

Can you read 12 books in 5 months?  
Take the challenge!

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## Latest News

### You can still join in to win!

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 to receive your reading passport. Return the passport to us before Europe Day on 9 May and we'll enter you into our luxury prize draw.

More information on this can be found on [http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page\\_id=3249](http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page_id=3249)

## Busy bees!

Spring's (nearly) here

During February and the beginning of this month we have been busy organizing and holding events.

We have celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight with two school classes making Fairtrade bunting to help with the world record attempt (longest bunting)

We have celebrated International Women's Day with some lovely ladies from all walks of life (including two very interesting and engaging talks by Ingrid Sharp from Leeds University and Professor Freda Bridge from Leeds Trinity University College).

We have held our "Food for Thought" event during which we aimed to engage professionals and ordinary citizens (both young and old) in a debate on food, farming, waste and sustainability. Speakers included Councillor Adam Ogilvie, Leeds City Council Lead Member for Leisure, George Munson, Senior Climate Change Officer in Leeds and Linda McAvan, MEP for Yorkshire and Humber.

At the end of the week we're attending the Education Show in Birmingham (see <http://www.education-show.com> for more details on the event), and we are starting to plan our activities for Europe Day in May, as well as European Day of Languages in September.

We have also been busy working on our "Tour of Europe" activities for schools. If you work in a school in Leeds you'll have received an information pack about our services a few months ago.



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### Don't Miss Out Hot Topics in Europe this month

e-content  
disaster management  
foreign aid

### WebNews Monthly Picks



We like these links...

Fairtrade

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

The EU. What's in it for me?

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

The European Year of Volunteering

<http://europa.eu/volunteering>

## Photos: Food for Thought event

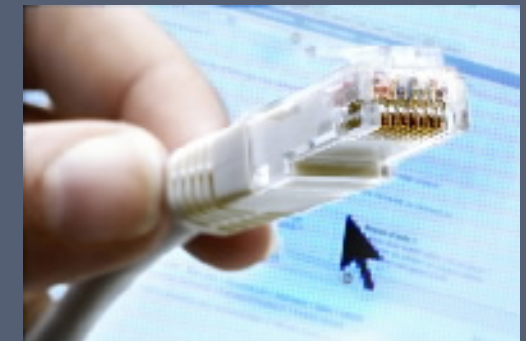
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### This Month's Q&A

**Q: I want to get involved in volunteering. Where do I start?**

**A:** Perfect timing as it's the European Year of Volunteering this year (see <http://europa.eu/volunteering> and [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/big-society](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/big-society)). You can also contact your local volunteer centre (for Leeds have a look at <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/page.aspx?pageidentifier=B064CC5B28198CC980256E1C00563144>)



To see opportunities where you are go to <http://www.do-it.org.uk/>