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I'd like to talk about myself and other things up to now... My name is Allan Campbell, I'm a member of the learners' forum from the Western Isles. And I'll switch to Gaelic now.

Tha mi ann an Steornabhagh anns an Learning Shop

Tha mi air a bhith ann mu cheithir bliadhna

Tha mi ann an cuideachdainn le sianar dhaoine

Tha mi a' deanamh computing, numbers, literacy, eh, agus dha neo thri rudan eile.

A-rithist bha mi ann am Belgium.

Tha sinn a' deanamh conference is rudan eile.

Bidh mi a' deanamh air a' Ghearmailt, Bonn, ann an September - sin am plan co-dhiubh

Agus...criochaidh mi air a' Ghaidhlig an drast'...and revert back to English....

I've been working on my learning for a few years and I've done quite a few things and got a few certificates in the Town Hall in Stornoway. There's quite a few of us doing the same thing which is very enjoyable but it's very hard to get going as there's always talk about lack of funding. So I'm not sure what's going to happen there.

It gave me the confidence to get my sentences right and this sort of thing which I hadn't done for years. I hadn't really been writing at all for a long time. I'd never really touched a pen. I was an engineer at the time and I'd had an accident and things. I went back to writing wee bits and pieces.

What is the main element for your European experience?

Well, it's meeting the people and learning about other cultures as well and what other people do and those sorts of things... And you get to know them. The first thing is talking about your own stuff, which isn't exactly the same. It's interesting. There's quite a lot of things that can be done. It's easy enough to ask for it but it's getting it done that's the hard bit. There's a lot of progress that can be made but there's a lot of hindrance as well. As far as I can see anyway.

Everyone's blaming each other and the lack of funding. It's going to be very hard to get everything done properly I think. You can only ask but getting it done is the hardest bit. I know the politicians will say they'll do what they can, but I'll believe it when I see it.