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Latest News

Twitter

At the recent AGM of Europe Direct information centres that was held in Malta we were recognised as one of the leading twitter accounts in our professional group. We are very proud indeed and would like to share some materials with you that we have prepared a while ago to help you get into twitter usage too! Have a look at http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page_id=4246.

Twitter is always changing, so make sure you also refer to their help section at <https://support.twitter.com>

Follow us at <http://twitter.com/europedirect>

Upcoming events

We are getting ready for two events at the moment, and then it's nearly Christmas anyway!

One is the **Leeds Summat**. Here's how the Summat team advertise their event:

"We're living through extraordinary times, with seismic upheavals and change: economic, political, cultural, social, media, environmental, and more. But against this backdrop, we have huge opportunities to re-think and re-order the world, locally and globally..."

The Leeds Summat Gathering 2011 is a free, all-day event for people from all walks of life across Leeds and the North – to get connected, be inspired, and work out how we can change our communities, our city, and our world for a better future.

Building on the success of the first Summat in 2009, it will feature special guest speakers and performers, workshops, food, music, arts, film, conversation, and much much more.

It's on Saturday 26th November 2011, from 9am until late, at Leeds University Union and Notre Dame College LS2. Book your free place and/or get full info at www.summat.org. Downloadable flyers at www.t4p.org.uk/summat2011-finalflyer. Or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). See you then!"

We are also attending **Getting Involved: A Conference for the Third Sector in Leeds**. At the time of writing this there were four tickets left (see <http://gettinginvolved.eventbrite.com/>).

The conference will launch the Leeds Involvement Strategy and the newly merged, new look Voluntary Action-Leeds. There will also be participative workshops on Active Aging, Young Lives, the Environment and Health.

Speakers will include:

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

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exchange
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EU hackathon



What, the EU encourages hacking?! I hear you ask. And what is a hackathon? A hackathon is an event when programmers meet to do collaborative computer programming, and the EU has used this event, the EU hackathon, to promote transparency.

On 8th and 9th of November, the first EUhackathon took place at the European Parliament in Brussels, the topic being Hack4Transparency.

The goal of the event was “to get together talented European developers to facilitate the co-creation of tools based on existing code and data sources within a 24-hour time constraint in two distinct and parallel development tracks, both focused on enabling transparency and accountability in the information society. In doing so the event wants to help build bridges between code and law (to paraphrase Lawrence Lessig) by joining hackers (in a positive sense), civil society, industry and legislators for the benefit of all European citizens.”

See <http://www.euhackathon.eu/> for more information and to see the tools that were created during the event. On YouTube (at <http://youtu.be/Lh1BpE4iILM>) you can watch Vice-President Neelie Kroes, who is in charge of the Digital Agenda at the European Commission, at the Awards Ceremony of the EU hackathon on 9 November 2011. Congratulations to the winners, Team Ferioli from Italy. You can see screenshots of their Internet Performance Analysis tool at <http://www.euhackathon.eu/internet-quality-track-tools-created-at-the-hackathon/>.

