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## What's on at [www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages)

David James: "We are in the 21st century and if you can't learn another language by now then something must be seriously wrong."

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### **1. Gauge your language**

Are you a complete beginner, quite fluent or somewhere in between? Try our language gauges to find your level and get some recommendations of what content on our website would be suitable for you.

French gauge

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/gauge/index.shtml>

Spanish gauge

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/gauge/index.shtml>

German gauge

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/gauge/index.shtml>

Italian gauge

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/gauge/index.shtml>

### **2. Spanish and French news - new reports**

We offer a monthly supplement in Spanish and French for people who already know some of the language.

In this month's Spanish report award winning journalist Marielos Monzón talks to the BBC about massacres and human rights in Guatemala.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news/index.shtml>

The French report looks at two French sports newspapers and their strategies to appeal to different reader.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/news/index.shtml>

### **3. Property games**

Thinking about buying a property in France? Find out if you can tell your chalet from your château with our online game.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/living\\_the\\_dream/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/living_the_dream/)

Or are you dreaming of settling in the Spanish sun? Try our Spanish property game:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/living\\_the\\_dream/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/living_the_dream/)

And if this still isn't your cup of tea, then maybe an Italian traditional "trullo" style house might tickle your fancy:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/trullo/trullo.shtml>

#### 4. L-train - the language game

Each year people between 16 and 21, from all parts of Europe, participate in a language competition funded by the EC Socrates Lingua programme. The top contestants then travel by train, this year from Prague to Cork and demonstrate their linguistic abilities on the way. Read reports from the contestants about the locations visited, hear rap songs they wrote and watch videos they produced on reasons to learn a language.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/yoursay/l-train.shtml>

#### 5. Foreign language films on BBC Four

Look up the full schedule: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfour/> or check out the channel's A-Z of film & drama: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfour/cinema/>

#### 6. Spanish languages programmes on BBC Two The Learning Zone

Spanish

29 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 28 Nov

0100 - 0300 Spanish Journey

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/languages/spanish/journey/index.shtml>

0300 - 0500 Make Spanish your business

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/business/>

0500 - 0530 Working with the Spanish

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/languages/spanish/forwork/beingthere/>

0530 - 0600 Eurografters - Spain

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/languages/spanish/forwork/gettingthere/index.shtml>

VIVE *la* FRANCE



A Taste of France in the Heart of London

20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2006, London, Olympia

**Come and see us on Stand 31 where you will be able to buy any of our French course materials at 30% discount** - as well as the chance to win one of five free copies of our award-winning *Get Into French* interactive CD-ROM based course! For a free interactive

sample, please visit <http://www.getinto.com> and click on the view demo button (you may need to download QuickTime and Shockwave Player).

Please visit Vive La France's dedicated website [www.vivelafrance.co.uk](http://www.vivelafrance.co.uk) for full details about this fantastic celebration of all things French.

## Language World - 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> April 2006

**Visit us on Stand 48 - for languages, people and a lot more besides!**

The Language World conference and exhibition will take place from 7-8 April 2006 at the University of Manchester, and the theme will be 'Working together'.

You will be delighted to know that not only are we publishing *Talk French* and *Talk Spanish* DVDs for the first time – but we are also producing new editions of *Greek Language and People*, *Japanese Language and People* and *Russian Language and People*. There are lots of other reasons why you should come and see us on stand 48 (for instance we are re-jacketing the entire *Talk* series of short courses with attractive new covers as well as publishing a brand new edition of *Salut Serge! French is Fun*) – and you will benefit too from a 30% discount if you buy or order *any* of our courses!

If you would like a full programme of events for Language World, please contact [SheilaJ@ALL-languages.org.uk](mailto:SheilaJ@ALL-languages.org.uk) or visit <http://www.ALL-languages.org.uk>.

The Association for Language Learning is the major subject association in the UK for teachers of all languages at all levels, keeping you up-to-date and well informed on all that's happening in your subject.

## BBC School Radio New Primary French Programmes

This year School Radio is delighted to offer a new series intended to develop pupils' confidence with spoken French. The programmes use plenty of music and games to capture the attention and feature the voices of many native French-speaking children. Programmes are entirely in the French language but are easy and fun to use.

