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## Latest News

### Web 2.0

Europe Direct Leeds is currently busy attending meetings about Web 2.0. As you know we already tweet at <http://twitter.com/europedirect> and we are investigating other means, like Facebook and Flickr.

### Readers' Corner

Europe Direct Leeds would like to hear from you! Do you have any Europe-related photos, articles or stories that you would like to share? Email us at [europedirect@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:europedirect@leeds.gov.uk) and we will display them on our website. Go to [http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page\\_id=753](http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page_id=753) to see what's up there already!

## Climate Change

How can you control it?

We all know that climate change is a global problem. Yet each one of us has the power to make a difference. By making small changes in your daily life you can help tackle climate change – and change money at the same time! The message is simple:

### Turn off – Switch off – Recycle - Walk

To find out more about the CHANGE campaign go to [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/campaign/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/campaign/index_en.htm)



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## Europe Direct Leeds invites Leeds schools to take part in: Climate Change Competition

**your climate. your call.**

Go to [http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page\\_id=551](http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page_id=551) for details.



**Creative schools competition**

**What does climate change mean to you?**

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

Climate Change

H1N1 (Swine Flu)

Iceland

## WebNews Monthly Picks



### We like these links...

Enterprise Europe Network

Scotland <http://www.enterprise-europe-scotland.com/sct/>

European initiative in support of consumers

<http://www.gimmetheinfo.eu/>

European Information Association  
<http://www.eia.org.uk/>

Central Europe Review  
<http://www.ce-review.org/01/2/mixednuts2.html>

Swedish Presidency news:  
[www.twitter.com/se2009eu](http://www.twitter.com/se2009eu)

## Until The White Rose Blooms Again. Reflections of a Euro Tyke 1<sup>st</sup> August, Yorkshire Day

It's hard to be modest when you're from God's Own Country. Yorkshire has as many people as Scotland, five times as many acres as the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and has won the county championship 12 times more than any other county (cricket, stupid). Yes, It is hard but here goes. It was Halfdan the Dane who gave us our ridings; our mighty fortresses at Scarborough, Richmond and Knaresborough were built by Norman barons. The magnificent abbeys at Fountains, Rievaulx, Kirkstall and Byland were all Cistercian (the monks took their name from Citeaux in Burgundy). It was the Angles from Schleswig-Holstein that set up the Kingdom of Deira in Yorkshire and what didn't the Romans do for us? Quoting an earlier author, Richard Powell in *'Historic Yorkshire'* writes:

*In the abundance and variety of its Roman antiquities, Yorkshire stands second to no other county. We find camps, signal stations, fortresses, houses, villages, towns: iron-mines, lead-mines, potteries; baths, amphitheatres, temples: cemeteries, inscriptions, altars; and a thousand and one objects of daily life, from the shells gathered by children at the seaside to the jet pins which still adorn the dark hair of one whose beauty otherwise is dust. Before the Romans there were the Celts who came from Central and Northern Europe. Eborakon, Eboracum, Eborac, Jorvik, Yorkshire.*

Turning to football - who was Leeds United's greatest ever footballer? Most people would say it was John Charles, a Welshman who went on to play in Italy. Others might opt for Billy Bremner, a Scotsman whose statue stands guard at the entrance to the LUFC ground. As a second generation Mayo Yorkshireman my own choice would be the Irishman Johnny Giles. But surely we cannot overlook the enigma that was Eric. The Elland Rd ground would reverberate to the sound of 'Ooh aah Cantona, Ooh aah Cantona'. Sadly it changed to a mournful 'Òu est Cantona? Òu est Cantona?' as the mesmerizing magician from Marseille was lured across the Pennines to the Other Place. 'Twas ever thus; the devil, or at least the red variety, plays the best tunes.

The point I am trying to make is that Yorkshire would not be Yorkshire without the myriad of influences it has received from outside its borders. What's more, influences work both ways. Cricket would not be cricket without Yorkshire. Turn to the index of your Wisden 2009 almanac and you will see there is a section on European Cricket. Yes, European Cricket. I think it is a fair bet that when the leather is about to confront the willow on the playing fields of Clontarf or Aberdeen there will be more than one batsman fretting about Sir Geoffrey's 'corridor of uncertainty' and there'll be a fast bowler or two in the reminding himself of Trueman's Holy Grail of 'Line and Length' before charging off like Don Quixote hunting windmills. Is it too fanciful to suggest that when Nana Mouskouri, daughter of a Greek partisan, Eurovision song performer and erstwhile member of the European Parliament sang 'Till the white Rose Blooms Again', she was really singing about D.B. Close, Sir Geoffrey, Trueman and the rest of the lads? Too fanciful by half. But on the other hand Nana sang it first in German at the start of the sixties. Thereafter the sixties was not about LA, Frisco, Woodstock and Liverpool. It was Scarborough, Harrogate, Headingley and Bradford Park Avenue. As Yorkshire won six championships in ten years. Alas, poor Jorvik...

## This Month's Q&A

**Q: I want to work for the European Union.**

A: There are many career opportunities within the European Union. If you want to work directly for one of the European institutions, like the Commission, Council or the Parliament, go to the European Personnel Selection Office at [http://europa.eu/epso/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/epso/index_en.htm) to find out more about application procedures and vacancies.



Another publication to check for vacancies is the Official Journal of the European Union at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOindex.do>