



What does it mean to speak a minority language?

Dispelling myths and raising awareness through theatre

A one-day interactive workshop will take place at Heriot-Watt University on **15th April** involving Edinburgh's multi-award winning new writing theatre company, Grid Iron and members of the European funded network *New Speakers in a Multilingual Europe* (COST Action IS1306).

Grid Iron are working with Irish and Gaelic speaking actor Brian Thunder on the development of a new play, looking at what it means to be a minority language speaker in contemporary society.

Minority language speakers and researchers from a range of language contexts will attend including Gaelic, Irish, Breton, Basque, Galician, Catalan, Welsh, Wilamowicean, Lemko, Yiddish, Mapuzugun and Quechua.

Research findings from the EU network will be used to inspire the development of the theatre production with the aim of raising people's awareness about what it means to be a speaker of a minority language in contemporary society.

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