

# OUR SPEAKERS

## Ana Alcolea



Ana Alcolea, born in Zaragoza, has been a teacher of Language and Literature for twenty-six years. She lives between Spain, Italy, and Norway. She collaborates with cultural magazines and **Heraldo de Aragón**. Her encounters with readers and her passion for promoting reading among the youth have led her to travel throughout Spain, as well as to Colombia, France, Italy, Andorra, Morocco, Norway, Germany, and the United States. She has been a guest writer at various book fairs in Spain, as well as in Bogotá and Miami.

In 2001, she published her first novel, **El medallón perdido**, and since then, more than thirty titles have been published. Among them are **Donde aprenden a volar las gaviotas** (Lista de Honor del Premio CCEI), **La noche más oscura** (Premio Anaya 2011, Premio CCEI 2012, Lista White Ravens 2012), **Napoleón puede esperar** (Finalista Premios Templis 2013), and **El abrazo de la sirena** (Finalista Premio Ignotus 2020). Several of her books have been included in the prestigious annual list of the **Fundación Cuatrogatos** (and **Las chicas de la 305** won its award in 2023). In recognition of her literary career, she received the **Premio Cervantes Chico 2016**, as well as the **Premio de las Letras Aragonesas 2019**, the **Premio Búho 2020**, and the **Premio de la Fundación José Antonio Labordeta 2021**.



## Marie Mahon



Marie has worked in the area of second language teaching and learning for over 25 years, teaching EAL and Spanish in Ireland, Spain, and the U.S. Marie holds a B.A. in Applied Languages from the University of Limerick (Spanish & French), an M.A. in Spanish from San Diego State University, where she specialized in the Teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language, and has completed extensive study in the area of Teaching Spanish as a Second Language in conjunction with the Universidad de Valladolid, Spain, where she has completed the taught part of her Ph.D. programme in Applied Linguistics.

She is currently working in conjunction with best-selling author, Niamh O'Rourke (author of **Viel Spaß & J'exelle à l'écoute**) and CJ Fallon in the area of materials development for the Spanish Junior Cycle. She has recently written the **Spanish aural book for Junior Cycle ¡Te escucho!**



## Concha Julián



Concha Julián is a technical educational advisor in the **Consejería de Educación del Reino Unido e Irlanda**, under the Embassy of Spain in Dublin. She has been a foreign language teacher and head of studies at secondary schools in Seville. She has also been a visiting professor at the University of Aberdeen and the University of Aston (United Kingdom). She obtained her doctorate in **AICLE (CLIL)** with international recognition from the University of Seville, where she also served as a professor. She has been an external professor in the Master's Degree in **Enseñanza Bilingüe** at the **Universidad Pablo de Olavide** (Seville) and the **Universidad Internacional de Andalucía (UNIA)** and is part of the **grupo de investigación ReALL** at the University of Huelva. She has collaborated as a teacher trainer for secondary education with **Centros del Profesorado y de Recursos** in Spain and with European educational institutions and universities. Her publications and research focus on language teaching and learning from an affective perspective, **AICLE (CLIL)**, teacher collaboration processes, and leadership in educational centers.

