

Linguistic Diversity Collective

Public Engagement activities



Linguistic Diversity Collective

- The Linguistic Diversity Collective (LDC) is a group of academics who research and champion linguistic diversity both locally and globally
- Document languages, study language use and acquisition in multilingual settings and contribute to language revitalisation and policy
- Public engagement

Public engagement activities

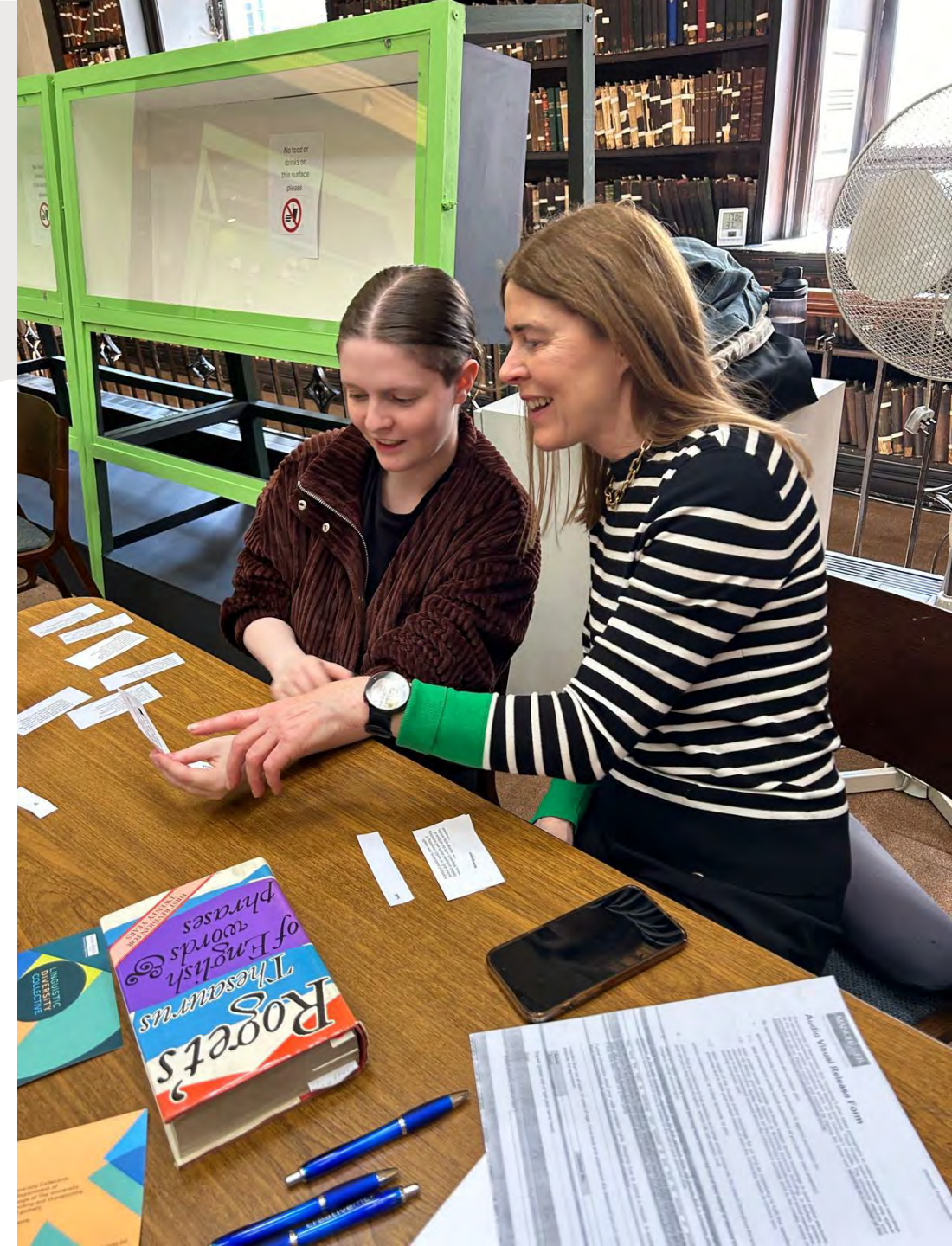
- International Mother Language Day
- Festival of Libraries
- Other engagement activities

