

Increasing diversity means that all teachers need more information about how to support their pupils with English as an additional language (EAL). In 2017, pupil census data shows that 6% of the total number of pupils in Scotland use more than one language ⁽¹⁾.

Education Scotland, Glasgow City Council and SCILT (Scotland's National Centre for Languages) are delighted to be able to offer a free online learning opportunity highlighting the benefits of bilingualism, practical strategies teachers can use to promote and support bilingualism in their classrooms, background information on policy and legislation, and useful resources and links to other sites.

The module will provide practitioners who work with bilingual learners an improved awareness of what bilingualism is and help to promote a more inclusive learning environment.

The course is primarily aimed at:

- teachers with EAL learners in their classes
- student teachers
- support for learning workers
- practitioners in early learning and childcare settings

Teachers undertaking this course will be able to link to GTCS Professional Standards.

It may also be of interest to:

- headteachers and school leaders
- practitioners in community and adult learning settings
- practitioners in community language schools
- anyone who wants to learn more about or has an interest in bilingualism

This module will take approximately two to three hours to complete depending on the learner's own prior knowledge, and can be done at the learner's own pace.

This free module can be accessed at:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/supportingbilingualism/>



(1) www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/dspupcensus