



Language & Culture Animateur Training Introduction



Welcome!

About BRIDGE



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WHAT IS BRIDGE?

BRIDGE is training language teachers and volunteers to teach English to migrants in informal Language Clubs and learn how to do this better by understanding cultural animation principles

We believe that language teaching to migrants, especially long-settled migrants, can be done most effectively in Language Clubs and we will guide you to set them up and run them in your community



Why BRIDGE?

The BRIDGE project aims to integrate migrants already permanently resident in Europe: women and men who live in our cities and suburbs, who have children in our schools and who need to communicate in the most common situations of everyday life but are unable to do so because they don't speak our language.





What is a LANGUAGE & CULTURE ANIMATEUR?

The BRIDGE animateur gives life to a space, making it the centre of learning and activities for people who need to learn the language:

- where people from different countries, backgrounds, cultures, religions, life experiences, interests and needs feel comfortable to walk in;
- where they find a welcoming, positive environment:
- where the learning starts from them and their daily communication needs.



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What is a BRIDGE LANGUAGE CLUB?

A BRIDGE Language Club is an informal learning space where BRIDGE Language & Culture Animators are able to organise language learning sessions for migrants.

We will discuss Language Clubs in detail in Module 7.



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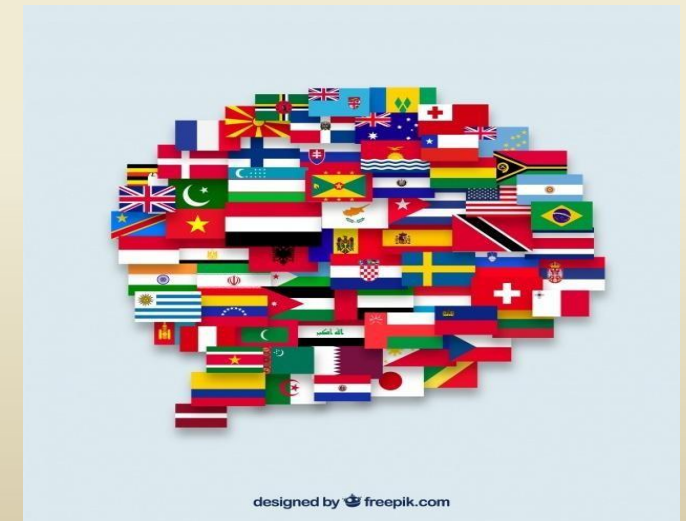
Who is BRIDGE for?

BRIDGE works with English language teachers and volunteers who wish to become better equipped to teach in informal settings, managing multicultural groups, and set up Language Clubs in their community.

In the future, we hope that language teachers and volunteers from many other countries will use the BRIDGE model to become Language and Culture Animators.



We work in Italy,
Spain, UK, Sweden
and Turkey.



Why is BRIDGE important #1?

1

Language teachers and volunteers working within multi-cultural settings, especially with long-settled migrants who don't speak the national language, may need competences that relate to cultural mediation and the establishment and running of informal learning settings, such as LANGUAGE CLUBS.



Why is BRIDGE important #2?

2

We know from our research and experience that many long- settled migrants live in our communities but cannot speak the language. This affects primarily women and BRIDGE Language Clubs will address them in particular, to support them in their daily lives, as well as supporting communities to be better integrated.

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Why is BRIDGE important

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Language teachers and volunteers are often not equipped with specific knowledge about intercultural mediation and teaching in informal settings.

4

Long-settled migrants are not targeted by standard integration policies.



How to do this Course: Face to Face & Online



3 ways of doing this course

You can become a Language & Culture Animateur following this course in 3 different ways:

1: Face to Face

BRIDGE partner organisations in Italy, UK, Spain, Sweden, Turkey.

You can find contacts here:

<https://www.bridgemigrants.eu/en/contacts>

2. Online with a trainer (guided):

If F2F activities are not possible, BRIDGE partner organisations may choose to organise guided online training programmes.

2: Independent online learning

Doing it online for your personal interest.

To do this, visit **BRIDGE Learning Village**:

<https://www.bridgemigrants.eu/en/learning-village>

[nts.eu](https://www.bridgemigrants.eu)



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[en/learning-village](https://www.bridgemigrants.eu/en/learning-village)

How long does it take?



FACE TO FACE

There are **8 modules** in this course combined with activities led by our trainers. Face to face sessions will be accompanied by some independent study of our BRIDGE materials and resources.

ONLINE

For the Online Course, you should allow **10 hours** to do this (including reading of our BRIDGE materials and resources).



At the end...



FACE TO FACE OR ONLINE WITH A TRAINER

You will be given a Certificate of Participation in the BRIDGE training course for Language & Culture Animateur and will be able to test your role in an established Language Club – or set one up in your community!

ONLINE (INDEPENDENT)

By contacting BRIDGE project partners, you can receive Certificate of Participation in the BRIDGE training course for Language & Culture Animateur and (depending on your location) you might be able to test your role in an established Language Club – or set one up in your community!



Course contents



The Modules

There are 8 modules in total, covering the same areas and competences as the online Self- assessment survey:

<https://www.bridgemigrants.eu/en/news/self-assessment-survey>

Completing this survey at the start and at the end of the training course, you will be able to assess your progress.

In particular, **Module 6** and **Module 7** focus on the role of the Language & Culture Animateur and on how to set up and run a Language Club.



Module contents

1. Opening – Self-assessment and becoming a BRIDGE L&C Animateur
2. Intercultural Awareness
3. Self-reflection and Emotional Intelligence
4. Adjusting to multicultural environments
5. Intercultural mediation and leadership
6. The BRIDGE L&C Animateur
7. Language Club establishment and running
8. Closing – Self-assessment and Action Planning



**Language &
Culture
Animateur**

**Congratulations
on taking your
first step to
becoming a
BRIDGE
LANGUAGE &
CULTURE
ANIMATEUR!**

Congratulations!

You've completed the Introduction

Don't forget to check our [Learning Village](#), where you will find materials and resources to help and inspire.