

The Committee for the Study of Languages,
Literatures and Cultures, RIA invites you to

The launch of 'Language and Migration in Ireland'

at the Royal Irish Academy by

David Stanton

Minister of State for
Equality, Immigration and
Integration

Tuesday 7th November, 4pm

With the participation of
Dr. **Anne O'Connor** (NUI Galway) Project Leader;
Brian Killoran (Immigrant Council of Ireland);
and poetry readings by members of the migrant
community in Ireland.

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The report on Migration and Language in Ireland is the result of a collaborative research between **NUI Galway** and the **Immigrant Council of Ireland**, funded by the **Irish Research Council**. It pays attention to the linguistic challenges that migrants face on an everyday basis; the migrant experiences of language barriers, and the centrality of language to an individual's identity.

The research involved **surveys of migrants, focus groups**, interviews and also an analysis of language policies in Ireland. **According to data from the 2016 Irish census, 612,018**

respondents speak a language that is neither Irish nor English in their homes. That is a very remarkable number for a country of just over four and a half million people, and the patterns of identity, mobility and integration that this number reflects are key to **understanding the evolution of Irish culture and society.** The

research focuses not just on how migrants interact linguistically with their new environment, it also looks the **creative output of migrant artists and writers in a new language.** The findings of the research have been gathered in the report and have been combined with observations and recommendations for approaches to language and migration in an increasingly diverse Ireland.



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