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Green Bikers

Recyke y' Bike, a Community Social Enterprise set up in June 2006 in the Byker area of Newcastle, has developed a Grundtvig Learning Partnership, "Talking Bikes", with UK based Academy International.

Recyke y'bike promotes bicycle refurbishment and re-use, encourages cycling, and equips potential cyclists with bike maintenance skills, whilst Academy International provides language and culture training. Together, with cycling and language school partners in France, Spain, Italy and Poland, Talking Bikes promotes European cohesion through the sharing of language and cultural knowledge between partners and with volunteers, mentors and those over 50 who get involved with the project.

Project partners plan to increase participants' knowledge, health, and employability through promoting foreign language learning and, of course, bike maintenance!

So far, learners have travelled to workshops to learn "bike vocabulary" in Jaca, Spain and Le Puy in France, putting this knowledge into practice by cycling established cycle routes in those countries with their guides. They've also been involved in a whole host of other activities such as attending a climate change conference to promote cycling.

The latest project activity was in June this year, when four learners and their guides cycled from the UK through Holland, and Germany via Berlin to Zlotow in Poland, home of one of the partners. Along the way, they experienced different European cultures, and put their language and biking skills to good use.

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<http://academyinternational.org.uk/LLP.html>

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