

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE - ACADEMIC FORUM FRIDAY JULY 5TH, 2019



On Friday July 5, 2019 the CLA Academic Forum was held at Rydges on Swanston in Melbourne. 25 participants including Academics, members of various Government agencies and CLA representatives examined ways of enhancing the National Languages Policy issue, considered ways of introducing some standards in accreditation and professional learning.

The Forum agenda

- National Languages Policy - Assoc Prof Angela Scarino
- Standardization of accreditation for community language schools - Prof John Hajek
- Proposed Commonwealth Government funding program for community language schools - Jayne Bryant and Andra Reed Department of Home Affairs
- Parent and Student Voices – Research Dr. Lilly Yazdanpanah
- Professional development and training – A National conversation
- Sharing of experiences

Some of the outcomes were;

- Community Languages Australia to assist Prof Joe Lo Bianco to form a coalition of stakeholders to further the National Languages Policy conversation
- Form a working party to work on national accreditation Standards
- Provide support for Monash University and CLA Parents Survey
- Provide support for the SBS – CLA National Languages Competition
- Provide the Department of Home Affairs Feedback on the Community languages Funding Program of \$10.6m
- Request that The Department of Home Affairs – State and Territory Directors consult with State Associations on local funding issues