Inclusivity

- Holding events in community spaces, e.g. Festival of Libraries, in places where multiple languages are spoken
- Encouraging speakers of community languages to attend events – working with venue partners to reach people
- Celebrating community languages and incorporating them into events

Example

- What's in a word and what's in a dictionary? – Festival of Libraries
- Looks at the meanings of words and how dictionaries define them – uses dictionaries in different languages and encourages participants to teach others about the meanings of words in their home language(s)



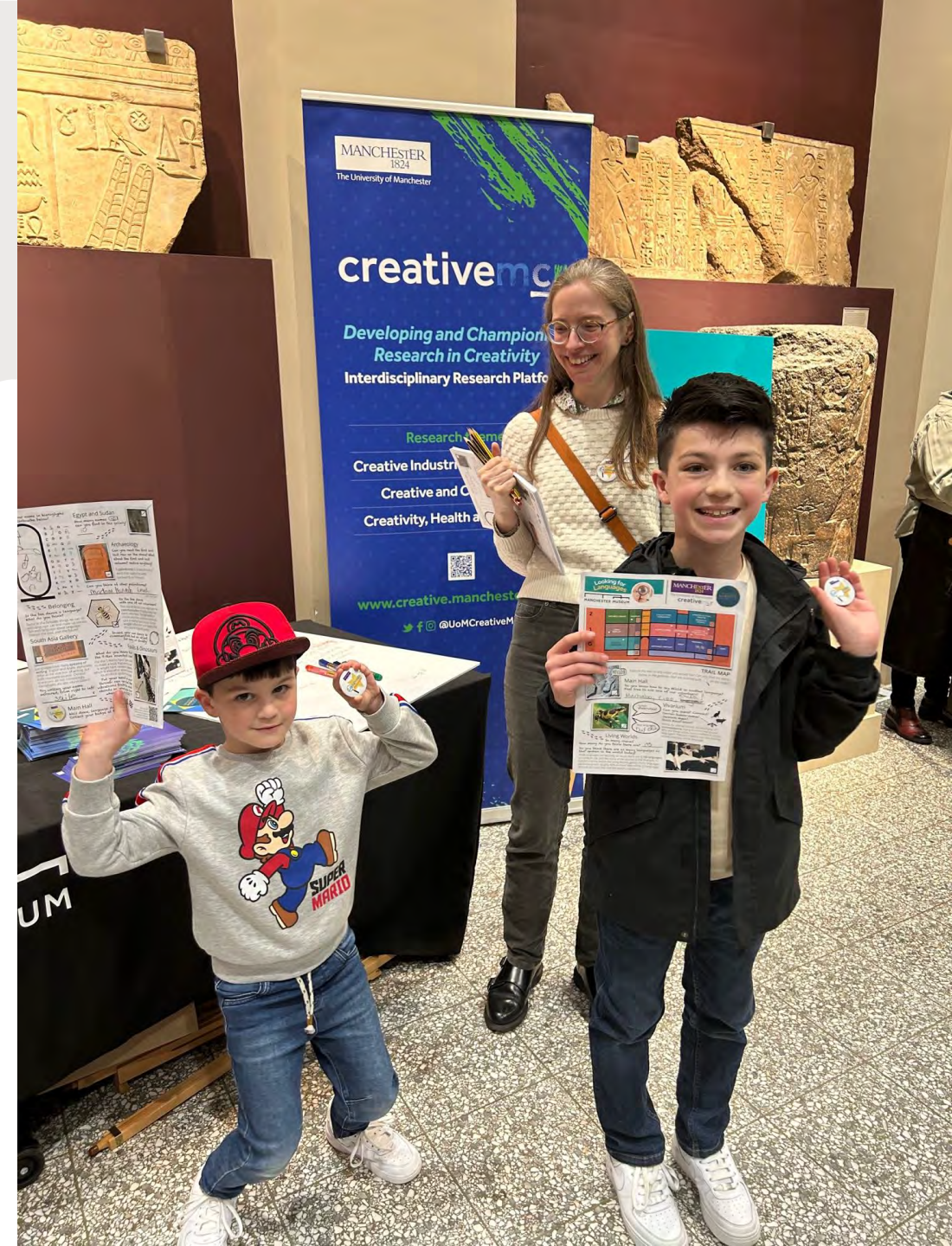
Example

- Story time in Mother Languages (Festival of Libraries)
- For parents and caregivers from minority language backgrounds and their young children
- Encourages reading to your young child in your home language by building a narrative around wordless picture books
- 12 languages represented at the last session
- Session plan resource available on LDC website



Example

- Looking for Languages trail at Manchester Museum – for primary aged children and their families
- Trail sheet encourages participants to learn about languages and linguistics via the museum's exhibits
- Participants are asked if they can say 'hello' in other languages and are encouraged to think about their own language during the trail



Manchester Institute of Biotechnology

Programme of Public Engagement with Research & Researchers

Aims:

