



Conference

The New Languages of Ireland

With immigration and the growth of new communities, a wider range of languages is flourishing in Ireland than ever before. While our new immigrants are being encouraged to gain the necessary language skills to function in Ireland to their satisfaction, at the same time Irish society stands to benefit from the greater linguistic diversity which they represent. This conference is intended as a first step in examining this challenge. A further important consideration will be the maintenance of mother tongues among future generations of speakers in this country.

Speakers and groups making presentations:

Professor David Little, *Director, Integrate Ireland Language and Training*

Hanne Gregg, *Lionbridge interpreting service for Dept of Justice, HSE*

Bosnian Community Development Project

Magda Kierde Lewics, *Director, Polish Information and Cultural Centre*

Justyna Mc Cabe, *Training and Development Officer, Northern Ireland Health and Social Services Interpreting Services*

Centre for Deaf Studies, Trinity College, Dublin

Alex Hijmans, *Dutch Irish-language journalist*

Deo Ladislas Ndakengerwa, *Interpreter*

**Venue: Lecture Hall CS 2
Callan Building
National University of Ireland, Maynooth**

Friday, 24 March, 10.00 a.m.

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