

GuidEurope - Maggie Fee

- Elaine I'd like to talk to you just a little bit about what actually is Guideurope, when was it started, what is the aim and how do they get their message across.
- Maggie Well, Guideurope is an initiative of the Conseil Generale des Côtes d'Armor so it's a departmental initiative and its role is to inform citizens about the possibilities offered by us being in Europe by the European Community, for example, hm, working, studying and training in another European country, and the notion of European citizenship - this message is put across by a little network of colleges, associations, twinning committees and the general public.
- Elaine Is there a particular theme to this year's activities, because last year it seemed the focus was very much on neighbours ...
- Maggie Well, this year it's a celebration of , of Europe really, and how people see themselves as part of Europe but also whilst being in Cotes d'Armor ... for instance, there a hm, one of the events that's being organised for the month of May which is the European month is, hm, a photographic competition, and the title is "Europe and what that means to you in the Cotes d'Armor". So people have, are really having to think about, hm, Europe, but in their own place, the place where they live ... I've actually had some comments that people are finding it very, very hard to, hm, find photos or images that will fit this, um, this, this competition.
- Elaine I think it's very hard to actually pinpoint something when there are

so many things that are relevant and significant in Brittany and in this particular region.

Maggie Well, yes, and the very fact that, hm, a lot of our members, for instance from AIKB, have come from another European country, it's, it's almost a bit like we take it for granted ...

Elaine Yes, absolutely, and it's only if, when you stop and think of what does perhaps being in Europe mean to you, and do you consider yourself European, or English, or French perhaps, or Dutch ... and then it's only when the question actually arises, it makes you stop and think of the change that you have made in your life by coming here .

Maggie Yes, and for a photographic competition, how to show that on a photo, is, uh, is quite a challenge.

Elaine Thank you ... well, thank you very much, Maggie, for your time, and hm,

Maggie You're very welcome !

