

Dear friends,

My name is Mariona Miret and I am an activist from Catalonia who collaborates with *Chambra d'Òc*, the association that protects and promotes the Occitan and Francoprovençal languages in the region of Piemonte, Italy.

At the beginning of October, Linguapax joined us by sending a Call for collaboration in order to collect poems. Why? In November 2021, the Faberllull Residency on language rights will take place under the auspices of the Faber residence in arts, sciences and humanities in Olot, Catalonia.

Myself and researcher Dr. Yael Peled are residents in it, and apart from the individual research that we will be carrying out, we are also partnering with Linguapax for a project that we are very passionate about, on the topic of language loss and the pain of its individual and communal experience.

Many of us have witnessed this pain in different capacities and to different degrees. Often, responses to it focus on documentation and revitalization. But attention is not always given to the emotional and mental toll of losing one's own language. This grief is often difficult to put into words, and the deep negative feelings it involves are commonly either overlooked or downplayed in many societies, providing little space and attention for processing it.

We are organising an event focused on the pain of language loss and grief, specifically as expressed through poetry that reflects on the experience of language loss. The poems will be at the center of the event, in the form of poetry recitation.

The event is organized as a zoom event, and open to all interested participants without any registration needed. The common language of the event will be English, but we hope to be able to take discussion questions in multiple languages to the extent possible. In line with our commitment to the equal dignity and wellbeing of all participants involved in discussing this sensitive topic, no recording will be made.

We look forward to sharing these moments of sensibility with you on November 4th at 18 CET. The Zoom link to access the recitation is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86539985367>

*Mariona Miret & Yael Peled*