

The Formentera Council's social welfare bureau reports that from 7.00pm this Tuesday, October 23, the Marià Villangómez library will host an initiation into *Salam al català*, a language-learner's guide made to introduce Catalan to the Balearic Islands' Arabic-speaking communities.

The guide is produced by Plataforma per la Llengua, an initiative offering Muslim newcomers to the region language instruction.

Plataforma per la Llengua is an NGO that strives to promote Catalan as a driver of social cohesion. The group works in different places the language is spoken, with cross-cutting socioeconomic and audiovisual approaches to welcoming immigrants and initiating them into the Catalan language on university campuses, in schools and in the public sector, among other areas.

Following the presentation there will be a discussion with Bernat Joan (sociolinguist), Iris Palomo (immigration department specialist), Wassima Bouhia (a recent arrival and Arabic speaker on the island) and Maria Teresa Ferrer (head of the Formentera chapter of the OCB). Moderation duties will be handled by Vicent Ferrer (linguist and teacher).