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# **2020-2021 REVIEW**

## **HERITAGE LANGUAGE SCHOOLS EINDHOVEN**

An overview of the initiative's activities during the  
2020-2021 school year (until June 2021)

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# THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

6

HLSE has facilitated the addition of 2 languages (Italian and Chinese) to the International Children's Book Collection at Eindhoven Library and has scheduled an additional 4 for 2021 (French, Romanian, Persian, and Bulgarian).

120

HLSE now has 120 newsletter subscribers, with an average 65% open rate.



*International Children's Book Collection at Eindhoven Library*

In May 2021, HLSE's website had **350** visitors.

In the past school year, **5** interviews have been posted to the HLSE website: with the International and Heritage Languages Association in Alberta, Canada; the Sydney Institute for Community Languages Education in Australia; Mother Tongues in Ireland; a PhD candidate at the University of Innsbruck in Austria; and Community Languages Australia.

There have been **2** virtual HLSE Meetups: in September 2020 we met for European Language Day and in February 2021 we met for UNESCO World Mother Language Day. About 6 to 8 people attended each time, representing 7 different languages across the Meetups.

**13 HERITAGE  
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS  
RESPONDED TO OUR  
SPRING 2021 SURVEY**

## OUR WEBINARS THIS YEAR

FOR DUTCH TEACHERS

**MEERTALIGE KINDEREN:  
WAT DOE JE ERMEE?**

FOR PARENTS

**UNDERSTANDING BILINGUAL  
CHILDREN**



## PARTNERS

Thanks to the many connections we have made with local and international partners, HLSE was able to participate in numerous activities this year. HLSE was invited to present at the 2020 Heritage Language Education Conference and the Holland Expat Center South's Parents & Kids Lounge. We also prepared a presentation for Hoogeschool de Kempel's course "Bijscholing NT2" for Dutch teachers, and we manned a digital booth at Brainport's Kennisfestival: Beyond Borders. We were further invited to participate in the Taalstudio's discussion "Nederland Veeltalenland: Kansengelijkheid," and Rutu Foundation's Sirius Round Table Discussions about Language Friendly Education Policy. We spoke at a special opening of the renewed Children's section of the Eindhoven Library with guest Councilwoman Monique List. Finally, we were interviewed in both a Dutch and English version of the *Kletsheads* podcast.

**OUR FOCUS IS ON FIVE AREAS:  
VISIBILITY, QUALITY,  
COMMUNITY-BUILDING,  
PUBLIC OUTREACH, AND  
PARTNERSHIPS**

## LOOKING AHEAD

Our projects have been met with such enthusiasm, that we have decided to formalize our initiative as a non-profit foundation. This will mean a change in name, an official board, a formal policy plan, and eligibility to apply for subsidies. We want to extend a sincere thanks to all of our partners, supporters, and donors for helping make this possible. Be sure to subscribe to the HLSE mailing list to stay up-to-date about developments!