

Language maintenance and shift in the Danish community in Melbourne

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Research aim:

This article focuses on the level of maintenance of Danish in the Danish community of Melbourne

Results/Conclusion:

The results indicate that the tendency to shift to English is more strongly pronounced among the earlier arrivals, while the more recent ones often report a strong wish to maintain Danish as the home language and transmit it to their children. However, the results also demonstrate considerable individual variation within generations, both with regard to the informants' linguistic goals and the actual outcomes.

Implications:

Cultural Group(s):

Danish

Location of study:

Victoria (Melbourne)

Age group:

Number included in study:

89

Type of participants:

interviews there were written into 34 case studies of Danish migrants

Research approach:

Qualitative

Type of data:

Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: