

European Day of Languages 2008
26th September 2008

The European Day of Languages (EDL) is a Council of Europe initiative which is held every year on the 26th September. It celebrates language and cultural diversity, an ever increasing aspect of the European Union.

It was first celebrated in 2001 which was the European Year of Languages and aims:

- To alert the public to the importance of language learning
- To increase awareness and appreciation of all languages
- To encourage lifelong language learning

This year Article 13 will join the celebrations by promoting the event in a variety of European languages on our website. We will also raise awareness and encourage our network to join the celebration by placing the logo and link on our email signatures in the lead up to the day.

As a cosmopolitan organisation, we share the importance of cultural and language diversity and inline with our UNGC commitments, support the promotion of learning and appreciation.

Neela Bettridge, Article 13 Director says, *“Multilingualism is a great advantage in today’s world. Article 13 supports the idea of diversity and equal opportunities for people from various countries. Therefore we are more than happy to take part in this celebration and promote universal and inclusive values amongst our network.*

If you would like further information regarding other Article 13 actions and events see our UNGC pages at http://www.article13.com/csr/ungc_iip_values.asp or,

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