



BCNLIP

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ACTIVITY REPORT 2025



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Editorial

As founder and director of the BCNLIP Foundation, it is an honor to share this annual report, which enthusiastically and gratefully summarizes our activities during the year 2025. This foundation has a clear mission: to promote education and culture as drivers of integration and social transformation, especially for those in vulnerable situations.

The need for an organization like this became evident in the day-to-day operations of BCNLIP Language School, which I founded over 15 years ago in Barcelona's Gothic Quarter. There, direct contact with diverse realities highlighted the urgent need to create a space specifically for people at risk of social and educational exclusion. Thanks to the initial impetus and the school's exclusive financial support, we were able to structure the team, consolidate the infrastructure, and take the first steps with autonomy and conviction.

We started language classes (Catalan and Spanish), developed adult literacy programs, and hosted service-learning students in partnership with BCNLIP Language School, who not only contributed to the educational field but also participated in various cultural activities.

One of our goals this year was our participation once again in La Mercè, one of Barcelona's most iconic festivals, and the "My Memories" project with the Pati Llimona Senior Citizens' Center, with the support of the Generalitat of Catalonia. We are delighted to have connected with the city through an active, inclusive, and meaningful experience.



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Editorial

Let's look forward to the coming year with enthusiasm and commitment. We hope to strengthen our partnerships with like-minded organizations, allowing us to expand our impact and continue building a more cohesive, inclusive, and culturally enriched society. Because we firmly believe that access to education and culture is a right that transforms lives.

Sofia Pariente Buzón
Director



02 About the Foundation

Mission

The BCNLIP Foundation's mission is to contribute to building a more just and equitable society. Therefore, we develop educational programs for people at risk of educational exclusion, offering them opportunities for linguistic and professional training. Another fundamental pillar is the creation and implementation of cultural projects and activities that promote social inclusion, intercultural dialogue, and civic participation.

Vision

To be a leader in promoting social and educational inclusion through the teaching of Spanish and Catalan, contributing to the building of a more diverse, equitable, and cohesive society. Our goal is to be a driving force for transformation, where education and culture serve as the bridge connecting people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances, fostering their participation in the community and in the professional sphere.





03 Team

Our team is made up of professionals with experience in education, management, communication, and culture, both in Catalonia and abroad. Our teachers have training in Spanish as a Foreign Language (ELE), university degrees, and educational technology skills to facilitate effective learning for our students.

We work with empathy and commitment towards people at risk of educational exclusion, promoting their inclusion in local culture and society. Furthermore, our cultural management team promotes artistic activities and projects to encourage participation and integration within Barcelona's communities.



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Team



Address: Sofía Pariente Buzón

Born in Barcelona, she moved to the United States at the age of seventeen, where she completed her secondary education. In 1997, she earned her degree in English and Hispanic Philology from the University of Barcelona, and later pursued postgraduate studies in Postcolonial Literatures. In 2001, she participated in International House's program for teachers of Spanish as a foreign language, and from 2002 onward, she taught in various schools in Barcelona. In 2008, she founded BCNLIP, which she has directed ever since, and where she has also taught. In 2023, she established the BCNLIP Foundation, with the aim of contributing to the education and cultural immersion of people at risk of social and educational exclusion.



Academic Coordination: Judith Benítez Ávila

A graduate in Arabic Studies from the University of Barcelona, she later completed a master's degree in Spanish as a Foreign Language. Since 2009, she has been involved in education, beginning her career as a teacher and tutor in various schools. In 2013, she had her first experience teaching Spanish in Granada. Between 2017 and 2020, she taught Spanish in Morocco.

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Team



Catalan teacher: Gagandeep Singh

He was born in Amritsar Sahib, Punjab. There he studied computer science and worked in the family business. He has lived in Barcelona for 12 years. He is an intercultural mediator and works for various organizations, including the Barcelona City Council and the Government of Catalonia.



Spanish teacher: Daniel Holgado Vargas

He has worked as a teacher of Spanish as a foreign language and has taught Spanish, Peruvian, and Latin American literature, as well as Spanish grammar. He holds a Master's degree in Advanced Studies in Spanish and Latin American Literature from the Faculty of Philology at the University of Barcelona. In addition, he has studied Humanities with a focus on linguistics and literature in his home country. He is passionate about poetry and promoting traditional folk music. He also volunteers as a Spanish language partner for an organization that welcomes migrants from around the world and promotes the integrity, acceptance, and human rights of all people in vulnerable situations, always with full respect for cultural and religious diversity.

