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Celebrating Black History Month with NCLE

Reflecting on our teaching practice to promote inclusive representation in pedagogy and excellence in language leadership

Below are links to our Language Educators Online (LEO) free CPD platform with dedicated content to explore language teaching through the perspective of Black cultural and linguistic diaspora.

Please do explore them – we hope they will inform your practice.

You'll need to log in or create your free account when you first click through; once you have done this you will go straight through to the page.

REPRESENTATION IN LANGUAGE TEACHING

Elaborate – The Intercultural Dimension: 2. Reflecting opportunities for learning

In this unit, we will guide through a critical reading of Rudine Sims Bishop's seminal article on Mirrors, Windows and Sliding doors. This can inform how you select authentic and culturally rich material in your teaching practice.

https://www.ncle.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=3621

DECENTRING FROM DOMINANT NARRATIVE

Elaborate – The Intercultural Dimension: 3. Inspiring decentring

In this unit, we look back on the seminal analysis and recommendations from the Swann report published in 1985 advocating for inclusive and diverse education. This can inform your teaching practice in developing the use of positive role models from the Black diaspora communities.

https://www.ncle.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=3620

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EXCELLENCE IN BLACK LEADERSHIP

Expert View: Teaching French at a bilingual primary school

In this Expert View practitioner case study, Bunmi Richards, headteacher of a bilingual French primary school, shares how the bilingual curriculum in her school is providing a culturally rich experience to her pupils coming from diverse backgrounds.

https://www.ncle.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=2523

For inspiration… Two short videos of pupils in NCLE schools talking about their multilingualism and what it means to them:

VIDEO · 51 SECONDS

Multiculturalism and Home Heritage and Community Languages in the UK

Meet pupils in NCLE schools talking about their multilingual backgrounds and lives.

https://tinyurl.com/BHMvideo1

VIDEO · 58 SECONDS

Celebrating Home, Heritage and Community Languages (HHCLs)

'I think it would be a good thing for the school to consider teaching an opportunity for children to learn another language'

https://tinyurl.com/BHMvideo2

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