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### New Year New Start Middleton!

<http://www.tinyurl.com/nynsmiddleton>

### Direct Line Group

<http://www.directlinegroupcareers.com>

### Leeds City College

<http://www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk>

### Leeds College of Building

<http://www.lcb.ac.uk>

### Jobseekers' Advice Service from Leeds Libraries

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/jobsearch>

### Middleton Work Club

<http://www.healthforall.org.uk/>

### Jobshop Sessions @ St George's Centre

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Jobshops.aspx>

### National Careers Service

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

### JobCentre Plus

<https://www.gov.uk/jobs-jobsearch>

### Volunteer Centre Leeds

<http://www.val.org.uk/page/volunteering>

### Everything Is Possible!

<http://www.everythingispossible.eu>

### Business and Patent Information Services

<http://www.businessandpatents.org>

### Get IT Together

<http://www.citizenonline.org.uk/project/leeds>

### Leeds City Credit Union

<http://www.leedscitycreditunion.co.uk/>

### Europe Direct Leeds

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## New Year New Start Middleton!

**Where?** Middleton Library, St George's Centre, St George's Road, Middleton, Leeds, LS10 4UZ  
**When?** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013 1pm-5pm.

Local residents will be invited by door-to-door mailing to come along for help and advice on looking for a job, learning and training, volunteering, self-employment and running a business, and money management.

There will also be face painting and craft activities for the children, goody bags, free refreshments, and ten chances to win shopping vouchers.

The previous two editions of NYNS have been very well attended, so we are hoping for a good turn-out!

These organisations will be there to help

**Direct Line Group** - find out about careers with one of Leeds' biggest employers

**Leeds City College** - courses to help you: Get a job, Retrain, Learn a new skill, Develop a hobby

**Leeds College of Building** - find out about training for construction related jobs

**Learning Partnerships** engage communities and inspire individuals to achieve and improve their life chances!

**Jobseekers' Advice Service from Leeds Libraries** includes one-to-one sessions with qualified advisors, and Work Clubs

**Middleton Work Club** - Health for All will be promoting the local Work Club

**Jobshop Sessions @ St George's Centre** - if you're looking for work or training why not visit the Jobshop to find out how they can help?

**National Careers Service** provides information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work opportunities

**Jobcentre Plus** supports people of working age from welfare into work

**Volunteer Centre Leeds** - voluntary work is a great way to gain experience, improve your skills, develop new interests, and meet new people. It will boost your confidence and strengthen your CV!

**Everything Is Possible!** offer international volunteering opportunities for young people

**Business and Patent Information Services** - information and workshops for self-employment, business start up and researching companies for applications and interviews

**Get IT Together** helps community groups and individuals who want to learn more about computers and the internet

**Leeds City Credit Union** provides straightforward, affordable financial services

**Europe Direct Leeds** - for all your European and EU information

There may also be further organizations on the final roster.

For the latest news please visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/nynsmiddleton>

This event is organised by Leeds Library and Information Service, Leeds City Council's Employment and Skills department (the 'Jobshops'), and Learning Partnerships, supported by Europe Direct Leeds.

Welcome to the latest issue which includes news of the forthcoming New Year New Start Middleton! event, a revamp for EURES - the European Job Mobility Portal, and client feedback from the Work Clubs



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A decision to improve EURES, the pan-EU job search network, has been adopted by the European Commission.

Despite high levels of unemployment (over 25 million in the EU) there are still labour shortages and vacancy bottlenecks. Indeed, the number of unfilled vacancies has been on the rise since mid-2009, particularly in high growth areas such as information and communications technologies and the green economy.

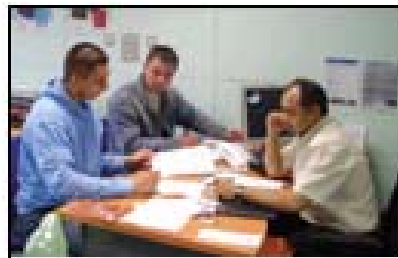
The aim is to make it easier for jobseekers to contact employers looking for particular skills, to focus on sectors and occupations with skills shortages and to support targeted mobility schemes for young people. Young people have a higher propensity to be mobile, and cover forms of employment that combine work and learning opportunities, such as apprenticeships.

EURES will proactively match jobseekers and job-changers to current job vacancies. It will also give employers better access to a pool of candidates where they can find the skills they need to develop and grow their businesses.

Lastly, the EURES web portal will be revamped to create user-friendly online matching tools and access to skills-based labour market intelligence.

## The Library's Jobseekers' Advice Service: The Work Clubs

### some clients' comments



**As we're now coming to the end of the year, we thought it would be a good idea to review what some of the clients of the Work Clubs have had to say about their experience of the service:**

At Pudsey Work Club, we've recently helped an unemployed, experienced Coachbuilder/Vehicle Conversion Technician to improve his CV so that he was not underselling himself, to get the hang of uploading it to emails, and to use online job vacancy sites, including using the right terms in order to pinpoint the right adverts. He's now secured a new job in his preferred line of business, and says, *"They helped me get a job. A big thanks to everyone"*.

An attendee at the session on Volunteering at the Work Club at the Central Library said, *"The session was very informative and helpful. I found a lot of useful information I was unaware of."*

The session in October on ways on searching for job vacancies, *"Has covered a lot of very useful things. It has increased my confidence too. Thank you"*

*"As a novice I found this session very helpful and most instructive and I will continue with further sessions. I am looking forward to achieving my goals and improving my job prospects."*

*"This was extremely helpful, focusing on what I could bring to the job applied for, and she printed out relevant information for me to take away. I feel that the adviser has built up my confidence in a skillful way and helped me to feel able to succeed at interview."*

**Quite often attendance at a Work Club session will result in a subsequent one-to-one appointment with an adviser (and vice versa). Here's a selection of what those clients have had to say:**

A client wanting to become a registered childminder said. *"The tutor was very good and well informed and put me at ease. The tutor makes it very easy for me to understand what to do next. Thanks."*

*"I was very pleased to get my CV online with Universal Jobmatch. The tutor helped a great deal."*

*"The adviser is very helpful and knowledgeable and patient. Very informative and the experience will get me that elusive job"*

*"People at this library are kind and helpful. They communicate well and are good listeners. I am very pleased with them."*

*"This has been very helpful to have a CV that is up to date and relevant and the adviser is very patient and helpful. Thank you."*

*"Extremely helpful for me. The best careers advice session I have ever had, very focused and practical."*

*"Although I was a little worried about coming, I was put at ease."*