

Traversing Languages Gathering

Hosted by: Frankie, Grace & Poh



Invitation

We invite those who are working and practicing across languages (sign language, braille, spoken/oral, informal/formal, dance movement, draw/paint/sand) to join us for a day of experiential exercises and conversation. The exercises will invite us to engage with the lived experiences of traversing language. We might like to consider, what has not-yet-been-honoured or described about the movements you make daily in practice? What might be the delights, impasses, wonder, the peculiarities, the loss or absence, yearning or desire, the frustrations, the labour? How do you go about these imperfect translations? What considerations do you hold close? What forces do you encounter or are you labouring against?

Who this gathering is for: those working and practising across languages (previous participants have included artists, translators, parents, interpreters, researchers, community members, therapeutic practitioners, advocates, activists, ...)

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| Number of participants: 16 | Cost |
| Date: Saturday 15th March 2025 | \$150AUD - access to enough to contribute to community |
| Time: 10am - 4pm <i>*Lunch at 1pm for an hour. Highly recommend bringing lunch with you :-) or nearby food places</i> | \$120AUD - access to enough for the market rate |
| Venue: TBA | \$75AUD - would benefit from community support to attend |

To register please fill out this [form](#) and we will send through invoice and further workshop details.

A bit about us:

Frankie (any pronouns) is a counsellor with a master's degree in narrative therapy and community work. I work in a peer-led LGBTIQ+ suicide support program and is a member of Dulwich Centre's international teaching faculty. I enjoy collaborating in projects of decarceral solidarity, mutual aid and activism within communities that have experienced violence and discrimination. I am the descendent of Dutch, Irish and British settlers, and I am lucky to live on Wurundjeri country in Narrm (Melbourne) Australia. I can be contacted at: frankie.hanman.siegersma@gmail.com.

Grace (she/her) lives on unceded Gadigal lands. I work alongside people who have sought sanctuary in this country on the basis of their sexualities, genders, bodies, relationships or families. I am committed to foregrounding decolonising practices, queer resistances and centring lived expertise. In my work in community development, narrative practice and writing I hold to the hope of co-creating spaces where people freely express themselves in ways that honour their knowledges and ways these knowledges can build change. I am curious about the connections between language and meaning-making and how explorations of these connections can bring us closer in these times where separation is so often privileged. I can be contacted at heathergracejones168@gmail.com

Poh - At the heart of my practice I'm committed to non-extractive and decolonial approaches to engaging with lived experience, whether this be in therapeutic, community or creative processes. I like to practice at the intersections of different bodies - narrative therapy, social work, co-research, writing, teaching, and film/creative consulting.
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