

FREE LANGUAGE LEARNING AT EOIs IN ANDALUCÍA

The **Escuelas Oficiales de Idiomas (EEOOI)**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Escuela_Oficial_de_Idiomas are public/state-run language schools for everyone because in Spain everyone has the right to free education. EEOOI address adults' language education. After years of study and training, gathering experience and passing a complex competitive exam (*oposiciones*) -- which is public and therefore monitored by citizens and trade unions, among others -- you become a qualified teacher who will also be required to be lifelong learner (*formación permanente*). In sharp contrast, public education is severely underfunded, which poses hardship for teachers, who try to counter that with their hard work, and learners, who suffer overcrowded groups and lack of appropriate technical support or premises. **If you wish to help out**, remind people everybody should pay taxes, including VAT, that they can put pressure so that stolen money in cases of corruption be recovered for addressing social needs, and demand an increase in budgets for public education.

If you want to study languages you can sign up for courses at EOI, and for a very low fee you can: a) attend **lessons** all the school year (for two years if you fail the exams), b) get **two** (or four) **opportunities to take the certificate exams** (in June and September), including enjoying the right to see your checked exam and file a request for revision by a higher authority, and c) get **an official certificate**, for since 2013 our examinations too are designed along the lines of the Common European Framework of Reference for the Teaching and Learning of Languages (CEFR): **A2** (pre-intermediate level, the course is two years), **B1** (intermediate, 1 year), **B2** (upper intermediate, the course is called "Avanzado 1 y 2") and **C1** (advanced, 1 year). **Official examinations**, called PUCs (see examples here <http://www.juntadeandalucia.es/educacion/portals/web/educacion-permanente/pruebas-certificacion/modelos>), consist of a test for each of the 4 communicative skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. **Getting a vacancy** can be hard, particularly in certain levels, muy complicado, because everybody wants to study here, so if you are considering this possibility find out about dates for *preinscripción* at the EOI you wish.

Andalucía has **51 Escuelas or EOIs**. At **EOI Málaga** <http://www.eoimalaga.net/>, for instance, the largest by far in the Málaga province, you can study Spanish as a foreign language, English, French, German, Chinese, Arabic, Greek, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese and Italian. At **EOI Fuengirola** <http://eoiFuengirola.es> you can study English, German, French, at **EOI Marbella** <http://eoiMarbella.es/>, English, German, French, Arabic, Spanish as a foreign language. In the Málaga province you also have: **EOI Estepona**, **EOI Ronda**, **EOI Axarquía** (Vélez-Málaga), **EOI Antequera** and **EOI Coín**.

EOI Fuengirola <http://eoiFuengirola.es> is small but we have a severe lack of space. We share the building with two other public Schools, the *Centro de Educación a Personas Adultas* and the municipality art workshops where you can learn to draw and paint, do etchings, tapestries, ceramics, sculpture. In spite of this space problema we are dearly appreciated by our students. In a 2015-16 survey,

<http://eoifuengirola.es/documentos> everybody ticked the box saying they'd recommend people to use this resource for language learning.

This year it's our **25th anniversary** at **EOI Fuengirola** and here are some things we're doing to celebrate it...

- **Publications.** My C1 Resource Pack, to help advanced learners keep their level and develop it further, has opened a new collection called "Learning to Learn", *Aprender a aprender* (Collage). The pack can be downloaded for free in pdf format or bought at the school for 12 euros (cost Price)
<http://www.talkingpeople.net/tp/ra/c1/c1resourcepack/c1pack.htm>
- **Talks.** Thanks to the cross-curricular subject of Education for Equality <https://coeducacioninteligenciafeminista.wordpress.com/> this year two extraordinary feminist thinkers are coming to give a talk: Coral Herrera Gómez on love (March 13) and Eulàlia Lledó Cunill on language (April 25), two key issues for a good life. [IES Fuengirola nº1](#), a high school nearby, is kindly allowing us to hold the event in their conference room.
- **Multimedia 25 Years Magazine and... Fiesta!** On **March 19** the head will present a multimedia magazine we've been working on this year, and then we will party: each classroom will become a workshop, a dance floor, a conference room, a dining place of its own! For more info check out "Novedades" on the School's website.

I hope I've been informative enough!;Saludos!



COEDUCACIÓN
**NOMBRAR A LAS MUJERES
POR QUÉ EL LENGUAJE IMPORTA**
conferencia de
Eulàlia Lledó Cunill
Doctora en Filología Románica (UB)
Investigadora de los sesgos sexistas y
androcéntricos de la literatura y la lengua
y de su repercusión en la enseñanza
25 abril 18.00 horas
I.E.S. Fuengirola nº1 Camino de Santiago 3
Organiza: **EOI Fuengirola** 25 Aniversario (1992-2017)
Web de Lledó Cunill
mujerpalabra.net – Pensamiento – Sobre lenguaje
<http://www.mujerpalabra.net/pensamiento/lenguaje/eulalialledocunill.htm>
Algunos libros...



**De mujeres y
diccionarios
(sobre DRAE)**
Descargable en
web de la autora
**Cambio
lingüístico y
prensa**
(Laertes, 2013)

