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EDIC Outer Hebrides opening hours are 0900 to 1300 from Monday to Friday.

EDIC OUTER HEBRIDES IN THE UISTS

300 students and school pupils recently attended a Careers Convention organised by Skills Development Scotland in Sgoil Lionacleit, Benbecula with 35 exhibiting organisations ranging from Defence and Airport Management to Aquaculture and Electricity Distribution.

Students travelled from across the Uists and Barra to attend the busy Convention.

The Europe Direct Information Centre (EDIC) was invited to attend and provided resources and information regarding job and training opportunities in the EU.

The EDIC engaged with attendees on opportunities for working with the [EU through any of its institutions](#), provided information on the [EURES Job Mobility Portal](#), European Social Fund, the European Youth Portal, careers using languages and funding opportunities through the [ERASMUS+](#) Educational Programme (studying, training, young entrepreneurs, volunteering, and sport).

Upcoming EDIC events include further educational events for the Euroquiz, European Day of Languages, marking of Europe Day, being present at the European Continental Market, and EU helps the Economy.



EDIC OUTER HEBRIDES AT SGOIL AN RUBHA



Pupils learning from some of the resources supplied by the EDIC Manager

and the EU.

Sgoil an Rubha won the heats locally last year, and went on to achieve an excellent 8th place out of the 30 teams in the national final in May where the winner was Carmondean Primary School (West Lothian).

If you would like us to visit your school to assist with Euroquiz preparations or your Europe topics please contact us. <http://seet.org.uk/activities/euroquiz.php>

The EDIC received an invitation from Sgoil an Rubha to assist their Primary 6 class with their Europe topic and associated training for their entry to the local Western Isles heats for the 2016 Euroquiz competition.

The Euroquiz is organised by the Scottish European Educational Trust (SEET) who aim to promote and encourage education about Europe to students in schools and universities by working alongside the Parliament, Commission, and other organisations.

Furthering this aim, SEET runs an annual Euroquiz for Primary 6 pupils in Scotland which sees teams of four working together to broaden their knowledge of Europe covering history, geography, sport, culture, languages

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THE EUROPEAN 112 EMERGENCY LOGO TO INCLUDE GAELIC VERSION



The high mobility of European citizens shows how important the [Europe-wide standard emergency number 112](#) is, which can be dialled everywhere without an area code from a mobile or fixed phone free of charge.

To mark the 25th anniversary this July of the European emergency number 112, the project "One Europe - One Number: 112" led by Europe Direct Stuttgart aims to translate the Europe wide emergency logo shown into all EU languages including some of the EU minority languages such as Scottish Gaelic and Basque.

When a person dials 112, a specially trained operator will immediately identify your physical location and connect you with the local responsible emergency control centre for ambulance, fire brigade or police. The call has priority in radio and fixed networks .

Operators are multilingual in several countries and the number works on all mobile networks, including when "your" network in your current location is unavailable, as well as working in most mobile phones with an active key lock.

112 doesn't replace the existing national emergency numbers. In most countries, it operates alongside them. In the UK the European emergency number 112 is not the only emergency number as it is used alongside the national emergency number 999.

However, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Malta and Romania have opted for 112 as their main national emergency number. 112 is also used in some countries outside the EU - such as Switzerland and South Africa - and is available worldwide on GSM mobile networks.

<http://www.112-one-europe-one-number.eu/>

SCHENGEN UNDER THREAT



In 2015, more than a million refugees and migrants crossed the EU's external border with Turkey and transited through Greece, seeking safety and a better life in other EU countries.

Despite moves to establish migration reception and registration centres in Greece and Italy, not all these hotspots are fully functional or capable of coping with the sheer scale of arrivals.

As a result, some EU Member States have now requested the restoration of border controls for a period of two years, which means bringing to an end the freedom of movement that citizens enjoy within the Schengen area.

In this [video](#), EuroparITV visits the Greek island of Lesbos and the Swedish border region with Denmark to investigate the efforts being made to manage migration.

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/schengen/index_en.htm

FISHERIES FUNDING AWARDED TO EILEAN SIAR

Groups in the fishing and aquaculture industries are being encouraged to apply for a share of money from the European and Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF).

In a UK first, 8 Scottish fisheries local action groups have won a share of the £100 million EMFF worth £6.5 million to support and develop the fishing industry in their areas.

The [Fisheries Local Action Group for Eilean Siar](#) received funding in the sum of £0.528million. Fisheries Secretary Mr Lochhead said:

"The fishing and aquaculture industries make a vital contribution, providing jobs and sustaining services in many coastal communities around Scotland." <http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Fisheries-funding-2257.aspx>

LAUNCH OF EDIC PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The current generation (2013-2017) of Europe Direct Information Centres (EDICs) is at mid-term in its activities and the European Commission are currently preparing the next generation .

A team of external evaluators are to assist in assessing what results EDICs have achieved and strategic adjustments for the next generation.

The evaluation is being complemented by a public consultation running until 4 May 2016.

Feedback is sought from stakeholders such as citizens, organisations, host structures, (regional/local/authorities), schools, educational establishments, youth organisations, and NGOs. http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/communication/take-part/consultations/2013-2017-edics_en.htm