



Hello everyone!

Welcome to our group "New Arrivals A-Z".

We hope you enjoy our E-Magazine "Let's talk together". This is the first step before creating our website.

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Photo of our group "New Arrivals A-Z"



A very cold, wet story!

by Lekha

My 4th day in Scotland – funny first experience.

We moved to Scotland on 20th Oct 2010. I was so excited to see Edinburgh, the city I learnt about at school. When I came to Musselburgh, I found it very quiet. On the second day we enjoyed the snow at the beach. Then, four days later, I had trouble in the house. One of the bath tub's taps was broken and the water flooded everywhere. Accidentally my mobile fell into the water. I was totally scared and I couldn't understand how to stop the water supply, nor call my husband for help. For about two hours I was trying to stop the water with my hands. At the same time my daughter was very scared and was crying loudly...



...What do you think happened next?

Find out soon on our website!

Why not e-mail what you think happened next?

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My favourite Words

by Polly

My latest favourite word, which I recently discovered is 'sun worshipper'.

That of course is connected with my thoughts and feelings about the sun as something really important in people's life. I am a typical sun worshipper and that's why I really like that word. There are many other words I like and most of them represent beauty and wonder in the world like: fabulous, paradise, gorgeous, serendipity, awesome, cherish, ruby red, crystal, splendid, destiny, eternity, passion, flip-flop etc.



Useful words if living in Scotland are definitely the Scottish words and we already have some of them in the A-Z booklet.

Quiz – questions

by Rosa and Julia

- 1) Can you find our **New Arrival** booklet in the website www.elp.net?
- 2) **How many towns** belong to East Lothian?
- 3) What page can you find information about **the dentist**?
- 4) How do you say "**no problem**" in **Scottish**?
- 5) From what age can you get **free children's education**?
- 6) What do you need to open a **bank account**?



Scotland is wonderful, but Lithuania is waiting for me

by Genute

I came to East Lothian around three years ago with my youngest daughter. I like to live in Tranent because it is a quiet town and it is also no problem to travel to the city of Edinburgh. You have everything you need here. What I love is the local park where you can spend a wonderful time. I am often there with the grandchildren.

Scotland is a wonderful country with its own customs and wonderful nature

which I love, but I very much miss my homeland even though I visit it every 6 months. Lithuania is waiting for me with daughters, relatives and friends to return because I have been here for a long time with only my youngest daughter and granddaughter.

Do you feel homesick?

Do you miss family?

What do you miss most?

Your favourite place?

Do you have some favourite place in Scotland or wherever in the world? Share with others; send us an e-mail. You can also attach a picture or link.

For running, walking, meditation, etc. we can visit **Gullane beach** ([map](#)) with large sand dunes.

Water is cold, but some people enjoy Windsurfing and Kitesurfing – very interesting, you can [view some photos](#).

An unexpected gift by Selvete

A Scottish tradition.

When I had my daughter we went on the bus to go to Edinburgh. My daughter was only 3 months old at that time. A man gave me 50p. I thanked him and said there's no need. He said this is a tradition and I had to take the coin. It was strange because in my country you only give money to somebody you know. We do give money to a newborn baby as well € 10.00 it depends how rich you are it can be € 50.00.



Do you have a story like this?

Tried and tested website! by R&J



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is a very complete website because it is:

1. well organised
 - by levels: Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced;
 - by teachers;
 - by topics: Grammar, Writing, Vocabulary, Pronunciation, etc.
2. You can improve your understanding because the teachers speak very clearly.
3. You can test yourself.

Basketball crazy?! by Julia

Hi! My name's Julia. I am from Spain and I'm 25 years old.

I have lived in Musselburgh since April. I decided to come here because I wanted to improve my English. I think English is the most important international language and I will need it in the future to find a job as an Engineer.

At the moment, I work as an au-pair. I look after a girl who is five years old and a boy who is 2. My host family is friendly towards me and I am very happy in their home.

I like all kinds of sports but my favourite sport is basketball. I have played it for eleven years. When I came here, I thought that I couldn't play basketball, but I have found a basketball team where I can play it twice a week in Edinburgh. Sometimes I don't understand the coach but she always explains the exercises to me and my fellow players help me with this.

I also go to [Musselburgh Sports Centre](#) three times per week. I go to fitness classes and go swimming. When I go there, I have to show my Leisure Card to the assistant at reception. She has learned my surname quickly but it sounds funny because she says my surname with an English pronunciation.

Do you have a favourite sport?

Send stories to newarrivalgroup@yahoo.co.uk



The Festive season by Rosa

My favourite Christmas song "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer"



"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer had a very shiny nose, and if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows..."

Press Rudolph's nose to listen to the song on [youtube!](#)

What will happen?

Find out what is on in East Lothian and Edinburgh over the holidays!

- ★ www.edinburghshogmanay.com
- ★ www.eastlothian.gov.uk
- ★ www.visiteastlothian.org
- ★ www.rampantscotland.com

**Do you know about some interesting events in future?
Send us an e-mail!**

Hogmanay

Auld year's night – New Year's Eve

- ★ There are some traditions before midnight such as cleaning the house on 31st December.
- ★ There is also a superstition to clear all your debts before "the bells" ring at midnight.
- ★ Immediately after midnight it is traditional to sing Robert Burns' (famous Scottish poet) "[Auld Lang Syne](#)".
- ★ As part of Hogmanay everyone welcomes friends and strangers with warm hospitality and of course a kiss to wish a good New Year.
- ★ "First footing" (the "first foot" in the house after midnight) is still common in Scotland. To ensure good luck for the house, the first person should be male, dark and should bring coal, shortbread, salt, Black Bun or whisky to symbolise good fortune in the New Year.



Quiz - answers

- 1) www.ellp.net, East Lothian Learning Partnership, go to **NEWS ARCHIVE** and scroll down.
- 2) **14 cities** belong to East Lothian.
- 3) Page **16**.
- 4) **Nae bother**.
- 5) From **5** years old you get free children's education.
- 6) • Proof of identity,
• proof of your address,
• (proof of employment).

Put it in your diary

2013 ESOL classes resume
Monday 7 January 2013

Contact us!

You can send us an e-mail!
Send us your stories,
question, suggestions or comments.

E-mail: newarrivalgroup@yahoo.co.uk

"A guid new year to ane an' a' ! (Old Scots) – Happy New Year everyone!!"

We hope to have our website ready in February. We want to give Stephen d'Agostino (who is designing our website) and his family our best wishes.