

### **Microlinguistics Bingo**

#### Objectives:

1. Identify and normalize diversity in linguistic variation
2. Discuss differences and reflect on why speakers may have a certain ratio of homeland to heritage variation patterns
3. Encourage participants to use their language confidently even if it varies from the homeland variety

#### Description:

We use a bingo board featuring English phrases for participants to translate into the heritage language. To reduce ambiguity, each phrase is accompanied by images and hints in the heritage language. For every phrase, there are two or more acceptable translations—one reflecting the homeland variation and another reflecting the heritage variation. Participants are instructed to write the phrase as they would naturally say it. Once everyone has written their translation, the facilitator indicates which colour to use for marking the square—one colour representing the homeland variation and another representing the heritage variation. By the end of the activity, each participant has a colour-coded bingo board that visually reflects the diversity of language use. The activity concludes with a group discussion and reflection session, encouraging participants to compare their boards and engage in conversations about linguistic variation. This fosters an understanding and appreciation of the natural diversity within the heritage language, helping to normalize and celebrate variation.