

CERES SEMINAR

Wednesday 4th November 2015
12.30pm
Room TBC
Moray House School of Education

1+2 Language Strategy and Complementary Schools in Scotland

CERES is pleased to announce a seminar bringing together policy makers, practitioners, cultural organisations, language communities and researchers in Scotland to engage in knowledge exchange. The knowledge exchange will focus on exploring how heritage language learning and complementary schools in Scotland can help shape the Scottish Government's 1+2 Language Strategy.

The main speaker will be
Dr Mahera Ruby, University of London



This event is **FREE** but ticketed and **spaces are limited**. To book your place please visit: Eventbrite at <http://tinyurl.com/oczlk4>

PROGRAMME	
12.30-13.15	Registration and Lunch
13.15-13.35	Introduction and Complementary Schools as sites for multilingual learning Andy Hancock, University of Edinburgh
13.35- 14.30	Partnerships between mainstream and community language teachers Mahera Ruby, University of London
14.30-15.45	Discussion Groups: sharing information and planning ahead
15.45-16.30	Plenary: emerging themes for policy, practice and research Joanna McPake, University of Strathclyde



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Speaker Biography

Mahera Ruby's PhD research focused on intergenerational learning taking place in three generations of families whose origins are in Bangladesh. Mahera has been a research fellow and researcher at Goldsmiths, University of London where she co-directed the ESRC-funded research project on 'Becoming literate through faith: language and literacy learning in the lives of new Londoners'. Mahera has worked on other research projects on developing bilingual pedagogies and has co-authored many publications based on the findings. She has co-authored her first book 'Interconnecting Worlds: Teacher partnerships for bilingual learning' with Dr Charmian Kenner which has received many positive reviews. Mahera Ruby is a Certified Parenting Practitioner with over 15 years of experience supporting parents who feel they don't quite 'have it all together yet.' Mahera is also an experienced community organizer who believes in developing individuals who can come together to bring positive change within their local communities. She is keen to develop community leaders and vibrant community organisations.