

Weekly English Practice 2019 News Update

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During 2019, English Coaching Projects published 37 issues of its Weekly English Practice. ECP coach Rob provides updates on some of the stories we covered.

New Alcohol-Free Bar To Open In Dublin (A sign of the future?)

24th January 2019

Nearly a year later, The Virgin Mary, Dublin's first alcohol-free bar is still open and is winning **plaudits** and acclaim. In fact, it won Ireland's prestigious 'Bar of the Year' award as the country's most innovative bar. One reviewer on TripAdvisor left this comment: "The **bartenders** were fabulous, you can tell they love what they do. I had an imitation cucumber gin drink, and let me tell you, I didn't miss the gin at all!"

Women's football is on the rise but what are the issues to be tackled?

7th March 2019

Negotiations to improve working conditions eventually **ground to a halt** and led to the players calling a strike in November. Ainhoa Tirapu, goalkeeper for Athletic Bilbao and Spain, explained their reasons to The Guardian: "It's clear to anyone who follows football that it takes total commitment to reach the level that we've achieved. We spend long hours training, travelling and playing. Players shouldn't be treated as part-time workers."

¡Sicansíos! The Precarious Job Of Dubbing Series Into Spanish

23rd May 2019

The hysteria surrounding the final season of Game of Thrones highlighted the ridiculous demands placed on translators and voice actors in Spain. And on top of the dubbing mistakes, many fans were unhappy with the way the final season of the biggest TV series of the last decade **panned out**. 'Rushed' and 'poorly written' were common complaints while **plot twists** and deaths involving major female characters angered many others.

UK Government Announces Fracking Moratorium

7th November 2019

Similar restrictions to those announced by the British government are in force in the Basque Country, but that doesn't mean that the exploration for, and the extraction of, gas (and other **fossil fuels**) isn't going ahead in the north of Spain. In 2020, the Basque Government will use conventional methods to begin exploring for gas in Subijana, Alava. Critics say that the money spent on this project should instead be used to invest in social and technological innovations that will create a new, sustainable framework for current and future renewable energies.

Find this vocabulary in the text:

- plaudits:** praise, acclamations, applause
- bartender:** a person who works behind a bar
- to grind to a halt:** slow down and then stop
- to pan out:** develop and conclude (a process)
- plot twists:** unexpected events in a story (plot)
- fossil fuels:** fuels such as gas, diesel and petrol



Let's chat about that!

Write your opinions in an email and send them to your ECP coach!

Will you drink much alcohol over the festive period? Why/not?

Will you go to watch any women's sports events in 2020? Why/not?

What kinds of TV shows are you going to watch in 2020?

Will you reduce your personal energy consumption in 2020? How?

HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND SEE YOU IN 2020!!

Weekly English Practice



Social Events In English

Real-Life English in Vitoria-Gasteiz



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Practical English Study

Real Language to Express Yourself Better




CINEMA NIGHTS!

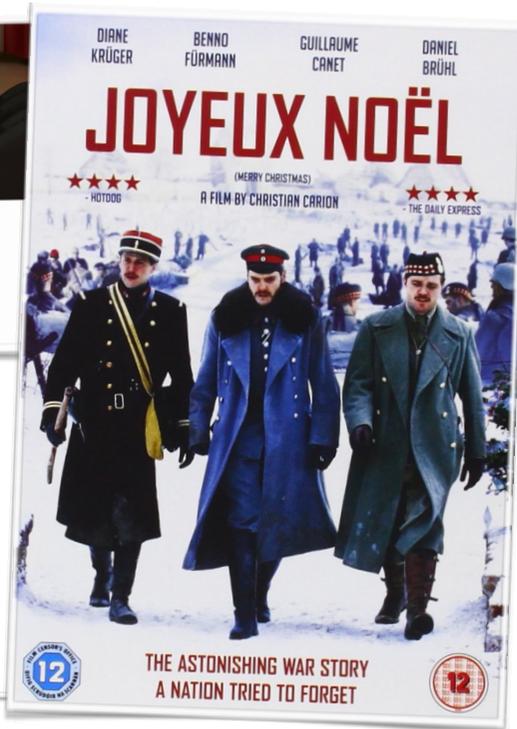
Come and socialise in English!

Don't miss our extra special Christmas edition!

Date: Friday, 20th December

Starting at **19:00**

Place: ECP Hub, C/San Ignacio de Loyola 15



All the team at English Coaching Projects wish you an amazing Christmas and a fabulous New Year! See you again in 2020!

Here's a quick thought for the coming year:

**The past is behind, learn from it.
The future is ahead, prepare for it.
The present is here, LIVE IT!**

And, of course, a quick joke to make you 😊

Add these dates to your 2020 diary!

LIVE!English presents:

COFFEE SATURDAYS!



Come and socialise in English!

Coffee Saturdays:

- 5th Oct ✓
- 2nd Nov ✓
- 7th Dec ✓
- 11th Jan**
- 1st Feb
- 7th Mar
- 4th Apr
- 2nd May
- 6th Jun

Cinema Nights:

- 25th Oct ✓
- 29th Nov ✓
- 20th Dec**
- 31st Jan
- 28th Feb
- 27th Mar
- 24th Apr
- 29th May
- 26th Jun

