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Mother Tongues Festival 2025 takes place in Tallaght on the 21st and 22nd of February. The 8th edition of the Festival is bringing Ireland's largest celebration of linguistic and cultural diversity back to Tallaght. The festival once again highlights the significance of language as a powerful tool for connection and celebrates the beauty of multilingualism and Ireland's rich social fabric.

This year's festival puts a spotlight on the voices of second-generation children and young people growing up in Ireland, exploring the connections between language, identity, and culture. Through performances, workshops, talks and exhibitions, Mother Tongues Festival creates a vibrant space for families to play, connect and learn, highlighting once again the power of multilingualism to unite communities.

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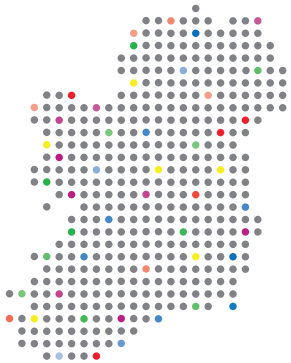

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The largest festival celebrating linguistic diversity through the arts in Ireland!

Venues
Rua Red Arts Centre and The Civic are located in Belgard Square, Tallaght, Dublin 24, only seconds from the Luas stop.

How to get there
Buses 49, 49A, 54A, 65, 65B, 27, 77A, 75, 76, 76A

Red Luas, stop at Tallaght/Tamhlaght

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Check out the full programme & book your place by scanning the QR code or visit our website.

PLEASE NOTE: some events are free, others have strictly limited availability

www.mothertonguesfestival.com

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21-22 February 2025 **Tallaght**

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Friday, 21st February

The Civic
11 am
to 12.30 pm

A Sense of Belonging

The Need –The Impact –The Community –The Continuity

Panel discussion + Screening - All welcome - FREE

We will explore what it takes to build and sustain a dynamic community initiative that nurtures a sense of belonging, equality and respect across generations. As part of this event, we will screen the short film Omozé, an exploration of belonging in second-generation young African Irish citizens.

The Civic
Launch:
12.30 pm

I Live Here

Photography Exhibition - All welcome - FREE

A thought-provoking exhibition by Aarif Amod, exploring the themes of belonging and community. The exhibition will open on Friday 21st at 12.30 pm and will continue until March 9th

Saturday, 22nd February

Rua Red
10.30 am &
12.30 pm

Red Boots

Artists in Residency from Cape Town, South Africa

1 h - For children aged 2 to 6 - English + South African Sign Language + Danish - from €5

A show created by the unique collaboration between deaf and hearing dancers, a whimsical, non-linear blend of words, physical imagery, signs, and sound.

35 min. Performance + 20 min. Playtime

Rua Red
10.30 am

A Journey into Yoruba Traditions

1 h - For children aged 3+ - English + Yoruba - €7

Join us for an engaging drama workshop that brings the Yoruba culture to life!

Rua Red
11 am

Ag Cruthú Scéalta le Chéile

1 h - For children aged 3 to 7 - Irish - €7

Bígí linn do cheardlann iontach scéalaíochta le Fighting Words!
Sa cheardlann seo cruthóidh grúpa scríbhneoirí óga scéal nua dá gcuid féin le chéile.

The Civic
11 am

Zaczarowany Las

90 min - For all ages - Polish - from €5

Zaczarowany Las oferuje niezapomniane teatralne doświadczenie, łącząc mistycyzm słowiańskiego folkloru z urokiem irlandzkich baśni.

1h Workshop + 30 min. Performance

Rua Red
12 pm

Home Sweet Home, Language Sweet Language

1 h - For all ages - English + Japanese - €7

Join us in crafting your family's story with an Origami house! Families will connect and share stories while enjoying some songs and games.

Rua Red
12.30 pm

Lámh, Lámh Eile

75 min. - For children 2 to 8 - Irish, Lámh +Eng. - €7

A fun and engaging workshop for children with additional needs and their carers, exploring the story of St. Brigid through verbal and non-verbal language, mime and visuals.

Rua Red
1.30 pm

A Journey for Change

Installation opens at 1.30 pm- All welcome - FREE

An installation by six artists from diverse backgrounds, features a series of video interviews, accompanying their interactive workspaces. Viewers are invited to engage with their process and reflect on themes of identity, belonging and cultural exchange. This immersive experience celebrates resilience, diversity and the power of North-South Irish collaboration.

Rua Red
from 2 pm

Where We Live & Play

Installation opens at 2 pm- All welcome - FREE

Mother Tongues is partnering with Scoil Aoife Community National School to bring a collaborative community project to Mother Tongues Festival 2025. The final result will be displayed at Rua Red from 2pm.

Rua Red
1.30 pm

Letters from the King: Discovering Hangeul

90 min - For children 6 to 8 - English + Korean - €7

Explore the tale of the creation of Hangeul, Korea's unique alphabet, brought to life through drama, storytelling, and cultural exploration.

Rua Red
2 pm

Pintaderas Workshop

90 min - For children aged 3 to 6 - Eng. + Spanish - €7

In this interactive workshop, we will explore the ancient art of Pintaderas, clay stamps historically used to embellish bread, textiles, and even skin across various cultures.

The Civic
2.30 pm

Kolam

1 h - For children aged 6+ - English + Tamil - €7

This experimental dance piece plays with the meanings of identity and what defines us.

35 min. performance + 20 min. shared activity

Rua Red
3 pm

The Language from the Inside

1 h - For children aged 8+ - English - €7

Join this interactive visual workshop that explores universal symbols and signs across various cultures.

Rua Red
4 pm

The Barceló Brothers

1 h - For all ages - from €10

Closing down this year's festival, don't miss this unique five-piece band led by two young Irish brothers, Séamus and Micheál Barceló, performing a fun music gig for all the family!