

National Languages and Literacy Institute of Australia

National Languages and Literacy Institute of Australia [Publications Catalogue 96](#) and [Corporate Profile](#) Melbourne, NLLIA Publications, 1996.

The Institute

The National Languages and Literacy Institute of Australia Limited (NLLIA) began operations in June, 1990. The Institute is largely funded by the Federal Government and is closely linked to the implementation of policies on language and literacy adopted in recent years by Federal and State governments.

The NLLIA provides national leadership and guidance on language education issues by:

- providing professional development activities for language lecturers, teacher trainers and teachers;
- creating and operating a database/clearing house on language education issues and regularly disseminating information from these;
- facilitating and conducting research needed to improve practice in language education; and
- regularly assessing language education needs by providing advisory and consultancy services to government, unions, business and the community on relevant language issues.

The NLLIA consists of:

- a Directorate located in Canberra responsible for the overall management, co-ordination and policy development work of the Institute. The Directorate conducts the NLLIA's nationally co-ordinated projects in language and literacy education with a policy focus

- the NLLIA Adult Literacy Research Network and the NLLIA Child Literacy and ESL Research Network
- and NLLIA Centres in universities across Australia.

Mandate

The National Languages and Literacy Institute has a charter to improve the quality of language and literacy education in Australia:

“The National Languages and Literacy Institute of Australia Limited will contribute, through research and professional development activities, to improving the quality and relevance of language and literacy education in keeping with the goals of State, Territory and Commonwealth language and literacy policies and Australia’s economic, social and cultural needs.”