EAL in the primary school setting
- Select appropriate techniques to improve children's language and communication skills
- Support families of EAL by giving evidence-based advice

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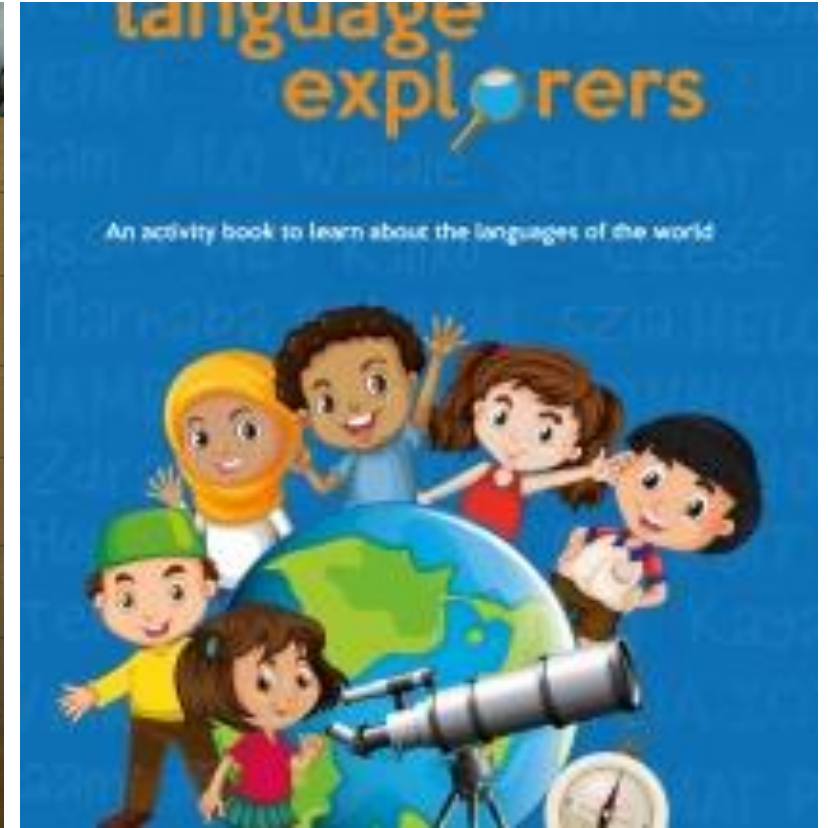


# Our work with schools

Teacher training



|         | German        | Russian    | ITALIAN | FRENCH |
|---------|---------------|------------|---------|--------|
| DREI    | ТРИ           | TRE        | TROIS   |        |
| SCHWEIN | ПОРОСЁНОК     | PORCELLINI | COCHON  |        |
| WOLF    | ВОЛК          | LUPO       | LOUP    |        |
| HOLZ    | ДЕРЕВО        | LEGNO      | BOIS    |        |
| ZIEGEL  | КИРПИЧ        | MATTONI    | BRIQUES |        |
| STROH   | СОЛОМА<br>ДОМ | PAGLIA     | PAILLE  |        |



# Our work with schools

Language Explorers programme/parental involvement



# From Language Explorers...



# ...to language ambassadors



# and EAL supports

Friends in a pandemic! A project to boost English language skills, make new friends and get creative together!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCErrGSEhUBFoAzB9TiAvejiZPaxiXAX4Rf5als6Wxpikh\\_w/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCErrGSEhUBFoAzB9TiAvejiZPaxiXAX4Rf5als6Wxpikh_w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

# Community languages



- Classes in Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and more to be added
- Monthly teacher support sessions / professional development for community language teachers
- Members include teachers of Punjabi, Russian, Hungarian, Tamil, Polish, Czech and more

Parents

# Parents programmes

- Mother Tongues Families network -
- Talks and events for multilingual families

The screenshot displays the user interface of the Mother Tongues Families website. On the left is a teal navigation sidebar with a logo of three stylized figures and a menu icon. The sidebar contains links for Home, Discovery, Members, About, Invite, Topics, Events, Child's Ages, and Groups (which is highlighted). At the bottom of the sidebar, it shows 'CHAT' and 'Mother Tongues Families' with an 'ONLINE NOW' indicator.