The series is intended for use right across Key Stage 2 and Scotland 5 - 14 Levels C/D/E. Each programme links directly to the QCA Scheme of work for French and there are also supporting publications available to ensure that you get the very best out of the series.

For further details about the 'Trampoline' programmes, please visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolradio/mfl/> or <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolradio/mfl/primaryfrench.shtml>. Schedule is as follows:

### **Primary French - 'Trampoline'**

1. Salut **12/01/2006** 2. Ma famille **19/01/2006** 3. Les animaux **26/01/2006** 4. Les fêtes **02/02/2006** 5. Le monde **09/02/2006** 6. L'école **23/02/2006** 7. La nourriture **02/03/2006** 8. Le sport **09/03/2006** 9. Les vêtements **16/03/2006** 10. En ville **23/03/2006**

## 2006 Learning Zone Schools Television Programmes Schedule

### Spring 2006

Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January	0200-0400	<i>Revista</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 47670)
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January	0400-0600	<i>Voces Españolas: Talk the Talk</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 52922)
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January	0200-0400	<i>Jeunes Francophones 1-6</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 34423)
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January	0400-0600	<i>Jeunes Francophones 7-10; France 2000 1-2</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 32930)
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	0200-0400	<i>D-Mag; Deutsch Plus 1</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 31404)
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	0400-0600	<i>Hallo aus Berlin</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 30701)
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February	1050-1110	<i>Primary Arabic</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 1851297)

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 0200-0400 *Standard Grade Bitesize French* (Scotland only – VIDEOPlus+ code 78045)

### Summer 2006

Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	0400-0600	<i>GCSE Bitesize French 1</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 45270)
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April	0200-0400	<i>GCSE Bitesize French 2</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 52431)
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April	0400-0600	<i>GCSE Bitesize German</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 44868)
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April	0200-0400	<i>GCSE Bitesize Spanish</i> (VIDEOPlus+ code 85511)

There will be further *GCSE Bitesize* broadcasts in April/May.

And for an update on the adult languages programmes, please visit [www.bbclangues.com/resources/docs/Schedule.pdf.doc](http://www.bbclangues.com/resources/docs/Schedule.pdf.doc) which you can forward to your colleagues or print and copy it.

### **Schools Revision and Homework**

Check the Schools 16+ pages for help with revision and homework, plus advice and help with Key Skills, University and Career Choices and Vocational Training.

For more details on resources for 16 year olds and above visit our website: <http://bbc.co.uk/schools/16/> - or for foreign languages in particular: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/16/languages.shtml>

### **Repeat of Primary Arabic: Life and Language. (1 x 20 minute programme)**

The Arabic language is introduced and demystified as this programme reveals what life is like in one fascinating Arabic city, Cairo, the capital of Egypt.

Amani Zain, a fresh and lively presenter, explains how to say and write a few Arabic words, such as 'hello', 'please' and 'thank you'. As the children learn these, they travel from the Pyramids to Cairo's Islamic heart, Khan al Khalili, a traditional bazaar, and Al Azhar, a mosque that is, arguably, the oldest university in the world. Amani also visits traditional cafes and wanders through ancient streets.

There's a whistle-stop trip through the history of Cairo, from the time of the Pharaohs through its Roman rule, the growth of Christianity and the arrival of the Arabic language and Islam.

There's also the opportunity to meet Danny and his family, who live in Cairo's suburbs. Danny is 11 years old and mad about football. We see him playing football, shopping, studying and having a family meal.

This programme gives the opportunity to have fun with Arabic and discover some of the similarities and differences between the language and English. Pupils can also listen to the correct pronunciation and intonation of Arabic as it is heard around Cairo.

