

Welcome to the AThEME Speakers' Corners!

After a day of listening to scientific results, it's time for something different: the AThEME Speakers' Corners. A Speakers' Corner is a dedicated space where public speaking and open discussions take place. There are many examples and various forms of around the world, but arguably the most famous is the Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park, London.

This afternoon, we've organised three 'corners' each dedicated to a broad theme: Regional Multilingualism, Urban Multilingualism and Individual Multilingualism. Each 'corner' has a moderator on hand to make sure as many people as possible get to speak.

In order to get things going, 9 speakers will each give a speech in one of the corners (3 speakers per corner). Not using any PowerPoint and only a few visual aids they will share their ideas with the audience. After they've had their say, you, as audience members may debate and discuss openly about the issues they have raised. Or just share your own ideas and opinions on the subject.

Wander around the room, listen, ask questions and feel free to take the floor yourselves!

Speakers' Corner Regional Multilingualism

Moderator: Lisa Cheng

Leire Cancio Orueta (Elhuyar Foundation) on language planning in the Basque country

Jim Whannel (Bòrd na Gàidhlig) on how national language planning can support multilingualism - a perspective from Scotland

Harmen Akerboom (Provincie Fryslân) on Frisian language as an indigenous minority language

Speakers' Corner Urban Multilingualism

Moderator: Quentin Cooper

David Hall (Queen Mary University of London) on emerging language varieties in multicultural cities

Tessa Askamp (Het Taalmuseum) on the Leiden Museum of Languages

Angela De Britos (SCILT) on Mother Tongue Other Tongue: finding your voice through poetry

Speakers' Corner Individual Multilingualism

Moderator: Kate Bellamy

Kristina Cunningham (European Commission) on EU language teaching and learning policy

Beñat Arrabit (Euskararen Erakunde Publikoa - Office Public de la Langue Basque) on the Basque language

Beverly Costa-Kennedy (Pasalo CIC) on The Pasalo Project, sharing knowledge, ideas and experience from applied linguistics, psychotherapy and social care