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## Europe Day 2012

There are many international opportunities funded by the European Commission (Volunteering, Training, Workshop, etc.), but few are known by the public. For this reason, Everything is Possible and Europe Direct decided to celebrate the European Day by sharing these international opportunities during an Open Day on the 9th May at the Leeds Central Library.

We prepared an open market from 13.00 to 19.00 where people discovered, European opportunities abroad. Everything is Possible volunteering and training projects were discussed with the public. Former volunteers were there as well to share their experience.

We also ran two info sessions during which we presented volunteering and training projects overseas.

Around 70 young people came during this day and nearly 30 expressed an interest to learn more about the volunteering and training projects.

Coming Wednesday 16th May, Everything is Possible with the support of Leeds Direct will organise at the Leeds Central Library a second session with 20 of this young people interested by a short term projects. This weekend we will organise another meeting for those who want to do a long term project.

Everything is Possible is a non-profit organisation which offers mobility opportunities abroad.

All the opportunities are supported by the British Council, ECORYS UK, the Youth in Action and Lifelong Learning programme.



'Youth in Action' Programme



Lifelong Learning Programme



## Latest News

### Holidays

Are you already planning your next holiday? Don't forget to apply for or renew your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The EHIC replaced the E111 form in 2006. It is not an alternative to travel insurance but will cover state healthcare in other European Economic Area (EEA) countries and Switzerland.

You can find more information and a link to apply for this free card at <http://www.nhs.uk/NHS/England/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>

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

Citizenship  
Schuman Declaration  
Europe Day

## WebNews Monthly Picks



We like these links...

European Citizens' Initiative (as introduced in previous newsletter)

<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/>

What is Europe Day?

[http://europa.eu/abc/symbols/9-may/euday\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/abc/symbols/9-may/euday_en.htm)

The history of the European Union – with new fact sheets about the EU's founding fathers!

[http://europa.eu/about-eu/eu-history/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/about-eu/eu-history/index_en.htm)

## Languages take you further

### How you can learn a language

The summer holidays are coming closer and you might feel it's time to brush up your Spanish, Italian, Latvian, ... If you don't want to and can't attend a formal course for whatever reasons, why not try learning with online or library materials? There are many free materials out there to suit all types of learner.

Europe Direct Leeds supports language learning and would like to remind you of their Language Exchange Scheme that was launched in 2010.

We run an adult language exchange which aims to help adult language learners to practice their new language skills. This can be between two native speakers or as part of a group that brings together native speakers and learners. You find each other through our language exchange folder and we can even book a table for you.

To be part of the Language Exchange at Leeds Central Library, you will have to register with Europe Direct who are based in the Information Centre on the second floor. For more details, see <http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/eu-learning> (how it works can be found in the terms & conditions), or contact us at [europedirect@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:europedirect@leeds.gov.uk), via twitter or on Facebook.

Below are some websites that will help get your language learning started. These will also help you decide which language is best suited to you. Think about why you want to learn a certain language, as this will help motivate you.

- Radio Lingua: <http://radiolingua.com/> and <http://oneminutelanguages.com>
- LinguaNet: <http://www.linguanet-worldwide.org/> - This project has been funded with support from the European Commission
- BBC Languages: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/>
- OpenLearn from the Open University: <http://www.open.edu/openlearn/languages> - here you can also learn about baking traditions in other countries

Ever wondered about the language landscape of Britain? Have a look at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/voices/multilingual/> to find out more.