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## Latest News

### Celebrating Europe Day

We celebrated Europe Day 2010 by taking the Europe Direct office to Leeds' Roundhay Park.

We had a great day talking to people about the EU, doing crafts and planting sunflower seeds.

You can see photos from the day on our Facebook page.



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This month, Inga Kobzeva, Librarian with Leeds Library and Information Service tells us about the innovative project *Let's Explore Europe*, held at Dewsbury Road Library.

This spring Let's Explore Europe pioneering sessions for KS2 children were met with great interest at the Dewsbury Road Library. I with my colleague Bernadette invited Year 5 from Hunslet Moor Primary School to take part in these cultural activities and everybody was very enthusiastic and excited.

The idea of these activities was to introduce the European Union and find out more about Europe. There were different themes, including Countries, Travelling and Food & Traditions. We learned a lot of interesting things about European countries, like their locations and capitals, rivers and mountains, flags and languages, famous landmarks and people, food and traditions. Every session included both fun and educational activities, such as stories, quizzes, flag making and learning basic Spanish, Italian and French phrases. The final session was devoted to the celebration of cultural diversity within Europe Day. Everybody was welcomed to try a selection of different cakes, biscuits and chocolate from EU countries.

Let's Explore Europe were enjoyable and successful activities. It was a great opportunity to work closely with a local school and build a good relationship. We would like to invite other schools to take part in this an adventurous journey.

If you are interested please get in touch with us at [europedirect@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:europedirect@leeds.gov.uk)



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

Financial stability

Regional and national  
elections across the EU

Volcanic ash

Employment

## WebNews Monthly Picks



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European SME Week  
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## Learning Languages

Why not start today?

It's that time of year again – holidays are looming and you might think: how much easier would it be if I knew the local language of my chosen holiday destination?! Well, why not start learning a few phrases before you go?

This year we are celebrating *Learning at Work Day* (20 May) by offering language taster sessions to staff. Leeds Central Library employs staff from around the globe, so it will surely be a lot of fun once again! We are hoping to offer similar sessions to the public in September, to celebrate the annual European Day of Languages (26 September).

Read more about Learning at Work Day at <http://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/cfl/WorkplaceLearning/lawday/map/map.asp>

One of the websites we find very useful for learning language online is <http://www.c4lpt.co.uk/Showcase/100langlearning.html> It gives links to over a hundred web pages that can help you learn a new language or build on what you already know. Here you can also get a taste of what your chosen language looks and sounds like before committing to learning more of it.

Of course you can also go to your local library and borrow language books, tapes and holiday guides to get prepared for your summer holidays.

### Have a great summer!

By the way, you can see which language materials you can borrow from Leeds Library and Information Service at <http://librarycatalogue.leedslearning.net/TalisPrism/>

On [http://ec.europa.eu/education/languages/languages-of-europe/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/languages/languages-of-europe/index_en.htm) you can find out more about the EU Language Policy and language teaching.

## This Month's Q&A

**Q: Where can I find my nearest Europe Direct Information Centre?**

A: We have recently received several enquiries from people whose local information centre is not Leeds. We are of course happy to help everyone but if you think there is a centre that's closer to you have a look at

<http://www.europe.org.uk/infolinks/-/ctid/8/>



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