



CANBERRA REGION LANGUAGES FORUM

Update April 2024

1. Mother Tongue - Multilingual poetry

Enjoy an evening of poetry in some of the many languages being spoken and taught in Canberra. Share your own language skills in an open mic spot!

- Monday 29 April 7pm-9pm
- Smith's Alternative, 76 Alinga St, Canberra City
- Doors open 6.30pm
- Tickets from Smiths \$10/\$5

Featuring 'ACT Desi - A Journey of Connection, Culture, and Community Building' with Vikas Sharma, who will share poetry, spoken word and a song in Hindi. Vikas is a multi-platform content creator, community advocate, radio show host, quizzer and marketing specialist. He produces an Indian Radio show on 2XXFM and founded a registered community association, both by the name ACT Desi. More information at <https://www.content-artist.com/actdesi/>

Open mic presenters each have 4 minutes to read or recite a poem wholly or partly in another language with an introduction or summary in English. It can be an original poem you have written yourself or a piece by another poet. All styles from traditional to contemporary slam are welcome.

- More details at <https://www.facebook.com/mothertonguemmic>
- To sign up for a spot in the open mic, email mothertonguemmic@gmail.com

2. Teacher of Italian required

The ANU Centre for Learning and Teaching is looking an Italian teacher to teach in their Community Education course starting in late April. Community Education (CE) short courses are offered to the public from 6pm – 8pm once a week (day is flexible) for 9 weeks each ACT school term. They are delivered face to face on the ANU campus.

For more information

- about the position, email clt@anu.edu.au
- about language courses with ANU CE: <https://cce.anu.edu.au/community-courses/languages/>

3. ACT National Community Language Schools Day

- Saturday 11 May 11am to 1pm
- Albert Hall, Commonwealth Avenue, Canberra
- Free and all welcome

The theme this year is Art and Culture: A key to Social Cohesion. After the official opening at 11am, student performances will include traditional dancing, singing and reading in their heritage languages. There will also be 25 to 30 Stalls showcasing community language schools' teaching resources and traditional handicrafts PLUS some cultural food to share.

At 1 pm, there will be a roundtable for community language teachers. Discussion will focus on classroom and venue hire, including rent and other requirements.

For more information contact Manu at actclsa@gmail.com

4. New Caledonia immersion trip for ACT teens

The Alliance Française in Canberra is again partnering with CREIPAC to offer an immersive learning experience in New Caledonia for Year 10 students, from 15 years old. The trip is for 8 days and 7 nights from 5 - 13 October 2024 (during ACT October school holidays).

Students will:

- Enjoy 15 hours of French classes to improve their French language skills
- Discover new landscapes and culture through workshops and excursions
- Live in total immersion with homestay accommodation

Cost is \$3,500, with the possibility of payment in instalments.

For more information: call 02 6257 6696, email enquiries@afcanberra.com.au or visit <https://www.afcanberra.com.au/clubs-and-workshops/new-caledonia-2024/>

5. University of Sydney Institute for Community Languages (SICLE)

Welcome to the first issue of the SICLE newsletter. Published once a semester, it will provide up-to-date information about SICLE and the programs and research they conduct. The first issue includes the following:

- What is SICLE?
- Meet the SICLE team
- Community language school programs
- Open languages website
- Project officers
- MTeach website
- Language Proficiency Tests
- Language progressions
- Our research

Copy of first issue at <https://t.e2ma.net/webview/ck6rwi/3ed04971a5e70ab9c477239d6b7cf3fa>

To sign up to receive future copies: <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1926783/1919914/>

6. Be part of research on the transmission of home languages in bilingual/multilingual families

This study investigates the environment in which multilingual parents raise their children and what might impact parents' decisions to transmit, or not, their home languages to their children.

Anyone over 18 years old is welcome to participate if:

1. they live in a family in which more than one language is used or could be used, and are or have been a parent or primary carer of at least one child over 2 years of age, or
2. were themselves raised or exposed to more than one language at home as a child.

Participation involves an online survey about language practices and family circumstances. The survey will take 20-30 minutes to complete and provides an opportunity to share your language experiences and opinions.

For more information and to access the survey see: <https://survey.kau.se/Survey/20328>

FEEDBACK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE UPDATES WELCOME

Details of previous Forum Updates are available at <https://canberrallanguages.blogspot.com/>