

Invitation from the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film

# Multilingual Capital

## Launch of a new resource for London communities

A panel discussion with the public



**Monday 18 March at 6-8pm**

David Sizer Lecture Theatre, Francis Bancroft Building, Mile End Campus

London is a multilingual capital. Over 20 per cent of Londoners use a main language other than English, more than anywhere else in the UK. Still, bilinguals face many challenges in using their languages. Our new initiative, **Multilingual Capital: A Resource for London Communities**, aims to share and develop insights about multilingualism by liaising with community members impacted by multilingualism – from support services, to schools, parents and the general public.

**Multilingual Capital: A Resource for London Communities** will be launched with a public event on 18 March between 6 and 8pm in the David Sizer Lecture Theatre at Queen Mary, University of London. This event will include a series of short talks by researchers in the field of multilingualism, with plenty of time for a question-answer session. If you would like to help shape the discussion, we strongly encourage you to answer the questions provided when you register. There is no obligation to fill in these questions, but, if you do so, your questions and/or comments might be discussed during the question-answer session.

Refreshments will be served.

### Panel members



**Beverley Costa**

Beverley founded Mothertongue, a multiethnic and multilingual counselling service.



**Esther de Leeuw**

Much of Esther's research has looked at language loss in immigrant communities.



**Naomi Nagy**

Naomi started the Heritage Language Variation and Change Project (HLVC) in Toronto, Canada



**Itesh Sachdev**

Itesh conducts research on language attitudes and the vitality of minority language groups.



**Devyani Sharma**

Devyani has conducted research involving families of Indian origin in London.

We use the term multilingualism to refer to all situations in which more than one language is spoken, unless there is need to differentiate the case of two languages (bilingualism) versus more than two languages (multilingualism).

### Ticket Information

This event is free to attend, but you must book tickets online in advance. Please click the button on the right and follow the instructions to make a booking. You will then be emailed an e-ticket and you should bring this with you on the day.

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### Map and Directions

This event takes place at our Mile End Campus. Please click on the icon below for the map and directions:



Mile End Campus



The nearest tube stations are Stepney Green and Mile End

David Sizer Theatre  
Francis Bancroft Building  
Mile End Campus

### Further Information

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact  
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