

ROUND TABLE

Bilingual Education: The State of the Art in Spain

The popularity of bilingual schools in Spain has risen dramatically in the last few years and we have all heard the phrase “bilingualism is here to stay”. But what is the state of bilingual education at present in our country? Issues such as the need for assessment of current bilingual programmes, inclusive practices, pre-service and in-service training, levels of satisfaction with provision or resources and material and many other pressing topics will be discussed by four experts on the subject.

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