The programme will be repeated as follows:

Friday 02/12/05, CBBC Class TV, 10:20 - 10:40 and again at 12:20 - 12:40 the same day.  
(Please note this is on the CBBC Digital channel.)  
Friday 16th December at 10.50 - 11.10 on BBC 2  
Friday 10/2/06, BBC 2, 10:50 - 11:10

### **Websites for Those Interested in Spanish Language and Culture**

The following websites contain a mine of information about Spanish language and culture - so click away! French websites were covered in the last newsletter – and these will be followed in future newsletters by German, Italian, Greek, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese. If you would like to see websites on any other language, please contact <mailto:tony.hammond@pearson.com>:

<http://www.cortland.edu/flteach/flteach-res.html#spanish>,  
<http://www.speakeasy.org/~dbrick/Hot/foreign.html#Spanish>,  
<http://polyglot.lss.wisc.edu/lss/lang/spanish.html>, <http://www.uni.edu/becke/Spanish3.html>,  
<http://www.forlang.utoledo.edu/BOOKMARK/BookmarkSPN.html>,  
<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/span.html>, <http://www2.etoyn.edu/vl/spanish.html>,  
<http://www.internet4classrooms.com/flang.htm>,  
<http://www.nv.cc.va.us/home/nvhodgm/SpanishWebsites.htm>,  
<http://www.nv.cc.va.us/home/nvhodgm/SpanishWebsites.htm>,  
<http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/mlrc/languages/spanish.html>,  
<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/pages/listspanish.html>,  
<http://www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/eslsp.html>, <http://www.nv.cc.va.us/vflc/spanish.htm>,  
<http://www.colby.edu/lrc/spanish.php>, <http://www.uni.edu/becke/olderspanishwebpage.html>,  
<http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/lrc/lfa/spanishlinks.htm>,  
<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/spanport/spanish.html>,  
<http://www.studyspanish.com/links/help.htm>, <http://www.athabascau.ca/cll/spanish.html>,  
[http://www.salemstate.edu/languages/resources\\_spa.htm](http://www.salemstate.edu/languages/resources_spa.htm),  
<http://www.wfu.edu/~whitley/homepagesites.html#Spanref>,  
<http://www.sheltonstate.edu/library/spanish.htm>,  
<http://www.tenet.edu/halls/forlanguage.html#spanresou>,  
<http://www.cml.bham.ac.uk/support/spanish.htm>,  
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/subject/languages/spanish.html>,  
<http://www.med.unc.edu/ihf/language.htm>, [http://www.education-world.com/foreign\\_lang/classroom/spanish.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/foreign_lang/classroom/spanish.shtml), <http://www.sipuebla.com/spanish-guide.htm>, <http://www.hku.hk/spanish/general.html>  
<http://www.pc.maricopa.edu/departments/library/internet/webliographies/spanish.html>,  
<http://www.sispain.org/>, <http://www.southtexascollege.edu/library/guides/medicalspanish.htm>,  
[http://www.spanish.sbc.edu/Language\\_Sites.html](http://www.spanish.sbc.edu/Language_Sites.html),  
[http://www.tesol.net/links/Languages%20other%20than%20English%20\(Spanish\).html](http://www.tesol.net/links/Languages%20other%20than%20English%20(Spanish).html),  
<http://bubl.ac.uk/link/s/spanish.htm>, <http://webgerman.com/languages/#spanish>,  
[http://www.public.iastate.edu/~savega/us\\_latin.htm](http://www.public.iastate.edu/~savega/us_latin.htm), <http://www7.tamu-commerce.edu/library/mario.htm>, [http://www.globalhealth.arizona.edu/Medical\\_Spanish.html](http://www.globalhealth.arizona.edu/Medical_Spanish.html),  
<http://ejw.i8.com/forweb.htm#span>, <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/languages/1-6-4-7.html>,  
<http://www.wade.org/Spanish.htm>, <http://library.weber.edu/cm/a&h/spanishlit.cfm>,  
<http://www.hull.ac.uk/cti/langsite/hispanic.html>,  
<http://www.lang.ox.ac.uk/langlinks/indivlangs/spanish.html>,  
<http://www.lib.panam.edu/research/websites/redhisp.asp>,  
<http://www.kckpl.lib.ks.us/refdept/spanweb.htm>,  
<http://www.brookes.ac.uk/services/library/lang/internetsites/spainweb.html>,  
<http://pps.k12.va.us/curric/fl/Spanish%20Page.html>,  
[http://www.le.ac.uk/ml/current/spanish/spanish\\_web\\_resources.html](http://www.le.ac.uk/ml/current/spanish/spanish_web_resources.html),  
<http://www.surrey.ac.uk/TLC/Resources/spanish.htm>,  
<http://www.nacnet.org/assunta/lngadd.htm>,  
<http://www.cilt.org.uk/linguanet/websites/spanwww.htm>, <http://www.donquijote.org/linkus/>,  
<http://jeffcoweb.jeffco.k12.co.us/isu/language/spanish.html>,  
<http://www.sheffcol.ac.uk/links/Languages/Spanish/>,  
<http://www.arts.yorku.ca/mlc/Spanish/SpanWebsiteResources.html>,  
<http://www.vuw.ac.nz/library/subjectguides/european-languages/websites/spanish.aspx>,  
<http://www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/reference/vf-europe.html#spanish>,  
<http://www.ipfw.edu/ilcs/SPANLINK.HTM>, <http://www.kenton.k12.ky.us/tr/lang/spanish.html>,  
<http://www.library.yale.edu/wess/iberianlanglit.html>, <http://www.lonweb.org/link-spanish.htm>,  
[http://www.uab.edu/foreignlang/spanish\\_learn\\_practice.html](http://www.uab.edu/foreignlang/spanish_learn_practice.html),  
<http://www.as.ua.edu/lrc/spanish.html>, <http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/spanish/web.htm>,  
<http://www.umich.edu/~iinet/lacs/quechua/summlang.htm>,  
<http://gseacademic.harvard.edu/~comunidad/links.html>,  
<http://www.winona.edu/library/instr/links/splinks.html>,  
<http://www.bergen.edu/faculty/acodding/Links/Language/language.html>,  
<http://www.cus.cam.ac.uk/~cjp16/spanlang/spanlang.htm>,  
<http://www.ouhsd.k12.ca.us/lmc/hhs/spanlan.htm>,  
<http://www.lib.uci.edu/online/subject/subpage.php?subject=spanport>,

