



On 3-5 June 2013 participants of the METIKOS project visited Leeds in the UK. METIKOS focuses on developing methodologies and informal language learning techniques for migrants across Europe.

Partners from Greece, Spain, Germany, France, Italy and the UK met to discuss the progress of the project, with an introductory session at RETAS - the Refugee Education Training Advice Service. Chris Brooks (Director) began by briefing visitors on how RETAS provides integration activities for refugees and asylum seekers in Leeds and West Yorkshire.

The group then visited Leeds City Council, meeting Rachael Loftus from Leeds City Council's Migration Partnership, and Rose McCarthy from the Refugee Council. A lively discussion took place on issues such as migration patterns to Leeds, asylum seeker destitution and strategic approaches to working with migration. The group also learnt about City of Sanctuary, a national movement committed to encouraging cities to become more welcoming towards migrants.

