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What does it take to create a school curriculum to educate young people for 21st century Europe, for this decade and beyond? Can multilingual education be expanded? The 3rd Europa conference, organised by the English Trust for European Education, will aim to address these topical points in Oxford on June 4th.

The prestigious event is now in its third year and attracts delegates from the UK and across Europe, addressing what must be one of the most salient topics in education these days. Here in the UK, in particular, the lamentable state of multilingual education has put future generations of children at a disadvantage, compared to other European nations. Just what should be going on in UK schools and across Europe to create multilingual, well-educated European citizens?

The 2010 Europa conference will focus specifically on the key components of a European education with emphasis on the role of languages. Strands will address variations in school structures, links across cultures, assessment as well as teacher training.

Keynote speaker Frank Furedi, professor of Sociology at the University of Kent, will bring his wide experience and draw from his critical writings to conceptualise "Putting Europe into Education". Prof. Furedi explains that: "Teaching children about the historical and cultural experience of Europe not only makes good pedagogic sense, it also provides the foundation for the construction of a forward looking continent".

Dr Lynn Eler, Trustee of the ETEE, linguist and co-organiser of the day explains: "This conference is unique. This the first time that dedicated teachers, educationalists, researchers, parents and policy makers will be coming together to conceptualise a curriculum for Europe, to identify school structures, professional development, and the place of languages in a European education. We anticipate new insights and directions to emerge from the conference."

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Background

The English Trust for European Education is a charitable organisation for the development of multilingual European Education in Britain.

The Trust's main objective is to support the establishment of schools in England that provide multilingual European education, as well as supporting teachers and educators keen to encourage the diffusion of multilingual education.

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