

# ASSOCIATED EVENTS

**European Day of Languages** Tues 26 Sept  
Events throughout Northern Ireland to explore languages.

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**'Europe Means Business' seminar** Wed 27 Sept  
Belfast City Hall 6:00pm-8:00pm

European policies affecting SMEs, Opportunities in the 2007-13 European budget period. Launch of a new user-friendly website on European funding. Admission free, pre-registration required, hot buffet available.

**Contact** Frances Murray, Belfast City Council European Unit

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**Jobscene Belfast 2006** Thur/Fri 28-29 Sept

Odyssey Arena. First-ever Europe wide job fair organised simultaneously across 25 EU States will highlight opportunities for NI citizens to find work in other European countries.

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**'Small World Small Talk'** Wed - Sun 4-8 Oct

**Language learning for young learners.** Belfast Education & Library Board in collaboration with British Council.

Comenius1 Contact Seminar. Residential conference for BELB area teachers and principals to meet and develop language learning partnerships with European colleagues.

Nursery and primary schools only.

**Email** eithnenc@belb.co.uk for course and application details.

**Opportunity Europe goes West** Thurs 5 Oct

Opportunity Europe Day for Primary Schools in the Western Education & Library Board area. **Contact** Lynda McKee

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**Mock Council of the European Union** Tues 17 Oct

Students from across Northern Ireland will represent the 25 EU countries in a meeting of the EU Council of Ministers.

**Contact** Jonathan Stewart, British Council

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**Launch of Belfast City Council's Welcome Pack** Wed 8 Nov

Provides essential practical information for people from other countries coming to live, work in or visit Belfast.

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# OPPORTUNITY EUROPE

highlights Northern Ireland's European links and helps you find out about working, studying, volunteering and travelling in Europe. You can also find out how languages can enhance your life – for work and for leisure. Our two day fair and exhibition brings a taste of Europe to Belfast with food, music, dance, language tasters and useful information.

**OPPORTUNITY EUROPE** is supported by the European Commission Office in Northern Ireland, Belfast City Council, Northern Ireland CiLT, the British Council, the Association of Northern Ireland Colleges, Language Network Northern Ireland, European Voluntary Service, International Voluntary Service, Belfast and Western Education & Library Boards and the European Movement NI Council.

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STUDY  
FOOD  
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AND MORE

**3-4 OCTOBER 2006**  
**ST GEORGE'S MARKET BELFAST**  
FREE FAIR AND EXHIBITION – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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School of Education, Queen's University Belfast

Tues 3 Oct	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Piazza
10:00-10:45	<b>Comenius Language Assistants</b> For teachers - find out how to obtain a language assistant from any one of 30 European countries	<b>10 things about the EU</b> A fun and educational overview of the European Union	<b>Italian Perspectives</b> Hear the experiences and insights of young Italians living and working in Northern Ireland today	<b>10:45-12:00 Radio Broadcast</b> Broadcasting live from Opportunity Europe 2006 in St George's Market
10:45-12:00	<b>10:45 - 11:15 Opening Ceremony</b> – speeches/music/performances			<b>11:15-12:00 Euro-Quiz</b> Teams from Northern Ireland schools pit their European knowledge against each other – only one winner!
12:00-12:45	<b>European Parliament Resources</b> For teachers - find out how to use the new European Parliament teaching resources in the classroom	<b>Working in Europe</b> Local companies share their experiences of using languages to do business in Europe	<b>Bulgarian Language Taster</b> The 9 million people of Bulgaria speak a Slav language and are due to join the EU next year	<b>Music and Dance – live on the Piazza</b> Starting at 15 minutes to each hour  <b>Salsa</b> Experience this exciting fusion of Latino and Afro-Caribbean music and dance  <b>Flamenco</b> From Gypsy origins in North India to the ballrooms of Southern Spain, flamenco now has a world-wide popularity
1:00-1:45	<b>Taking Languages Higher</b> Advice for teachers and pupils on how to continue (or even start) language learning at university	<b>Believe it or Not</b> How we perceive others – a theatre workshop for young people on the theme of anti-racism	<b>Romanian Language Taster</b> 23 million Romanians are due to become EU citizens next year. Romanian is a Romance language, derived from Latin	<b>Turkish</b> Popularised during the Ottoman Empire, Turkish dancing is now a tourist entertainment and great exercise
2:00-2:45	<b>International Volunteering</b> Find out how to participate in international volunteering programmes and gain the experience of a lifetime!	<b>Spanish Perspectives</b> Hear the experiences and insights of young Spaniards living and working in Northern Ireland today	<b>Turkish Language Taster</b> An EU candidate, Turkey already has extensive trading links. The Turkish language originated in Central Asia	
3:00-4:00	<b>Exhibition stands – non-stop salsa/ flamenco/ Turkish dancing /language tasters/Euro-café</b>			

Wed 4 Oct	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Piazza
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11:00-11:45	<b>Ulster-Scots Language Taster</b> A heritage from the Plantation and centuries of sea crossings between Scotland and Ireland	<b>French Perspectives</b> Hear the experiences and insights of young French people living and working in Northern Ireland today	<b>Irish Language Taster</b> Celtic languages were once spoken throughout Europe. Irish is the only working EU language that represents that great European heritage	<b>Euro-Quiz</b> Teams from Northern Ireland schools pit their European knowledge against each other – only one winner!
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