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LIFE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY

Access 1 & 2

Support for Teachers and Students

Websites

Website addresses and their contents change frequently, so we suggest you explore these sites yourself to see what is available and suitable for your pupils.

The flexibility of the unit *Life in Another Country* is such that almost any aspect of life can be studied, provided that it can be linked to one of the 'official' topics. This means that no list of resources can be complete. However, it is amazing what resources can be uncovered on the Internet. Many of the website addresses in this list were located as the result of a search using key words. If you don't know how to do this, one of your students is bound to be able to show you. If you discover any wonderful sites, please let LTScotland know by contacting the officer responsible for Inclusive Education.

Organisations:

Site address: www.eun.org

Comment: European Schoolnet supports use of ICT among schools in Europe by supporting collaboration between schools. Free electronic newsletter delivered monthly to your desktop by email. Subscribe at www.eun.org/newsletter or by sending an email to the editor: brigitte.parry@eun.org

Site address: www.scilt.stir.ac.uk

Comment: Scottish CILT's website has an SEN links page. To suggest new websites, or to signal ones which are no longer available or suitable, please contact Scottish CILT's Information Officer: s.a.kelly@stir.ac.uk

Site address: www.europa.eu.int/youth

Comment: (there is an underline character between index and en)
The European Youth Portal offers easy access to youth related information on Europe. Aimed at 15-20 yr-olds, but the information may be of use to teachers.

Site address: www.britishcouncil.org.uk

Comment: The British Council offers help and advice on developing partnerships with schools all over the world. Email: general,enquiries@britishcouncil.org

Site address: <http://www.eurodesk.org.uk>

Comment: Eurodesk is the Scottish European Resource Centre set up to provide schools and colleges with information on Europe and help with the development of the European Dimension in the curriculum. You can access the European Youth Portal, learn about funding and partnerships, and more. For free publications, go to:
<http://www.eurodesk.org.uk/schoolsandcolleges/teachingresources/freeofcharge>

Site address: <http://www.youngscot.org/channels/europe/>

Comment: This is part of the Young Scot site. Some useful information on Europe and some links. Look for the Eurofacts sections on Countries, Languages and Food.

Site address: <http://myeurope.eun.org/goto.cfm?did=31672>

Comment: Web-based classroom projects. A teachers' guide to collaborative projects may help you to find out more about the pedagogical and instructional benefits of web-based classroom projects. It is now available in seven languages: English, French, German, Italian, Greek, Dutch, and Romanian

Site address: <http://www.etwinning.net>

Comment: School partnerships in Europe. This is the EU's official portal for finding partner schools in Europe. It offers registration, partner finding and online work space facilities.

Site address: <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/CEC/Consulates/consulates.html>
http://www.see-scotland.com/travel_tips/embassies.html
<http://www.glasgowguide.co.uk/info-conscomm.html>

Comment: Lists of all the embassies and consulates in Edinburgh and Glasgow

Site address: <http://www.saltlangs.org.uk>

Comment: Details of events run by the Scottish Association for Language Teaching (including ASN strands), and some classroom language posters to download for free (see under Publications).

Site address: <http://www.globlgateway.org>

Comment: A one-stop shop providing quick access to information on how to develop an international dimension. Links to resources and activities. A British Council website.

Site address: <http://www.idcs.info>

Comment: The first global online forum for deaf children and young people. The site includes a schools network section which supports partnerships between deaf schools worldwide.

Practitioner's sites

Site address: www.valsfrench.fsnet.co.uk

Comment: A quick reference site, designed to give information without having to navigate through lots of pages. By Val Scott, who works as a Learning Support Assistant.

Site address: <http://vs.eun.org/>

Comment: The Virtual School site, run by European teachers for European teachers. Projects change to suit current affairs.

Site address: <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/ecole/jenzat/projects.htm>

Comment: This is the website of Jenzat school in France. Well worth a look, if only to get ideas for developing your own projects.

