

INTERNATIONAL ON-LINE CONFERENCE

We cordially invite you to participate in the FREE international conference entitled **"Multilingualism in the 21st century - promoting Europe's linguistic and cultural treasure among multicultural families"**, combined with panel discussion.

The theme of the conference are modern tools and technologies supporting the needs of multilingual families in the field of language learning and supporting them in European societies.

The event will take place on September 21, 2020 at the University of Social Sciences in Łódź, in the on-line form, at 09:30 CET. The conference and discussion will be conducted in English.

As part of the event:

- you will learn how to set up a club for multilingual families in various European countries and WHY we should support children in learning and constantly using different languages, especially the languages of origin;
- you will learn about teaching methods showing WHAT we can do as parents to support children in multilingualism and HOW real linguistic support should be implemented to make learning other languages effective;
- you will learn about multilingual/multicultural experiences from 6 European countries: Italy, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Turkey, Poland and Switzerland;
- you will learn how to effectively cooperate in a multicultural team;
- during the panel discussion you will have an invaluable opportunity for networking;
- you will receive a free handbook with ready-to-use training methods and techniques on "Why and how to be a multilingual family?" - A parent's guide to motivating and engaging children to use multiple languages.

The conference and workshops are aimed primarily at:

- adult educators - trainers, educators and people from other organizations, working with multilingual families, e.g. migrants, refugees from partner countries;
- staff of non-governmental organizations working with families of different origins (e.g. non-governmental organizations dealing with migrants, refugees, organizations helping parents and families in adoption procedures);
- adults, parents, relatives who face problems and barriers in maintaining their family language (migrants, refugees, mixed families);
- adults in partner countries, local communities who would like to learn or teach their children a different language (e.g. expats, language teachers);
- teachers teaching bilingual / multilingual children in their classrooms;

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- families where parents speak more than one language and can raise their children as bilinguals;
- children whose parents use a mother tongue other than the language of the country where they live;
- associations of immigrants and parents of multilingual children;
- local and national education authorities in partner countries;
- local family communities in partner countries interested in multilingualism and cultural diversity in Europe;
- employees and volunteers of non-governmental organizations;
- students and graduates of pedagogical, psychological, intercultural and sociological faculties, as well as other fields related to multiculturalism and the phenomenon of migration;
- and everyone else interested in increasing their competences in the field of communication in the intercultural aspect.

REGISTRATION:

The registration can be made at www.event.san.edu.pl

Please fill in the recruitment form carefully. After registering, you will receive an e-mail with an activation link.

Participation in the conference and panel discussion is FREE OF CHARGE.

Additional benefits: participants will receive a certificate of participation in an international conference.

Registration is open until September 18, 2020, inclusive.

CONTACT TO THE HOST:

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