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Spanish teacher: Luis Barrios Navas

Luis is originally from Venezuela and holds a degree in Education with a specialization in Spanish Language and Hispanic Literature from the University of Los Andes. He has worked in various educational centers in his native country and in several schools and institutes in Peru, teaching children, teenagers, and adults. During his ten years of service, he has also worked independently, teaching students of diverse nationalities, which has broadened his cultural perspectives. His interest in literature, languages, history, and art has generally led him to explore various humanities fields. He has lived in Barcelona for several years and has worked in different Spanish as a Foreign Language (ELE) teaching centers.



Spanish teacher: Viviana da Costa

Born in Caracas, she has lived in Venezuela, Portugal, and, since 2012, in Spain. During her time in Spain, she discovered her passion for teaching her native language and sharing different cultures. In 2020, she decided to formally train as a Spanish teacher and completed a Master's Degree in Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language at Francisco de Vitoria University. She is also a certified DELE examiner for students at levels A1, A2, B1, and B2 through the Cervantes Institute.

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Catalan teacher: Xavier Escudé

Born in Barcelona in 1985, he graduated with a degree in English Philology from the University of Barcelona, lived in Germany for a time, and then moved to Madrid to study for a degree in German Philology at the Complutense University of Madrid. He holds a teaching qualification (CAP) and has worked for many years as a secondary and high school teacher of English, German, Spanish, Catalan, and literature. He currently works at Bcnlip as a Spanish as a Foreign Language (ELE) and Catalan teacher. He has specific training in ELE (International House course) and has completed courses at the Cervantes Institute. He loves literature and is currently pursuing a master's degree in literature at university. Literature and teaching are his great passions.



Cultural coordination: Pablo Casals Valenzuela

Actor, theater director, teacher, and cultural manager. Since 2002, he has directed several plays in Chile, premiering them in the capital's most important theaters. As an actor, he has participated in film and television productions, including: La Ofis (Chile, Canal 13), an adaptation of the BBC series The Office; the film Invierno by renowned Chilean writer and filmmaker Alberto Fuguet; and the television series La Chúcará (Televisión Nacional de Chile, TVN). Since 2005, he has taught at various higher education institutions in Chile. In the field of management, his work as executive and programming director of the Sidarte Foundation and Theater (Chilean Actors' Union); general coordinator of the Santiago Theater Network; and coordinator of the Santiago Cultural Foundation stands out.

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Communication: Cassius Guimarães

Born in Brazil, he has over twenty years of experience in corporate communications: public relations, marketing, branding, and events. He has worked for clients such as Tetra Pak, Volkswagen, Chevrolet, Lenovo, Atlas Schindler, Faber-Castell, and the Brazilian government. He holds a degree in communications and a postgraduate degree in science communication, as well as training in psychoanalysis. He speaks Portuguese, English, Spanish, Catalan, and German. Before moving to Barcelona, he lived in three different cities in Brazil—including São Paulo, the largest city in the Southern Hemisphere—and also in Bavaria, Germany.



Administration and finances: Marta García González

A graduate in Business Administration from EAE and with a Master's degree in Economic and Financial Management from ESADE, she has worked in accounting departments, including in the construction and financial sectors. She also lived for several years in New Zealand, where she completed her doctoral thesis and conducted research focused on sustainable tourism in the South Pacific islands and developing economies. Upon returning to Spain in 2019, she began working in the accounting department of BCNLIP.

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Activities Education



04 Activities · Education

For a migrant, any real integration process necessarily begins with a knowledge of the language or languages spoken in the new social environment that welcomes them.

That's why we offer various Spanish and Catalan courses, primarily for people at risk of educational exclusion, because we understand languages as tools for connection, participation, and coexistence. For this reason, we develop literacy programs, as we have observed a significant rate of illiteracy, and we believe it is essential to support them by working from the ground up.

For all these reasons, we have a highly qualified teaching staff who maintain a constant ethical commitment to education and social inclusion. Our aim is to ensure that people at risk of educational exclusion acquire the personal and professional resources necessary to develop autonomously and with full equality of opportunity.



