

ALL SIG meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
5.30 -6.30

**Decolonising the Primary Language Curriculum**



# Programme

5.30 to 5.35: Greetings, welcome and introduction (Please start recording SF) Darnelle

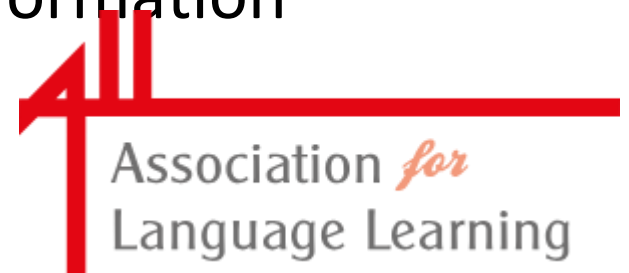
5.35 to 5.45: 5.40-5.45: Maud Waret introduces topic

5.45 -5.50: Amy introduces Speakers

5.50-6.20: Dr. Ellan Lincoln-Hyde & Jenny Guildford

6.25 -6.30: Q&A and Discussion , next meeting, information

6.30: Meeting closes



# Context

What does 'decolonising' the language curriculum do?

- It supports language teachers to leave behind the Eurocentrism that we have been taught
- The west is not the centre of the world and superior to all other cultures

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/News/Latest-news-from-LSE/2019/03-Mar-19/LSE-unveils-new-sculpture-by-Mark-Wallinger>

**What are our objectives?**

- sharing resources together to explore with Primary language classroom pupils
- Opportunity to look at countries the class population are connected with. Today we are looking at contemporary Australia



# Maud Waret

- Maud Waret

<https://www.teachit.co.uk/cpd/teaching-and-learning/decolonising-education>

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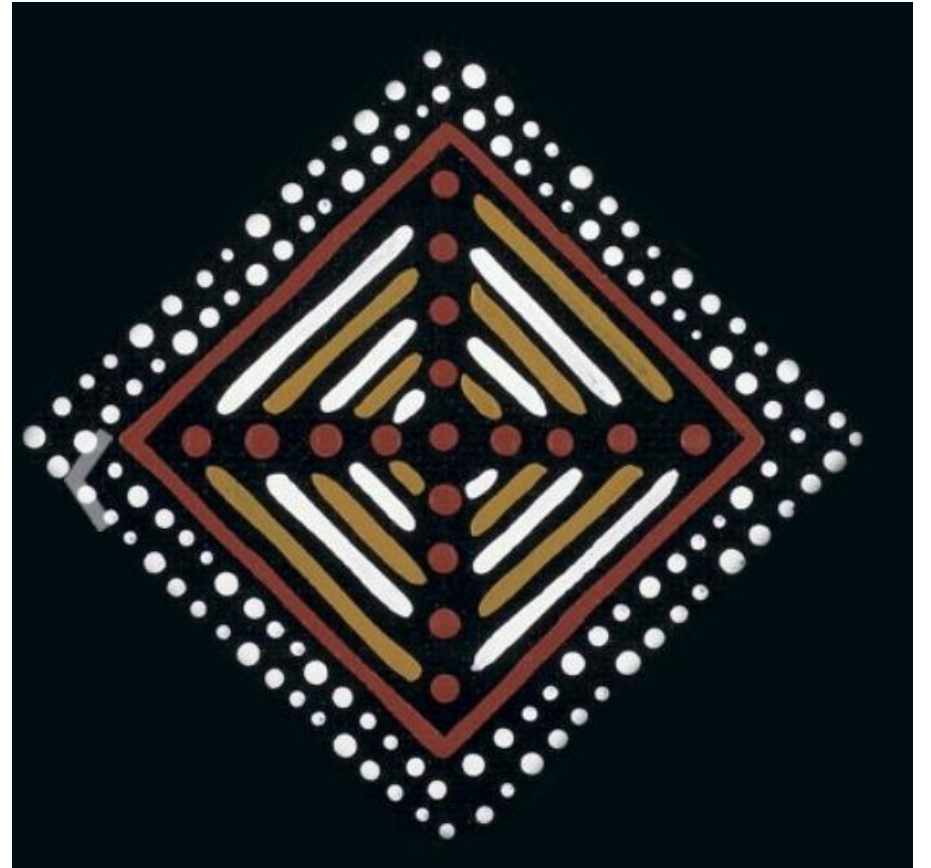
# A controversy motivating us to spread awareness and facilitate change

[BBC](#)

[The Guardian](#)

[Dr Anita Heiss's website](#)

[The Indigenous Literacy Foundation](#)



# Dr Anita Heiss from the Indigenous literacy Foundation

“First Nations peoples need to be involved at every stage of the process from acquisitions to editorial, to sales and marketing. Only then will our stories be told with the complete respect they deserve,” she said in a statement.

“There is no space in Australian publishing (or elsewhere) for our stories to be told through a colonial lens, by authors who have little if any connection to the people and place they are writing about.”



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Amy Lennon



Raising children  
intercultural  
understanding.

<https://reflect.ucl.ac.uk/pgce-primary-specialism-1920-teacher-enquiries/2020/12/14/raising-childrens-intercultural-understanding-of-france-to-increase-motivation-for-language-learning-using-drama-by-amy-lennon/>



Dr. Ellan Lincoln-Hyde & Jenny Guildford

# What about you???



Join us to share the differences you are making!

Send us an email:

[darnelle@darnelleconstant.co.uk](mailto:darnelle@darnelleconstant.co.uk)

## Multilingualism in the arts & in schools

**Neela Doležalová, Primary teacher** launching a new podcast about language and belonging in educational settings.

Interested?

The launch date **Friday 11th April 2025, 3.30pm to 5pm @ Rich Mix, Bethnal Green,**

Further details and the registration link can be found at the following page: <https://www.sas.ac.uk/news-events/events/1000-words-belonging-podcast-launch>.



# Summer Meeting

Continuation of today's conversation but with a focus on resources via a webinar for Linguascope.





## Decolonising the Primary Language Curriculum



Ellie Chettle - Cully

### My Primary Languages Classroom

Thoughts, ideas and inspiration for everything primary MFL

# Also...

- [Suzi Bewell](#)



- <https://pollyglotlanguages.wordpress.com/author/suzibewell/>

&

<https://francosphere.wordpress.com/>

