

Programme

Multilingualism in education: evidence in practice and policy

10 February 2020

Welcome

This dissemination event marks the completion of the Multilingualism and Multiliteracy (MultiLila) research project. MultiLila is led by the University of Cambridge in collaboration with the University of Reading, the English and Foreign Languages University, the British Council, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and NIMHANS Bangalore. It is an ESRC-DFID funded four-year project running from May 2016 to April 2020, aiming to explore the development of multilingual children's school skills and cognitive abilities in English medium instruction (EMI) versus regional medium of instruction schools across three research sites – Delhi, Hyderabad and Patna. Find out more about the project here: <https://www.mam.mml.cam.ac.uk/>

Objectives

Through today's event we aim to:

- orientate participants about the project and its overall objectives
- disseminate the findings about growth in multilingual children's linguistic, mathematics and cognitive abilities and the factors that appear to have influence
- continue the dialogue around the need for multilingual education strategies and policy in India
- provide teachers with practical ideas and resources that can work toward resolving some of the existing challenges identified in the three sites.

Workshop for practitioners

Schedule of events

Time	Activity
9.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 10.30	Welcome and inauguration
10.30 – 11.30	Plenary session – the value of multilingual education and teachers' roles within this (Professor Victoria Murphy)
11.30 – 12.00	Tea break
12.00 – 13.00	Overview of the project and findings (Prof. Ianthi Tsimpli)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Groupwork with plenary feedback focusing on key questions relating to the topic area and the project findings
15.00 – 15.30	Tea break
15.30 – 17.00	Strategies and ideas for teachers – using the evidence to devise ways of supporting learners and learning (Prof Rama Mathew and Dr Lina Mukhopadhyay)
17.00 – 17.30	Wrap up (Prof Jeanine Treffers-Daller)

Speakers and facilitators



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