



CANBERRA REGION LANGUAGES FORUM

Update February 2024

1. LANGUAGES AT THE NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

- Friday 16 February to Sunday 18
- Canberra City

The annual celebration where you can hear and see more languages at one time and in one place than at any other event in Canberra!

Here are some activities that specifically highlight languages:

Saturday 17 February

Libraries ACT Civic Square

- 10.30-11.30am Mandarin bilingual story time
- 11.45am-12.45pm Urdu bilingual story time

CMAG Theatrette

- 11.30am-12.30pm Sing in French with Pauline
- 1.30-2.30pm Sing a song in Tongan

Petrie Plaza Stage

- 5.20-6pm Ukrainian poetry, song and dance

Sunday 18 February

Akuna Stage **Languages Showcase** 10am-12 noon

- 10 -11.10am Students and teachers from ACT community language schools
- 11.10-11.35am Mother Tongue - Multilingual poetry:
- 11.35- 12 noon Kabbo-Kothon

Map and more details at <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/news.html>

Stall D6/7 City Walk **Fun with Languages** 10.30am-3pm

Free and all ages welcome.

- 10.30am Language games in Italian and French
- 11am Learn to be a ventriloquist in two languages
- 11.30am Unlock the art of Sinhala language
- 12 noon Learn how to write your name in Cyrillic
- 1.30pm A taste of Welsh through song
- 2pm Language games in French and Italian
- 2.30pm Learn Swahili through "hakuna matata" music and dance

More details plus map at <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/events.html>

For full festival program: <https://www.multiculturalfestival.com.au>

2. INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY WALK

- Sunday 25 February
- 10am – 12.30pm
- Family friendly, free and all welcome

Celebrate multilingual Canberra by joining the annual International Mother Language Day walk

- Meet under the flags near the National Library at 10am
- Carry banners, posters or dress traditionally to celebrate the languages that you speak, are learning, and/or are part of your cultural identity
- Sing in your languages as you walk over Kings Avenue Bridge
- Enjoy a sausage sizzle and some fun activities at the end of the walk near the Police memorial at 11.30am

For more information email imlm.21feb@gmail.com

3. A NEW YEAR, A NEW LANGUAGE - or build on skills you already have

There are many opportunities to learn and practice your skills in English and a multitude of other languages in the ACT region. For all ages and all levels.

See the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance for some possibilities

- For adults: <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/language-programs-for-adults.html>
- For children: <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/language-programs-for-children.html>

To add a program or notify of errors or any changes needed, please contact Mandy at canberrabilingual@gmail.com

FEEDBACK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE UPDATES WELCOME

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