

# In my own words: Services for young children in a multilingual society <sup>[1]</sup>

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## Description:

Children in Europe, Issue 12 considers the role of service providers in developing the full range of children's communicative abilities in a multi-lingual Europe.

Europe has a rich diversity of languages illustrated by the twenty-three official languages and many regional and minority languages spoken by inhabitants across the EU. Children in Europe Issue 12 considers the role of service providers in developing the full range of children's communicative abilities including their mother tongue, the language of instruction and languages other than their mother tongue. It will consider how the linguistic and cultural mix of a country or community can enhance and develop language skills, and include practical examples of how to learn, support and use languages and additional languages in childcare settings.

Across Europe countries have become increasingly multilingual. Communities seek to preserve indigenous languages such as Gaelic and Welsh, which form part of their cultural heritage, but must also cater for new languages introduced with immigrant populations arriving from around the world. In the UK alone more than 300 languages other than the official language are spoke by our schoolchildren.

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