- 1) To provide a wide range of engagement opportunities to allow as many researchers from as many different backgrounds as possible to discuss their work externally to the institute and wider research community
- 2) To reach a broad, non-specialist audience for the dissemination and discussion of research outcomes and advancements from within the institute and beyond.

Inspiring Language Communities is a multilingual community engagement initiative that partners international researchers with local communities based on shared language use. The aim is to increase the outreach opportunities for those whose first language is not English.



Multilingual Community Engagement

Polska Szkoła (Polish)



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Diversity in Science Grant



Inclusion & Diversity Fund



Multilingual Community Engagement

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (Hindi, Bengali & Tamil)



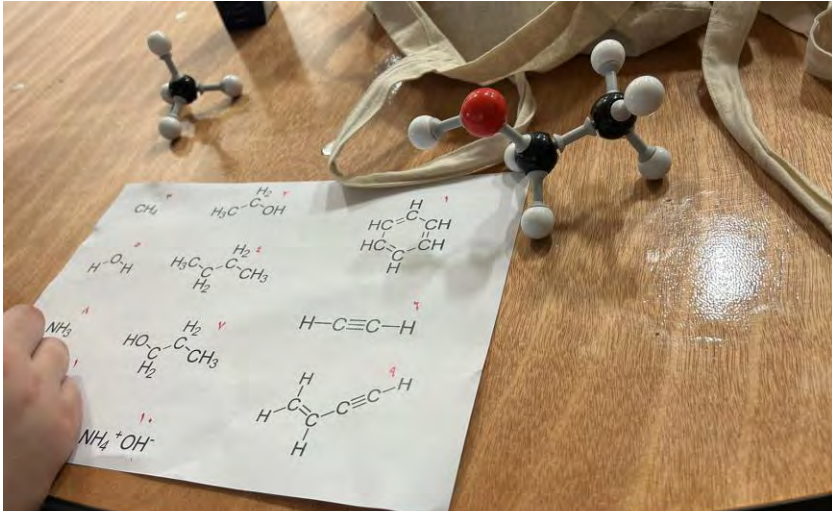
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Sheung Lok Wellbeing Centre (Cantonese)



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Manchester Enterprise Academy (Arabic)



Two bottles of 'Future BRH' liquid on a table with a presentation board in Arabic. The board contains text and images related to the project.



A presentation board in Arabic titled "كيف يمكننا صنع الإنزيمات من الحمض النووي" (How can we make enzymes from DNA?). It includes text, images of DNA, and logos for UKRI and Manchester BRH.

