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Latest News

Now you are talking

Language learning has been in the news a lot recently. Less students are taking language GCSEs, language A-levels are down, language department at leading universities, such as Leicester University and Queen's University in Belfast, are closing down – what's going on? Will Britain turn into a country where speaking an additional language is not valued?

Celebrating the European Day of Languages on Saturday 25 September

The team at Europe Direct Leeds are inviting you to celebrate one of the best days of the year with them!

Have fun with languages! There'll be puppets, singing, role playing and lots of moving about too! And things for the grown-ups as well.

This is our programme:

1.30pm-2pm	Spanish for 2-6 years olds and their families, led by Peggy Pantoja
2.30pm-3pm	French for 2-6 years olds and their families, led by Caroline Alexandre
3pm-4pm	drop-in session, led by Andrea and Carolin, on the following:

Using twitter for language learning
Translating information from the internet
World language radio on the net
Access world language newspapers on the net



What else?

- Books and music in other languages to borrow
- Language quiz

Visit our Europe Direct Leeds centre to

- find answers to your questions about the EU
- English not your first language? Try the Citizenship test; basic IT and self learning demos

All welcome!

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Language Learning
Immigration
Energy

WebNews Monthly Picks



We like these links...

Language resources
in the library
http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page_id=1277

eTwinning in the
classroom: a
showcase of good
practice (2008-9):
http://www.etwinning.net/en/pub/news/news/publication_etwinning_in_class.htm

Light Night 2010 – 8 October

See Leeds in a different light!

Light Night was inspired by European events such as Nuit Blanche in France and Notte Bianca in Italy. The concept has spread around the world and takes place in places as diverse as Berlin, Tel Aviv, St Petersburg and Brussels.

Europe Direct Leeds are inviting you to explore the European side of Leeds this year and join in the Light Night celebrations on Friday 8 October.

Start your journey on the ground floor of the Venetian-palace-style Central Library and let our audio tour guide you to the statue of the Black Prince in City Square, past the Louis le Prince building near Leeds Bridge, then back towards Kirkgate Market - the largest indoor market in Europe - and Dortmund Square. We expect that you will see Leeds in a different light!

On the night you can download the trail to your phone or mp3 player, or pick up a print copy in Leeds Central Library, Calverley Street. There you can also chat with someone from our team.

If you want to be prepared or are just curious you can download the Europe Trail at http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page_id=2850

“Around 50 venues will open their doors to host a range of around 80 different arts installations, performances, tours and activities that aim to shed a new light on the city, encourage audience participation, make people think and see Leeds differently and to be entertaining, educational and/or stimulating for visitors. As well as established cultural venues such as galleries and theatres, the event takes over libraries, places of worship, public squares, shops, bars, barges, graveyards, casinos and prison cells.”

http://www.lightnightleeds.co.uk/14_About.html

This Month's Q&A

**Q I want to study again, maybe abroad.
Where can I find information to get started?**

A: Have a look at http://europa.eu/eu-life/studying/index_en.htm. This link gives you a whole range of information about courses, funding, how to get your qualifications recognised, and more. There you can also find information on volunteering and



your rights. You can create a EU-proof CV and language passport at <http://tinyurl.com/ygkpxzm>