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(workshop)

Language, oppression and emancipation

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“Your language is dead. It is forbidden. It is not permitted to speak your mountain language in this place. You cannot speak your language. It is not permitted. Do you understand?”

So speaks the officer in Harold Pinter’s play, *Mountain Language*. This interactive workshop will explore ways in which language is used as a form of oppression as well as a means of emancipation.