

The civic launch of IRiS, the University's Institute for Research into Superdiversity

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This event was organised by the University of Birmingham and Birmingham City Council and attended by members of local government, local businesses and public services, teachers, faith leaders and community groups.

The aim of the event was twofold - for academic members of IRiS to introduce the centre to the participants, and to explore ways in which participants are affected by superdiverse contexts and how the centre could enhance their work. As part of the Superdiversity and Language workstream, led by Professors Angela Creese and Adrian Blackledge (School of Education), [Dr Caroline Tagg](/staff/profiles/elal/tagg-caroline.aspx) from the English Department spoke to participants about the role of social media communication in superdiverse societies, and the need to consider how online practices transform or extend what people do offline.