[http://www.mongabay.com/indigenous\\_ethnicities/languages/languages/Spanish.html](http://www.mongabay.com/indigenous_ethnicities/languages/languages/Spanish.html),  
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/hispanic/spain/resources/general.html>,  
<http://www.languages.bham.ac.uk/spanish/links.htm>

### **ISMLA (Independent Schools Modern Languages Association) Conference – Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2006**

This Annual Conference will take place at Oakham School on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2006. Those of you who have attended this conference before will know that it is, historically, well attended: 80 - 100 delegates has been the pattern over recent years, and last year at Merchant Tailors', Northwood, they had over one hundred delegates representing the major Public and preparatory Schools who are members of ISMLA. This conference is the major Modern Languages forum for the independent sector, and BBC Active Languages will be exhibiting. This will be a great opportunity to see what we have to offer including the new look *Talk* short courses and the brand new *Talk French* and *Talk Spanish* DVDs!

Speakers will include: Tony Evans (Headmaster of King's College School, Wimbledon) on Internationalism; Helen Wright (Headmistress of St Mary's Calne) on listening skills; Peter Such (Sherborne School & CE examiner) on Common Entrance issues; John Ridge (Ampleforth College) on Health and Safety on language trips; and Rosemary Clark (Downing College, Cambridge) will give a Spanish lecture.

For more details, please visit <http://www.ismla.co.uk>.

### **Changes in Adult Languages Programmes**

The following message has been sent to all members of the Network Forum by Linda Parker, Director of the Association for Language Learning. If you are *not* a member of the forum but would like to express your views, please contact her (details below):

Dear Colleagues

Here at ALL we are very aware that the changes in LSC funding are beginning to have a significant impact on some languages for adults provision. A number of our members have been in touch with us to tell us about difficulties they have been experiencing.

We thought it might be useful to try to find out a bit more about what's happening in the field and would be very glad to hear from subscribers to this forum, whether or not you're an ALL member.

Have you detected any changes in your area? Can you provide any specific examples (with numbers, if at all possible) about adult programmes that have disappeared, declined in numbers.... even increased.

