

Webinar about multilingual children raises money to support heritage language education

Event announcement

Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021

Time: 20:00 – 21:30

Location: online, based in Eindhoven

Registration: <https://understandingbilingualchildrenfundraiser.eventbrite.nl>

Cost: 12.50 Euro

In an online event titled [Understanding Bilingual Children](#) on the evening of June 3, parents can hear expert speaker Dr. Franck Scola discuss the development of multilingual children. The talk is aimed at the parents and caregivers of multilingual children, but others who are interested in the topic of multilingual development are also welcome!

Topic of webinar

Dr. Scola sees that multilingual children can be misdiagnosed. What is a real speech impairment and what should parents not worry about? Dr. Scola will outline different types of multilingualism and will deconstruct some preconceived ideas about it. He will review several notions about becoming bilingual during childhood that have to do with cognitive, academic, medical, speech, and identity development.

Upon registering, attendees will be able to submit a question to the organizers. The organizers will do their best to answer as many of the collected questions as possible during a question-and-answer session with Dr. Scola following his talk.

The guest speaker

Lecturer at the University of the Mediterranean and at the University of Paris-Dauphine, Dr. Franck Scola works as an expert with UNESCO, the London Academy of Diplomacy, French National Education, and the Agency for Teaching French Abroad. Dr. Scola is also the author of training courses for psychologists and speech therapists. Read more about [Dr. Scola's qualifications](#), [his organization Be-Rise](#), and [his book](#), which is available in French as well as other languages.

Raising funds

The webinar Understanding Bilingual Children is being organized by [Heritage Language Schools Eindhoven](#) (HLSE) to raise money for the start-up costs of a non-profit foundation (*stichting*) based on the current activities of HLSE. The goal of HLSE is to support and bring together mother tongue ("heritage language") programs by increasing their visibility and providing them with networking and professional development opportunities. HLSE also organizes outreach events to inform the public about multilingualism and facilitates the addition of languages to Eindhoven Library's International Children's Book Collection.

The organizers are kindly asking for a donation of 12.50 Euro per ticket to the webinar. Donations will be made officially to the organization [Stichting Francofilous](#) (the French heritage language program for primary students in Eindhoven), which is part of the HLSE network and which is co-organizing the event. Stichting Francofilous is a non-profit organization without ANBI status.

Heritage Language Schools Eindhoven is a platform that ensures that families, Dutch schools, and education advisors can easily find information about available heritage language programs. The [HLSE website](#) has a list of the available heritage language programs, as well as news, event info, and other resources. Our vision: We envision a world where multilingual children have the opportunity to develop the language(s) that they speak at home through an effective education program. Our mission is to promote and improve heritage language education in the Eindhoven region and beyond.