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Latest News

Presidency of the European Council

From 1 January to 30 June 2011 Hungary holds the rotating presidency of the European Council. There has already been some controversy about media and tax laws since the start of their term but we hope they'll achieve what they sent out to do for the EU.

You can find the website of the Hungarian presidency of the European Council at <http://www.eu2011.hu/presidency>.



New Year, New You

New Year's Resolutions

The first couple of weeks of 2011 are over - and how many New Year's Resolutions have you dropped already?

If you are anything like us, you are back to taking the bus all the way, eating sweets before and after meals, buying that expensive coffee on your way to work, and spending too much time on social networks.

But don't worry!

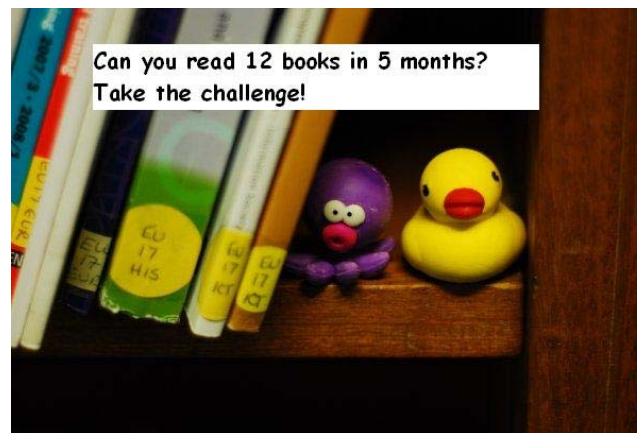
Why? Because we are here to offer you another chance. Well, three actually.

Do you want to improve your conversation skills in a foreign language?

Then come to our drop-in session **on Monday 17 January** in Leeds Central Library (4-6pm) and see if you can find a language exchange partner.

You can find more information on http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page_id=1277

Or were you hoping to read more? Take our reading challenge and read 12 European-related books **before Europe Day on 9 May**. All you need to do is register with us! More information on this can be found on http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page_id=1277



And if you want a new start professionally? Join us at the new Compton Centre (LS9 7BG) **on Wednesday 19 January** (1-5pm), for our "New Year New Start" event. Many organisations will be there to give you information, advice and support on job seeking, self-employment, running your own business, healthy living, learning and training, and volunteering.

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Don't Miss Out Hot Topics in Europe this month

Volunteering
Hungary
The Euro
Schengen space

WebNews Monthly Picks



We like these links...

Eures – the European
job mobility portal

<http://ec.europa.eu/eures/>

The EU. What's in it
for me?

<http://www.the-eu-and-me.org.uk/>

Your Europe – help
and advice on your
life, work, travel, doing
business in the EU

<http://ec.europa.eu/your-europe/>

Volunteer! You can make a difference!

The European Year of Volunteering

2011 is the European Year of Volunteering. It is a celebration of current volunteering activities and a challenge to get everyone involved in volunteering. At the moment three-quarters of EU citizens don't volunteer.

In Leeds we launched the European Year of Volunteering at the beginning of December 2010 (see previous newsletter and <http://twit.mx/RdGw>).

Please see the links below for more information about the European year 2011 and volunteering.



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The European Year of Volunteering
<http://europa.eu/volunteering>

Leeds Volunteer Centre
<http://www.doit.org.uk/>

Volunteering England
<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/>

vinspired <http://vinspired.com/>

European Youth Portal - Volunteer abroad
<http://twit.mx/RdGz>



Thanks and Good Luck

This month we are saying
goodbye to our colleague Michael,
who is leaving us to see the world,
in and beyond Europe.
We will miss him, his humour,
skills and hard work.

Of course Eugene and Priscilla will
change some of their travel plans
to see him in various locations.

