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Latest News

Please fill out the latest user satisfaction survey from the European Commission

The European Commission is currently evaluating the services offered by the Europe Direct Information Centres. You can find the survey at

<http://www.ghkint.com/surveys/EDICusersurvey>

We thank you for your participation!

Europe Direct Information Centre Leeds
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Happy European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages on 26 September has been celebrated since 2011.

It celebrates the linguistic diversity in Europe and promoted language learning.

According to <http://edl.ecml.at> the general objectives of the European Day of Languages are:

1. *Alerting the public to the importance of language learning and diversifying the range of languages learnt in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding;*
2. *Promoting the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe, which must be preserved and fostered;*
3. *Encouraging lifelong language learning in and out of school, whether for study purposes, for professional needs, for purposes of mobility or for pleasure and exchanges.*

This year we'll be celebrating on Briggate in Leeds city centre. Meet us on Saturday 24 September between 11am and 3pm, take part in quizzes, win great prizes and learn more about learning languages.

You'll be able to find out about

- linguistic diversity as a tool for achieving greater intercultural understanding
- where you can learn a language in Leeds
- benefits - how it helps you get a better paid job, working abroad, etc.



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We like these links...

Languages take you further: the interactive version
<http://www.europe.org.uk/files/language-app.swf>

BBC Languages
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/>

Correction

Last month we wrote about the Mona Lisa being stolen. Of course we meant 21 August 1911, not 2011!

Back to school Have a great start!

Just a reminder about the EU bookshop...

Managed by the Publications Office of the European Union, the EU Bookshop gives you online access to the European Union's official publications.

All policy areas covered by the European Union institutions: trade, competition, information technology, education, culture, external relations, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, environment, scientific research, industry, enterprise, services, social policy, statistics, etc.

Find out more by going to their website: <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/home>. There you will be able to download publications as PDF files or (for some) order copies to be sent to you at home. A lot of the materials are free.

For ideas on how to engage your students with the European Union and to see the wide range of teaching material about Europe that is available also have a look at Teacher's Corner at http://europa.eu/teachers-corner/index_en.htm. This resource includes websites, brochures, books, maps and posters, and is broken down by age groups.

Get in touch with us
and we'll do our best to help!

We can order publications for your school or organisation in bulk, come to your school fair or attend one of your events.

If you work in a school in central Leeds you should also be aware of the activities we can offer for class visits. These can be arranged via the contact details above.

This Month's Q&A

Q: Is it worthwhile learning another language?

A: Well yes, we think it is!

There are many reasons why you might consider learning a language: emigration, because of friends and/or family, for work, study or research, because you enjoy travelling, religion, culture, ...

The above question was put forward to Radio 4's You and Yours in August 2010. You can listen back to the programme on

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00thxg0>.

What do you think?

