



## YELL Project Progress

The aims of the YELL project are to promote modern languages and motivate young people across Europe to actively engage in multilingual communication, including informal and non-formal situations. The network consists of 11 partner organisations from 10 European Countries who are working together to produce a handbook of best practices and a virtual documentation centre. By 2010 both of these will be available on the YELL website [www.yell-project.eu](http://www.yell-project.eu).

The Handbook which is due to be published by July 2010 has 2 main target groups, Stakeholders (Policy/ Decision Makers) and teachers. Its focus is mainly on the concept more than on the practices which are described in the Virtual Documentation Centre (VDC). It also includes 10 samples of best practices amongst those selected by the partners during the project. The Platform for the VDC is ready and all the partners will now be uploading content until September 2010.

## Virtual Documentation Centre (VDC)

At the second YELL thematic seminar in Norway, a prototype of the Virtual Documentation Centre was presented. The Virtual Documentation Centre (VDC) is a database containing the project's selection of examples of best practices in the field of innovative and creative ways of language learning in non-formal and informal contexts. The VDC prototype will be available via the project website ([www.yell-project.eu](http://www.yell-project.eu)) from the beginning of July 2010. You can use it to look up interesting language methods, learn about new language learning ideas and teaching concepts or search for innovative educational tools using a variety of parameters or keywords. The examples of best practices have been grouped into 10 thematic categories i.e. sports, arts, competitions, food and drink, media, press and multimedia. The best practices can usually be used for several languages and are suited for different levels of language competences.

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## Virtual Documentation Centre (cont'd)

For each example of good practice, a concise presentation page with more practical information is available. Particular emphasis is given to the aspect of motivation in language learning and the adaptability of the best practice for teachers' and trainers' own target groups. In some cases, a link for downloading the educational tools used is provided. The VDC aims to be a very practical tool for people working with young people and looking for new inspiration for teaching languages in or outside the classroom.



### Virtual Documentation Centre

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#### Storytelling festival of Alden Biesen

Biggest storytelling festival in Europe. Storytellers from all around the world tell all kinds of stories in their native language, but they adapt their language use to the competence level of the participants. The event takes place in the historic castle complex of Alden Biesen, BE.

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**Category:** Arts: theatre, storytelling  
**Age target group:** under 16 / 16 and older  
**Language(s) taught/learned:** FR, DE, EN, NL, ES, IT  
**Context language use:** Foreign language, L1  
**Language competence:** Listening  
**Competence level CEFR:** B1-B2 / C1-C2

## News from other Language Networks

Below are 2 major language organisations in the UK whose sites you may find useful to visit:

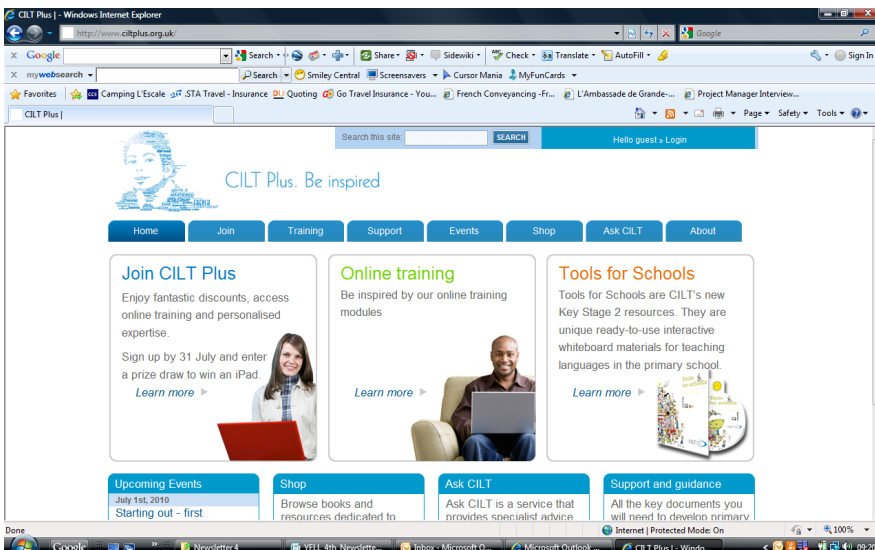
CILT, the National Centre for Languages, announced the launch of CILT Plus, a unique community of teachers and language professionals who want to inspire and develop our future generations of language speakers.

*This learning concept can be organised anywhere, in any language, with or without accessories. Invite an entertaining native speaker storyteller to your class or organisation, become a storyteller yourself or let your students/group of learners perform.*

**URL:** <http://www.alden-biesen.be/vertelfestival/>  
**Organisation:** Landcommanderij Alden Biesen, BE  
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[www.ciltplus.org.uk](http://www.ciltplus.org.uk)



## News from other Language Networks (cont'd)

### Languages Today



Languages Today is the termly magazine of the Association for Language Learning In the UK, and is designed specifically for language teachers.

It contains news from the language teaching world; ideas to help with your teaching; reviews of teaching resources; and information about schemes and projects.

### Why Study Languages?

An idea for a creative activity  
make a multilingual calendar?

You can find an example on the Routes into languages website:



[www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/calendar](http://www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/calendar)



## Events and Courses

### The Languages Show

15-17 October 2010

Earl's Court, London

This three day exhibition and seminar programme offers a range of opportunities for visitors.

[www.thelanguageshow.co.uk](http://www.thelanguageshow.co.uk)



### Opening Times

Friday 15th October	10am—6pm
Saturday 16th October	10am—6pm
Sunday 17th October	10am—5pm

### Conference

LeTs Go' International Conference ICT for Language Learning will take place in Florence on 11th and 12th November 2010. More information about this event can be found:

[www.pixel-online.net/ICT4LL2010/](http://www.pixel-online.net/ICT4LL2010/)



Learning a new language is also about experiencing other cultures and broadening your horizons.



### New ways for intercultural language learning

The EAT project was a European funded project which finished in October 2009. The main aim of the project was linking health education with foreign language and intercultural learning, using a cross-curricular approach.

A course for primary school teachers has been developed for those interested or experienced in intercultural language learning. This course provides a model for intercultural learning through (virtual) exchange and task based learning.

For more information visit:

<http://eatcourse.europole.org/>



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„Give your mind a chance to travel through foreign languages“

Neil Simon

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