



2020 Heritage Language Education Conference

20th-21st November 2020, online



The 2020 edition of the Heritage Language Education Conference is organized jointly by Mother Tongues, Ireland & Móðurmál, Iceland and will take place online on 20-21 November, 2020. The conference is open to Mother Tongues and Móðurmál members, as well as other interested mother tongue teachers and professionals. Find out more about registering below.

This year more than ever, community-based language schools need to stand together and learn from each other. Our 2020 edition of the Heritage Language Education Conference creates a unique opportunity for teachers, researchers and all professionals involved in heritage language education to get familiar with the newest research, share experience and explore ideas to support heritage language education. This year's main goal is to promote the value of international collaboration among professionals interested in community languages teaching and learning. **Together we can go further.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Dr Małgosia Machowska-Kosciak is a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Dublin City University, Ireland. Małgosia holds a PhD in applied linguistics from Trinity College Dublin and has been involved in several national and international projects focusing on multilingualism, multiculturalism and intercultural education in schools. She has recently published her book entitled *'The Multilingual Adolescent Experience: Young Poles growing up in an English-speaking school' - "Small stories" of integration* with Multilingual Matters.

Dr Siobhan Hannan is an Australian based researcher and an experienced early years teacher who founded the Bilingual Italian program at North West Brunswick Kindergarten. Siobhan has particular interest in outdoor pedagogy and completed her PhD in early childhood education at University of Melbourne. She is a member of The Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Network and of the Teacher Learning Network in Australia, and a writer at BeingBelongingBecoming blog.

Getting involved:

We are looking for heritage language teachers and headteachers to send us short 5 minute presentations/texts/recordings on their experience, strategies, projects initiatives that will be published on the conference website.



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Conference Programme

Friday, 20th November 2020

7PM-7.30PM Opening and Introductions

- 7-7.15 Móðurmál, Iceland
- 7.15-7.30 Mother Tongues, Ireland

7.30-8.20PM KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- 7.30-8.05 Dr Małgosia Machowska-Kościak, Dublin City University, Ireland
- 8.05-8.40 Dr Siobhan Hannan, Bilingual Italian Program, Australia
- 8.40-8.55 Q&A

8.55-9PM Summary

Saturday, 21st November 2020

4.00PM-5.00PM Heritage Language Schools Presentations

5.00-PM-5.20PM Break-Out rooms: networking & coffee

5.20PM-6.20PM Panel discussion with guest speakers:

"Lessons learned from Covid-19 - Online mother tongue teaching"

6.20PM-6.30PM Conference Closing

Complementary program:

Presentations of individual mother tongue schools will be available on the website of Móðurmál www.modurmal.com



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Registration and fees:

Registration will be open **from Monday, 2nd November till 12noon on Friday, 20th November** through Eventbrite.

Please note that this event is **free of charge only for Mother Tongues and Móðurmál members.**

For non-members admission fee is €10 in total per one person for participation in both days of the Conference.

Becoming a member of Mother Tongues in Ireland is easy and membership gives you access to the Conference, post-conference material, monthly teach meets, webinars and other events focused on exploring techniques, tips, and resources for teaching heritage languages. To find out more about Mother Tongues membership, please visit <https://mothertongues.ie/for-heritage-language-schools>

For further information about becoming a member of Móðurmál, Iceland – the Association on Bilingualism, please visit the website www.modurmál.com

More information and contact details:

More information on the Conference coming soon. Please visit our website:

<https://mothertongues.ie/2020-heritage-language-education-conference/>

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<https://mothertongues.us16.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=10abca5159e6fb24b18e305c4&id=d1951557fd>

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