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Getting Involved

This month we supported **Getting Involved: A Conference for the Third Sector in Leeds.**

During the conference the Leeds Involvement Strategy was launched, as well as the new-look Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL), which merged with former Leeds Voice.

It was an inspiring day during which we met some very interesting people and learned quite a bit, too!

Speakers included

- Tom Riordan, Chief Executive of Leeds City Council
- Antonia Mochan, Head of Networks at the European Commission Representation in London
- Richard Jackson from VAL

You can read a more detailed report of the day on our website at <http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?p=4372>.

Photos from the day can be found on Voluntary Action Leeds' Facebook page: <http://tinyurl.com/dy6vso9>.

Latest News

Seasons greetings

The team at Europe Direct Leeds would like to wish all their readers happy holidays and a good start into the new year! ☺

Thanks for reading our newsletter every month, letting us know what you think and keeping it interesting. See you next year!

Our January newsletter will be out mid-month, as usual.



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<http://ec.europa.eu/social/ev2012.jsp>

Voluntary Action
Leeds

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

NB. By the way, we are looking at what we can improve on our own website, so please let us know if you have any ideas.

Dates for your diaries

On 25 January 2012 we are supporting the “New Year New Start” event at the Reginald Centre in Leeds. If you are looking for a job or wanting help and advice on running your own business, volunteering or learning and training then this is the event to attend. See which organizations are attending so far: <http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?p=4392>.

Europe Direct Leeds is supporting the event “Leap into action” on 29 February 2012.

The event is free and will provide an opportunity for businesses to see first hand what business support is available from Leeds City Council and a number of other organisations across the city. It is hoped the event will inspire and inform businesses and new start ups to help them develop and grow their businesses in 2012.

In addition the event is being held as a reminder of the huge variety and scope of information and help available from the Business and Patent Information Service based in Leeds Central Library.

The day will include an exhibition area as well as a number of seminars aimed at anyone thinking about starting up or who has already taken the plunge and wants guidance on areas such as sourcing finance, business support, finding office space, tax and national insurance, how to network, protecting new products and developing brands as well as the hot topic of social media and making the best of it for business.

The council have also produced an electronic guide which outlines what support is available and how to get in touch with the relevant department or organisation. The guide is available by emailing katie.dunlevey@enterpriseleeds.co.uk or calling 0113 220 6350. It can also be downloaded from www.enterpriseleeds.co.uk.

