

## IMLM Role

IMLM is working to increase community awareness, fund raising activity to support language conservation and building a Mother Language Monument in a place of national significance in Canberra, Australia. This movement will allow us to commemorate 21 February every year as the 'International Mother Language Day' to signify the global importance of all mother languages.

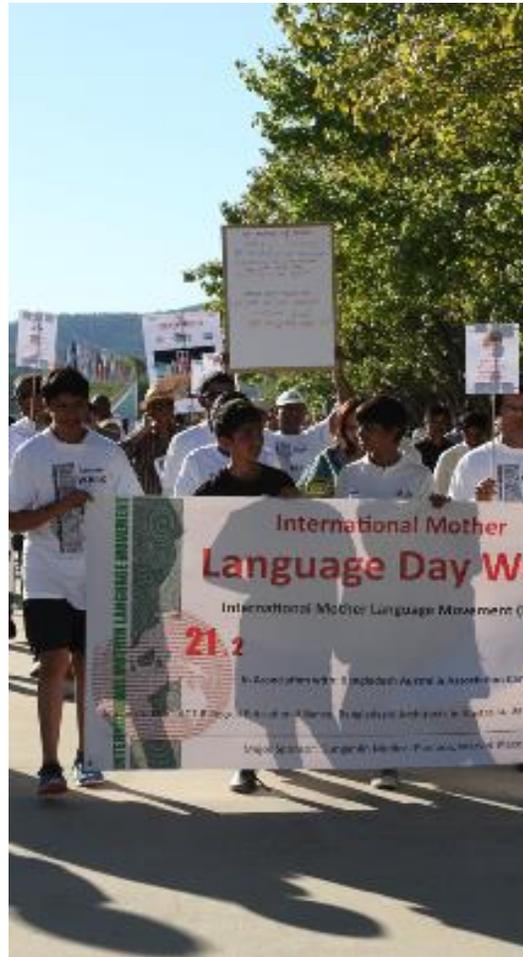
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Please join us to celebrate the International Mother Language Day in Canberra and join the 2 km Language Walk on 26th February 2017, 10.00am for 10.30am start near the International Flag Display.



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## International Mother Language Movement (IMLM)

**LANGUAGE WALK**

Start: International Flag Display near Questacon carpark

End: near Stage 88 ( 2 km walk )

**26 February 2017  
Sunday 10am**

Lots of fun family activities,  
free jumping castle & free sausage sizzle  
or bring a picnic

**Free Entry**

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My Language, My Pride



## About us

International Mother Language Movement (IMLM) is an inclusive community based platform in Canberra dedicated in highlighting the importance of preserving all the languages especially endangered languages in a multilingual and multicultural context. We are committed to sensitizing the various Australian Governments, various communities about the necessities of taking appropriate measures to protect and preserve all the spoken languages including indigenous languages as a means to strengthen the multicultural bond.

Language is immutably linked with culture and cultural identity. Therefore the demise of a language is a loss of identity for the community involved.

UNESCO proclaimed 21 February as International Mother Language Day in recognition of the supreme sacrifice of the Bangla (Bengali) speaking people of Bangladesh. It urged member states to observe the day in a befitting manner to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity.

## Vision Statement

We will promote linguistic diversity; develop a multilingual society; and preserve cultural pluralism and greater understanding, trust, tolerance and mutual respect across all communities.

## Mission Statement

We will establish International Mother Language Day as a day of national significance by bringing people from different communities to a common ground to celebrate the value of unity through linguistic and cultural diversity.

## Objectives:

- International Mother Language Movement (IMLM) aims to:
- Celebrate 21 February each year as International Mother Language Day (IMLD) across Australia as a day of national significance to:
- promote awareness about the importance of preserving and protecting mother languages all across the world; and
- sensitize Australian Governments, community organisations to undertake appropriate steps to protect the endangered languages especially indigenous languages.
- Work as a platform for connecting ethnic and indigenous communities to work in unison to celebrate IMLD.
- Erect Australian Mother Language Monument (AMLM) in a place of national significance in Canberra, Australia.

## Activities

IMLM organises annual 'Language Walk' in Canberra to commemorate IMLD to raise awareness among the diverse ethnic communities of Canberra region. Last two 'Language Walk' s (21 February 2014, 2015 and 2016) attracted people of different ethnic and linguistic communities. It received good media coverage including ABC Television.