04 Activities · Education

Spanish

90 hours

- **Level A1**
 - January – June
- **Level A2**
 - June - October

45 hours

- **Spanish for rootedness**
 - March – August
 - Monthly

30 hours

- **Level A1**
 - April – July

30 hours

- **Level A2**
 - November - December
 - For Barcelona Activa



Subsidized

- **Level A1**
 - September - December
 - 90 hours
- **Spoken Spanish + Literacy**
 - September - December
 - 120 hours
- **Subsidy:**
 - Barcelona Provincial



04 Activities · Education

Catalan

45 hours

- **Catalan for rootedness**
 - January – December
 - Monthly

70 hours

- **Level A1**
 - September 25 – January 26
- For the Association of Single-Parent Families



30 hours

- **Level A1**
 - November - December
- **Level B1**
 - November - December
- For Barcelona Activa



Subsidized

- **Level A1**
 - December 25 - February 26
 - 90 hours
- **Subsidy:**
 - Government of Catalonia – Department of Language Policy



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Activities Culture



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Activities · Culture

The purpose of the cultural area is to develop, organize and promote social and cultural activities and projects aimed at the foundation's students and also at the general public, fostering inclusion and encounter, opening participatory and democratic spaces that allow for creativity and reflection through the arts, cultures and heritage.



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Activities · Culture

Cultural immersion activities

The BCNLIP Foundation promotes a learning model in which the language is experienced beyond the classroom. Language immersion and intercultural classes allow students to practice the language in real-world contexts, fostering their integration into the social and cultural life of Barcelona.

Through activities tailored to each level, participants interact with the environment and develop communication skills while discovering the city's services, history, and traditions. These experiences not only foster language learning but also intercultural understanding, essential for full and conscious integration.

These classes reinforce the commitment of the BCNLIP Foundation to participatory teaching, based on direct interaction with the social context, and on the promotion of values of diversity and intercultural coexistence.



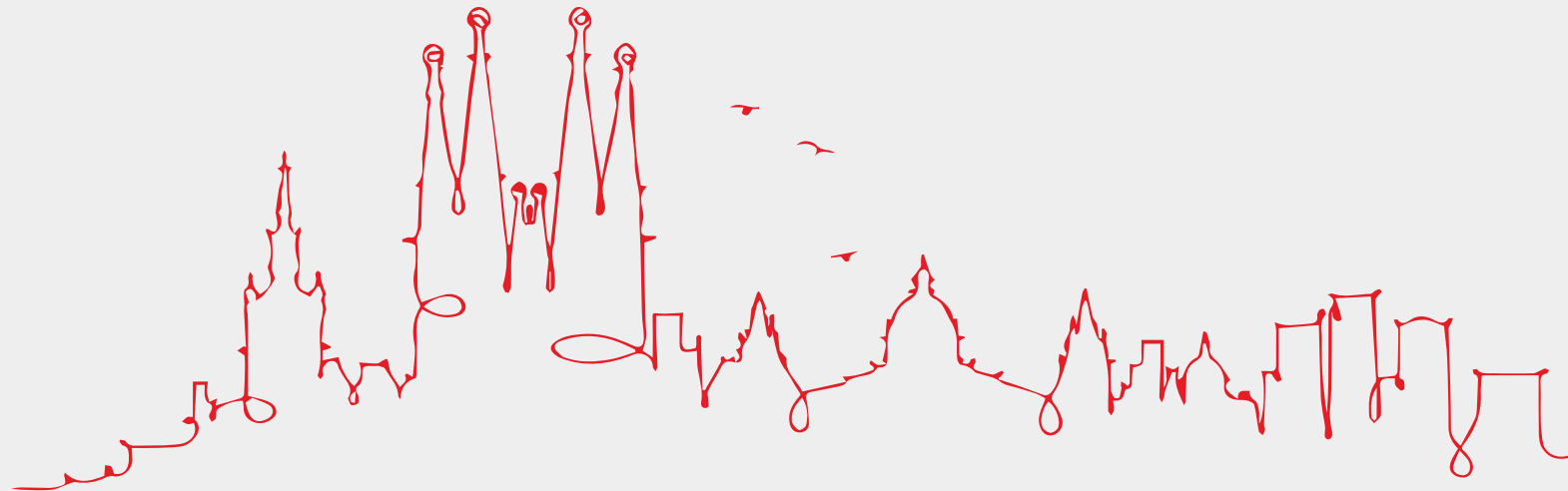
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Activities · Culture

Cultural and social activities

The Foundation actively participates, both through its own projects and in collaboration, in the city's main celebrations, with particular emphasis on the Fiesta de la Mercè and the Gothic Quarter Festival. At both festivals, we offer cultural activities open to all citizens, fostering an enriching dialogue between art, culture, and the local area.

