

Lux Prize 2014 November - December 2014, across Scotland



The LUX film prize, established in 2007, is awarded each year by the European Parliament. It promotes European movies that explore issues such as immigration, integration, poverty and violence against women.

Last year we organised screenings of the three LUX Prize finalist films: **Class enemy**, by Rok Biček (Slovenia), **Girlhood**, by Céline Sciamma (France), and the 2014 winner **Ida**, by Pawel Pawlikowski (Poland and Denmark).

The films were screened in the Screen Machine, a lorry which converts into an 80-seat mobile cinema and tours remote and rural areas of Scotland. The Screen Machine went to Millport (Cumbrae); Brodick (Arran) and Lochmaddy (Outer Hebrides).

We also organised screenings in traditional cinemas in Inverness (Eden Court), Aberdeen (Belmont Filmhouse) and Perth (The Playhouse).

Modern Studies Conferences 5 December (Musselburgh) and 1 November 2014 (Glasgow)

Last year we participated in the East Lothian Modern Studies Conference in Musselburgh Grammar School. We provided information about the EU to the Modern studies students and spoke to them about the role of the European Parliament and the opportunities the EU can offer young people.

We also attended the Modern Studies Association conference in Glasgow. The Modern Studies Association is a national organisation promoting Modern Studies in Scottish schools and providing support to all teachers of Modern Studies. Over 150 teachers attended the event and many came to our stand to find out about the European Parliament and the work of the six Scottish MEPs.

Training seminar for Teachers and Head Teachers 21 November 2014, Glasgow

We organised a Continuous Professional Development training day for teachers and head teachers in collaboration with Learning Plus UK. One of the sessions was led by David Martin MEP, who spoke with the teachers about his work and the role of the European Parliament. The event represented an excellent opportunity for us to meet teachers from all over Scotland, share knowledge, information and teaching resources about the European Parliament and the EU.

EU lunch - Meet your MEP Catherine Stihler 20 November 2014, Edinburgh



In 2014 we kicked off a series of events to encourage Scottish stakeholders and the general public to meet their elected MEPs and enter into direct dialogue with them in an open and direct manner. On 20 November, Catherine Stihler MEP (Labour) was our first speaker in our office in The Tun.

She spoke about her role in the new European Parliament, giving insights into her day-to-day work and issues she is passionate about, such as the Digital Single Market and consumer protection laws.

After her presentation, she participated in a Q&A session. More than 60 people attended the event and spoke to Ms Stihler about a wide range of topics, including disability rights, TTIP, immigration, climate change and the recognition of professional qualifications across the EU.

Sakharov Prize 2014 20 November 2014, Glasgow

In collaboration with the Glasgow Human Rights Network, we hosted a **Sakharov Prize event** at the University of Glasgow. Human Rights & International Politics students took part in the event introducing the nominees for the Prize. Following a lively Q&A session, a vote was taken among all those present. Event participants came to the same conclusion as MEPs in Strasbourg and awarded the Sakharov Prize to the Congolese gynaecologist Denis Mukwege, who helps thousands of vulnerable women, often victims of war and rape, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

EU lunch - Meet your MEP David Martin 6 February 2015, Edinburgh

In 2015 we will continue our series of events inviting stakeholders and the general public to meet their MEPs. On 6 February, David Martin MEP (Labour) will discuss the main issues on the EU agenda and address the topics that will have an impact on Scotland and its citizens.

European Careers Fair 7 February 2015, Edinburgh

Next month we will be at the European Careers Fair at Edinburgh University, to highlight opportunities available for students and young people in the European Union.

International Women's Day 8 March 2015

In March we will celebrate International Women's Day. Here you can find more information on what the EU does to support women's rights and promote gender equality: <http://goo.gl/3qEgma>

Euroquiz Final May 2015, Edinburgh

We are looking forward to attending the Euroquiz finals at the Scottish Parliament. The Euroquiz is run by the Scottish European Educational Trust (SEET) and it tests P6 pupils' knowledge of the EU.

Europe Day 9 May 2015, Edinburgh

Around 9 May we will celebrate Europe Day, together with the European Commission and other stakeholders. The date marks the historical anniversary of the 1950 'Schuman declaration', when Robert Schuman set out his idea for a new form of political cooperation in Europe.

Our Europe Film Competition February - June 2015, Scotland

Our Europe is a film competition for S3-S6 pupils, who are asked to make a short film about the idea of European citizenship. It is run by SEET and supported by Radio Lingua Network. In February we will help select the best films and in June the two finalist teams will go to Brussels for the final competition.

The Latvian Presidency

In January 2015 Latvia has assumed the presidency of the Council of the European Union for a period of six months. The Latvian Republic will preside over the Council for the very first time, just one year after the country joined the euro zone. In July 2015, it will be Luxembourg's turn.

European Year of Development

Since 1983, every year the EU chooses a theme for an awareness-raising campaign: 2015 is the "European Year for Development", which motto is "Our world, our dignity, our future". The campaign will encourage the direct involvement and active interest of citizens in development cooperation.

For events organised by the Information Office in London go to <http://www.europarl.org.uk/en/ukevents.uk>

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