

# INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A DOCTORAL RESEARCH STUDY:

The Linguistic, Educational and Social Integration of Migrant Children into Primary Education in the Irish Context: Lessons (not) to be learned from Germany's Migration Experience since the 1950's.

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL: PRINCIPALS - MAINSTREAM TEACHERS - LANGUAGE SUPPORT TEACHERS**

## **What is the study about?**

This study examines language acquisition by migrant children in primary education. The particular focus of the study is on the acquisition of **academic language** and **literacy skills**, in both language support and mainstream settings, as key determinants of the future educational achievement and social integration of migrant children, both in Ireland, where migrant education is still a relatively young topic, and in Germany, where discourse in the field is significantly more advanced due to an older history of in-migration.

## **Who is carrying out the study?**

The study is being carried out by Laura Noonan BA, MA (Applied Linguistics) at the Department of German in UCC. The study is funded by the IRCHSS (Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences). [www.irchss.ie](http://www.irchss.ie)

## **What is the purpose of the study?**

The purpose of the study is to identify the specific linguistic and educational needs of migrant children in Ireland, in order to pinpoint opportunities for the transfer of learning from the German to the Irish context.

## **Who will be taking part?**

The participants in this study are primary school **principals**, **mainstream teachers** and **language support teachers** currently working with children who are learning English as a second language in the Munster area.

## **What does taking part involve?**

Participation in the study will involve two **interviews** and three **classroom observations** over the course of the 2009/2010 school year:

## **How can you become involved?**

If you are interested in taking part, or would like more information, please contact Laura at:

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