We also organize and collaborate with various groups in carrying out social activities and actions aimed at supporting people who are often marginalized or invisible, while promoting community interaction.



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Activities · Culture

Cultural and social activities

Cultural immersion activities

Cultural routes for students throughout the year



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Activities · Culture

Cultural and social activities

San Juan 2025

Celebration at the Arc de Triomf

Sociocultural integration: participation in the celebration organized by the Casc Antic Neighborhood Association



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Activities · Culture

Cultural and social activities

Gothic Festival 2025

Cultural route: Migrant Barcelona



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Activities · Culture

Cultural and social activities

Gothic Festival 2025

Talk: Untranslatable

📍 Pati Llimona Civic Center

With the participation of the Connectats collective and the collaboration of the Barcelona City Council, Ciutat Vella district



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Activities · Culture

Cultural and social activities

La Mercè 2025

Cultural Route: Echoes of Barcelona – South Asia



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Activities · Culture

Cultural and social activities

La Mercè 2025

Open Dialogue: Echoes of Barcelona – South Asia

Interview with Gagandeep Singh, intercultural mediator, teacher and spokesperson for the Sikh community of Catalonia



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Activities · Culture

Cultural and social activities

Solidarity Paella Friends of La Rambla 2025
Fundraising for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
Event organized by Amics de La Rambla



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Activities · Culture

Cultural and social activities

My memoirs

Project to encourage the production of texts and videos in Catalan

In collaboration with the Pati Llimona Senior Citizens' Center. With the support of the Department of Language Policy of the Government of Catalonia.



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Activities · Culture

Cultural and social activities

Christmas Party 2025

Culinary competition and celebration with students from the MONLIP Community



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Activities Volunteering



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Activities · Volunteering

Program

- A total of eleven people have participated in the volunteer program
- June-July training course
- Monthly tutoring
- Seeking volunteers for the Sant'Egidio community's Christmas lunch 2025



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Activities · Volunteering

Activities carried out by volunteers

- Basic English course, two hours per week, from January to December
- Drawing and painting workshop
- Nutrition workshop
- Support in literacy classes
- Support for cultural events