Site address: http://ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/curriculum/modlang/index_ks1and.html

Comment: Lots of ideas for resources and activities.

About Europe:

Site address: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages>

Comment: Languages Across Europe. A good site for finding out about languages and for practicing how to say common phrases in lots of languages.

Site address: <http://www.cfta.net/lessons/index.html>

Comment: If you are really keen... This is a site about writing internet activities for Foreign Language classes. Sample web lessons and links to a whole range of topics. Some of the activities may be too difficult for your particular students, but the samples will show you what's possible.

Site address: <http://www.europa.eu.int/europago>

Comment: For young people aged 10 – 14. Learn about the countries of Europe via on-line games. Some seem quite challenging, but may be useful. This is a relatively new site, so it may be worth keeping an eye on to see how it develops.

Site address: <http://www.pilotelanguages.com/HomePage.html>

Comment: Some basic facts and figures about France in a colourful and easy-to-read format.

Site address: <http://nationalanthems.us>

Comment: National Anthems Online Forum. Lots of materials to download free and links to other sources.

Site address: <http://www.lvbeethoven.com/Oeuvres/Music-OdeToJoy.html>

Comment: Let your pupils hear the European Anthem in piano or orchestral form. You can find the words here too, though only the 'official' version of the anthem consists of music only.

Site address: <http://www.coe.int/t/E/multimedia/defaultEN.asp>

Comment: A Hip Hop interpretation of the European Anthem?!

Site address: <http://breizhpartitions.free.fr/en/affiche.php?num=217>

Comment: Basic one-line score for the tune of the European Anthem

Site address: http://www.coe.int/T/e/Com/About_coe/flag_guide.asp#P162_4449

and http://www.europa.eu.int/abc/symbols/emblem/index_en.htm

Comment: The official site for images and history of the European flag.

Site address: <http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine/profiles/fr.html>

Comment: Country profiles from National Geographic

Site address: <http://www.mapzone.co.uk/pagesgames/gateway.cfm>

Comment: lots of mapbased games from ordnance Survey, including Scotland.

Site address: <http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/freefun/>

Comment: European flag game, European jigsaw game, etc

Topics:

Site address: www.fromages.com

Comment: All you want to know about French cheeses. In French, English and Japanese. A mainstream site, but as someone said: 'It's how you use it that makes it accessible.' For how it was used as part of an Access 2 programme see the case-study in the LT Scotland publication: *Access in Modern Languages*.

Site address: www.discoverfrance.net/

Comment: This is collection of sites on a web-ring. which you can enter at any point and use to browse topics. Hundreds of links to other sites on the same topic. Have a look at the sitemap at www.discoverfrance.net/France/DF_sitemap1.shtml to see the range of topics currently covered. As an example, there's information on a range of sports; the page for 'boulistes' which as well as telling you about the game provides authentic language to use while you are playing. The Football page includes an English-French soccer dictionary.

Site address: <http://www.germany-info/relaunch/index.htm>

Comment: This is the website of the German Embassy in Washington. It's in English, and there's a section for kids.

Site address: <http://www.about.com>

Comment: This is a family friendly search engine which usually turns up some goodies. Try typing in the topic you're planning to do: Food in France. Sport in Germany, Christmas in Italy, etc.

Site address: http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/content/ask_earl/ask

Comment: A search engine for kids, which includes Guides for teachers and parents.

Site address: <http://polyglot.lss.wisc.edu/lss/lang/teach/teachlink.html>

Comment: Teaching with the Web. A compilation of ideas for using WWW resources for language teaching. It has lots of links to sites that have more tips and information.

Site address: http://www.studentsoftheworld.info/menu_accueil.html

Comment: Students of the World offers photos, virtual tours, penpals, games and more.

Site address: <http://www.montageworld.co.uk>

Comment: A collection of online international curriculum projects, written by teachers. A British Council website.