We'd also like to know about rising costs to the learners (how much are people having to pay per hour in your area?); about the pressure, if any, to move to fully accredited programmes (and if so what accreditation?) and anything else that you might wish to add about the current situation in your town or region.

I hope to feedback to the forum any data we collect in this way.

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### **Key Stage 2 Framework**

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> saw the launch of the Framework for Languages in Key Stage 2, a practical reference tool for all those involved in planning, teaching and monitoring primary languages. CILT, the National Centre for Languages welcomes the publication of the Framework, which follows a successful pilot across nineteen local authorities, involving almost 1,400 primary schools.

The Government has pledged £49.5 million over two years to support the implementation of the Framework, which takes forward the National Languages Strategy objective of introducing an entitlement to language learning for every KS2 pupil by 2010. The flexibility of the framework will allow schools (and groups of schools) to design courses most suited to the needs of their learners.

For more details see

[www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primary/publications/languages/languages\\_guidance/1209629](http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primary/publications/languages/languages_guidance/1209629)

A statement from CILT on the Framework can be found on-line at

[www.cilt.org.uk/news/pressrelease/2005/PR0521KS2LNCH2710N.pdf](http://www.cilt.org.uk/news/pressrelease/2005/PR0521KS2LNCH2710N.pdf)

### **National Languages Forum - Your Views**

In May this year the National Languages Forum was re-launched as a news service, offering subscribers a short weekly bulletin covering key languages issues. CILT hope that you have found the service useful, but would be interested to have your comments on how it might be developed.

Your feedback is important in allowing CILT, the National Centre for Languages to evaluate this service, you are therefore invited to complete the on-line feedback form giving them your views at [www.cilt.org.uk/news/nlf.htm](http://www.cilt.org.uk/news/nlf.htm)

### **50% of EU Citizens Can Converse in a Foreign Language**

A new Eurobarometer survey conducted in 30 countries has updated the information available on language skills across the European Union and beyond. The survey asked respondents about their mother tongue, which other languages they know and what they consider their level of language skills to be.

The survey found that 50% of EU citizens say they can hold a conversation in a language which is not their mother tongue and there is increasing confidence in their ability to do so. Amongst the original fifteen member states, the ability to speak another language has increased by three percentage points and a greater proportion of them now assess their knowledge as good or very good.

While the UK is no longer bottom on the chart of other languages know (it has risen to second-to-last place in front of Hungary), the proportion of our population saying we can speak another language has actually declined: from 34% in 2001 to 30% in 2005.

For more details and/or to download a copy of the report see

[www.cilt.org.uk/news/latest/1105\\_eurobarometer.htm](http://www.cilt.org.uk/news/latest/1105_eurobarometer.htm)

Please share your views about the National Languages Forum but completing a short questionnaire at [www.cilt.org.uk/news/nlf.htm](http://www.cilt.org.uk/news/nlf.htm)

### **The Comenius Network Centre in Leicester**

The Comenius Network Centre in Leicester is working with the central team in CILT, the National Centre for Languages, on best ways to support teachers of languages to adults through the regional Comenius Network. The intention is to establish closer links between Network groups, their Co-ordinators and Comenius Managers and networks with the aim to open up more opportunities for adult teachers to join in with general language training offered in the Comenius regions.

Network Co-ordinators have welcomed this development at a time when collaborative local or regional partnerships may well be the answer to increasing pressures on providers of adult learning. In line with this development, the Comenius Network website has been redesigned and updated and can be found at [www.cilt.org.uk/adulteducation](http://www.cilt.org.uk/adulteducation).

### **Fifty Years of Italian Cuisine Exhibition – 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December**

This exhibition at the Italian Cultural Institute (which has been mounted in collaboration with the Accademia Italiana della Cucina) presents the evolution of Italian culinary tradition over the last fifty years, through valuable images and texts. The show first opened in 2003 on the occasion of the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Accademia Italiana della Cucina at the Museum of Historic Art of the Sforza Castle in Milan, and it has since been on tour around the world. It is aimed especially at the younger audience who can follow the route of the evolution of Italian cuisine and gastronomy through a preordained, ideal itinerary. The official opening at the Italian Cultural Institute is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm.

