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Better Bilingual: 'In Person' CPD Opportunities, Summer Term 2026

Summer Network Meeting: 'Multilingual Motivators' Launch

Intended Audience: Middle and senior leads from Bristol schools with multilingual classrooms who are interested in benefitting from bi- and multilingual volunteers. **NB** Burgess Salmon colleagues who are bi-/multilingual and interested in voluntary opportunities in schools are invited to attend to find out how to get involved.

Purpose: To find out about Better Bilingual's new initiative, 'Multilingual Motivators' (kindly sponsored by Burgess Salmon) which aims to enhance a sense of belonging and pride in first languages for pupils from a range of linguistic backgrounds.

Come along to hear about innovative 'translanguaging' approaches in the classroom and ways you can get involved (as a school or as a volunteer) to raise pupils' pride in their multilingualism and their rate of English language acquisition.

Better Bilingual Trainer: Catherine Brennan (Director & Secondary EAL Teacher)

CPD Format: : This twilight network meeting for school leaders and potential volunteers will launch our new 'Multilingual Motivators' initiative; exploring volunteer opportunities in school to utilise 'multilingual superpowers' to motivate pupils, e.g. bilingual reading volunteers, giving talks about 'language journeys'; supporting teachers with bilingual vocabulary lists and classroom displays etc. This 'in person' network session will be interactive and collaborative – all welcome.

Date & Time: Monday 18th May 16:00 – 17:30 (with refreshments from 15:45)

Venue: Burgess Salmon, One Glass Wharf, Bristol BS2 0ZX (Our corporate partner)

Cost: £45 (no VAT) per person or £75 for two places (Free for potential volunteers)

Bookings: Email 'Network' to info@betterbilingual.co.uk by **27.04.26**

Why should you attend?

- High quality, research-based and interactive CPD opportunity
- Expert advice & guidance from multilingualism consultants
- Opportunity to share multilingualism and EDIB expertise across schools
- Knowledge, tools and resources to support colleagues' CPD
- Practical approaches to enhance whole school and Trust provision
- Signposting to multilingualism resources & further events

With thanks to our corporate partner, Burgess Salmon, for the room & refreshments.

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