The main content area features a search bar at the top with the text 'Search Mother Tongues Families'. To the right of the search bar are icons for a progress indicator (31%), a plus sign, a chat bubble, and a bell. Below the search bar is a 'Groups' section with a 'Manage' button and a plus sign. There are several filter buttons: 'All' (selected), 'Top', 'Yours', 'Newest', 'Near You', 'Member Created', and 'Inactive'.

Two group cards are visible:

- g** **Greek Speaking families in Ireland** (Host) - Find families who speak Greek in your local area! 1 Member · Last Active 3d ago
- j** **Japanese speaking families in Ireland** (Host) - Find other families who speak Japanese in your local area! 1 Member · Last Active 3d ago

# Parents can become members



**Cultural Awareness For Educators – Part 3 ●**



**The Experience Of Teaching Community**



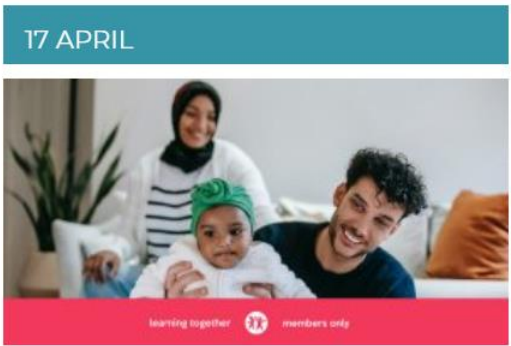
**Simplifying Communication With EAL**



**Raising Bilingual Children: 5 Super Tips For Success In The Early Years ●**



**Using Picture Books In The Multilingual Classroom ●**



**The Bilingual Baby ●**



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# Partnering with organisations



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|  <p>4:58</p> <p>Aprendendo em casa: Arte e criatividade - Learning at...</p> <p>142 views • 8 months ago</p> |  <p>4:05</p> <p>Learning at home: numeracy (Romanian)</p> <p>50 views • 8 months ago</p>                |  <p>4:44</p> <p>تعلم في المنزل: الفن والإبداع - Learning at home: art and...</p> <p>21 views • 8 months ago</p> |
|  <p>5:34</p> <p>Nauka w domu: język oraz umiejętność czytania i...</p> <p>116 views • 8 months ago</p>      |  <p>5:18</p> <p>Nauka w domu: sztuka i kreatywność - Learning at...</p> <p>18 views • 8 months ago</p> |  <p>4:18</p> <p>Nauka w domu: liczenie - Learning at home: numeracy</p> <p>11 views • 8 months ago</p>         |



RTÉ Stations Podcasts

**Greek** 0:00:00 / 0:09:33

**Podcasts > Mothertongues**

- Dutch** 5 MINS • 26 NOV 20 Eabha is 9 and speaks Dutch with her mum, Maartje. Here she talks flat landscapes, bikes and that tricky sound...
- Swedish** 8 MINS • 13 NOV 20 Louisa is 7 and, along with her mum Rebecca, she is from Sweden. Although she moved here aged one, she...
- Romanian** 5 MINS • 15 OCT 20 Felix is 9. Although his family speaks Romanian at home he goes to a Gaelscoil so he has a head...





# Examples of commissions/collaborations

- Production of a school flyer in different languages with TCD
- Production of a diversity and equality policy for Fishamble theatre
- Organisation of international conference on community languages
- Creation of a touring language museum for schools commissioned by South Dublin Co Co for Cruinniú na nOg
- Creation of a training module on linguistic diversity for schools (International School ILS Geneva)
- Storytelling at International literature festival Dublin

# Arts and creativity

# Mother Tongues Festival MAY 2021



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# Intercultural Café in Rua Red



# How to avail of what we offer

## I want to...

Become a member

Join online to get immediate access

Get a membership for my organisation/school

Join online and get 20 codes for staff access (you can also get discounts for families you work with)

Book a talk/training

Contact Elena [elena@mothertongues.ie](mailto:elena@mothertongues.ie)

Commission / Collaborate/Organise a creative event

Contact Elena [elena@mothertongues.ie](mailto:elena@mothertongues.ie)

Find out more about language ambassadors for my school or EAL project

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# We are here for you!

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