For further information about the exhibition and a host of other events, please contact [ici@italcultur.org.uk](mailto:ici@italcultur.org.uk) or visit [www.italcultur.org.uk](http://www.italcultur.org.uk). For more information about the Accademia Italiana della Cucina, please visit <http://www.accademiaitalianacucina.it/inglese/home.html>.

### **News & Information on the eLearning Africa - eLA Conference, an Annual Event for Building eLearning Capacities in Africa**

**UNCC, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, May 24 - 26, 2006**

If you want to make your contribution, the organisers welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please submit your proposal for the conference agenda in due time. The Call for Papers is still open until November 30, 2005.

For more and detailed information about themes, requirements, criteria please go to our website and learn how to submit your proposal on <http://www.elearning-africa.com/proposals.php>.

eLearning Africa is organised by ICWE, conference organiser of the highly successful ONLINE EDUCA conference series held in Berlin ([www.online-educa.com](http://www.online-educa.com)) and Madrid ([www.online-educa-madrid.com](http://www.online-educa-madrid.com)), and Hoffmann & Reif Consultants, whose expert team has been engaged in "ICT for Development" and eLearning projects in Africa, Asia and Europe since 1995.

For further information please visit <http://www.icwe.net/> & <http://www.hoffmann-reif.com/> or contact:

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### **New Futures, New Funding Changes to Funding Adult Learning**

Friday 2 December 2005

NIACE, Renaissance House  
20 Princess Road West  
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These are challenging times for adult learning providers dependent on government funding to support learning and skills for those aged 19 to 90. The government wants to stand by its commitments not just to the economic future of the country but to support lifelong learning in challenging times as funding pressures start to pinch.

This conference is supported by the Department for Education and Skills and aims to set out the implications for funding for adult learning from 2006 and beyond; put them in context and explore the potential for retaining and improving a broad curriculum for adults against a backcloth of tightening resources and the drive to achieve high quality.

Due to the overwhelming response to two previous conferences held in London we are repeating the conference in Leicester on Friday 2 December.



The conference is aimed at FE colleges and local authority providers; voluntary and community sector organisations with an interest in government funding and lifelong learning; work based learning suppliers working with adults; organisations and individuals considering future prospects for supplying adult learning or skills; employers; practitioners; policy makers. To reserve a place on-line for conference Ref C13-00 and to view the programme for the day, visit the NIACE website:

<http://www.niace.org.uk/Conferences/newfutures3.htm>

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## **Podcasting**

If you're au fait with the digital world, you'll have heard about podcasting. Podcasting is a way to 'subscribe' to radio programmes and have them delivered to your personal computer. You can then listen to the content on an mp3 player. The BBC is running a trial until December, offering some radio programmes and programme highlights as podcasts or downloads.

Podcasts can also be made by individuals or even schools. Pupils and staff at Musselburgh Grammar School have been producing them and more are promised soon. With the increasing use of mp3 players by young people, it's interesting to consider the educational possibilities of regular podcasts, or simply making mp3 files available on a website. Have a think how you could use them in your school or for your subject.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/downloadtrial/> - BBC podcasts

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/4269484.stm> - More about individual podcasting.

<http://www.mgsonline.org.uk/> - Musselburgh Grammar School

<http://www.ipodcast.org.uk/> - A directory of podcasts suitable for educational purposes.

## **Travel Advice**

From 31 December 2005, the E111 form that provides UK citizens with reciprocal medical cover when travelling in Europe, will no longer be valid. It is being replaced by a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The easiest and quickest way to get one is to apply on-line via the following website:

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAdviceForTravellers/fs/en>

It is very straightforward but you will need your National Insurance number. The turnaround time at the moment is 7 days.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/>

This site is packed full of information for teachers and learners alike – and features such useful links as <http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/>.

## **That's All For Now**

We hope that the above information will be of real use to you. Remember that we want the E-Mail Club to provide you with the opportunity to let us know what you think about anything to do with us or language learning in general - and we look forward to hearing from you.

## **HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!**

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