

# EECERA Multilingual Childhoods SIG



The Multilingual Childhoods SIG will be launched at the annual EECERA Conference to be held in Barcelona, September 7 – 10, 2015.

The SIG has been set up with a view to bringing together researchers who are investigating the learning of two or more languages in the home, school or community by children from birth to the age of 6 years old - this includes aspects of L1 and L2 language development in contexts of awareness of languages, additional languages, foreign languages, second languages, bilingual education, and immersion.

## Objectives

- To bridge the areas of multilingualism and early years education;
- To promote and disseminate research in early years multilingualism and its implementation in policy and practice;
- To create opportunities for informed and constructive discussion and debate;
- To foster possibilities for cross-national collaboration and interaction.

You are invited to join us in the different activities we have organised at the 2015 EECERA conference:

### 1. Multilingual Childhoods SIG Meeting

At lunchtime on Wednesday 9 September 13.45 – 14.45 Room A44, Mòdul IV (MIV)

Here we will meet each other, discuss plans for the SIG and share research interests and discuss possible joint projects.

### 2. Four Multilingual Childhoods SIG symposia

| Session | Symposium title   | Day and time                 |
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| A14     | Creating multilingual spaces in early childhood education   | September 8<br>13:45 – 15.15 |
| B12     | Second language and literacy development in minority children: discussing space and interaction     | September 8<br>16:00 – 17:30 |
| F13     | The diversity of provision in early foreign / second language learning during pre-primary education | September 9<br>15:00 – 16:30 |
| G10     | Bilingual and multilingual practices in early childhood education                                   | September 9<br>17:00 – 18:30 |

### Join the JISCMail discussion list

A discussion list has been set up to promote, disseminate and share research, publications, conferences and happenings in the world of early years language learning. The list is free, so do join us.

<https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?AO=EARLY-YEARS-LANGUAGE-LEARNING>

If you are interested in supporting the SIG, please join us at these activities during the conference or get in touch with the SIG convenors, Sandie Mourão or Gunhild Alstad by email.

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