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Communication

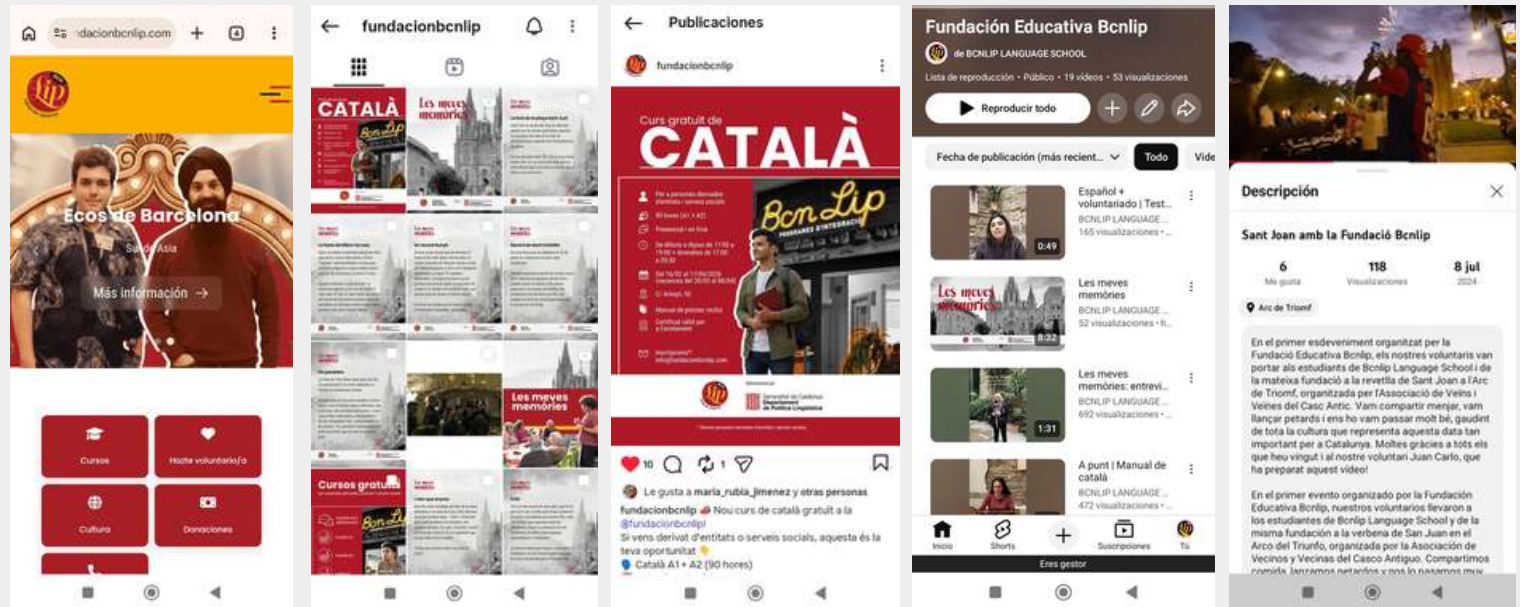


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Communication

Marketing digital

- Website
- Instagram profile (@fundacionbcnlip, +900 followers)
- Exclusive playlist on the BCNLIP Language School YouTube channel (+13,000 subscribers)



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Communication

Print marketing

- Clear visual communication available in the center to guide students
- Brochures and posters for events



INFORMACIÓ GENERAL

Horari d'atenció
Dilluns a divendres, 12:00-18:00
Dissabtes 10:00-14:00

Aforament
52 places

Direcció
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Email: info@bcnlp.com
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BCNLP Foundation

CONEXIÓ-NOS I DONA

Donate

Donos gratuïts per a persones amb risc d'exclusió educativa.
Free courses for people at risk of educational exclusion.

fundacionbcnlp.com



FESTA MAJOR DEL GÒTIC 2025
DEL 8 A L'11 DE MAIG

Celebra amb la **Fundació BCNLP**

10 de maig del 2025

RUTA
La Barcelona migrant
16:00 a 17:45
Punt de sortida: Centre Cívic Patí Llimona

PRESENTACIÓ Intraduïbles: Lectura oberta de relats migrants
18:00 a 19:30
Lloc: Centre Cívic Patí Llimona

Més informació: fundacionbcnlp.com o per whatsapp

Organització: Centre Cívic Patí Llimona
Participació: connectats
Amb la col·laboració de: Ajuntament de Barcelona, Diputació de Barcelona, Consell de BarCELONA, Institut de Cultura de Barcelona



MERCÈ 25
इष्टे वेंदेशे
Ecos de Barcelona

Ruta cultural
Seguirem les traces del sud asiàtic al Casc Antic de Barcelona amb Ulvi Pérez, periodista i director de BCNLP.
27/09 de 18:00 a 17:30
Punt de trobada: BCNLP - Pl. Duc de Medinaceli, 6
Places limitades

Diàleg obert
Xerrada amb Jaggi Singh, mediador intercultural, docent i portaveu de la comunitat Sikh de Catalunya.
27/09 de 18:00 a 20:30
Punt de trobada: BCNLP - Pl. Duc de Medinaceli, 6
Places limitades

Apuntat-te!



FIESTA Y CONCURSO DE NAVIDAD
Christmas Party & Contest

SABORES DEL MUNDO
Flavors of the world

BCNLP
Pl. Duc de Medinaceli, 6
19 de diciembre - December 19th
13:30 - 1:30 PM

PREMIOS PARA LOS MEJORES PLATOS
Prizes for the best dishes

- 3 meses de descuento en la renovación de tu curso
- 3 months discount on your course renewal
- 1 cesta de Navidad
- 1 Christmas basket
- 1 boleto de la lotería de Navidad
- 1 Christmas lottery ticket

INSCRÍBETE Sign up



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Collaborations



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Collaborations

Entities with signed agreements

SJD Sant Joan de Déu
Serveis Socials · Barcelona

ÀMBIT
PREVENCIÓ

CEA(R)
Comisión Española
de Ayuda al Refugiado

suara
COOPERATIVA

Associació
Famílies
Mono-
parentals

AE RAMASSÀ

FUNDACIÓ
PA DELS
POBRES
BARCELONA

Other entities with which we collaborate

+ Creu Roja

ARCOIRIS
BARCELONA

INICIATIVES
SOLIDÀRIES

CCAR

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Collaborations

Other types of agreements



Collaboration through student internships



Catalan and Spanish courses



Members of the association

Medium



Spanish, Catalan and literacy courses



Catalan courses and a cultural project to promote the Catalan language





Bonello
PROGRAMES D'INTEGRACIÓ



Thank you!

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