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Abstract: 'Perspectives on English Language Learners' Culture and Identity Development in Ireland' aims to deliver insights into multicultural communities in Ireland. Specifically, the maintenance of heritage languages in Dublin’s Romanian, Lithuanian and Polish communities will be investigated, along with exposing the challenges and identifying the methods of retaining a heritage language and culture. Deeper societal understanding and appreciation of international communities who are currently at the margins of mainstream Irish society will be fostered. Often in Ireland, environments for learning heritage languages tend to be hidden from the mainstream. Exposing these environments will create an inclusive Irish learning and living environment.