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# Magna Carta lecture to inspire culture delegates

**POLITICIANS** from Europe visited Egham last week as part of a seminar to promote and preserve the continent's diverse culture and heritage.

The members of the European Alliance group represented local government in Poland, Belgium, Lithuania, Estonia, Scotland and Wales during the event, which was held at

the Runnymede-on-Thames Hotel in Windsor Road last Monday.

The group looked at examples being used across Europe to develop and preserve heritage and culture in their respective lands.

As part of their trip, the delegates visited Windsor Castle, Runnymede Meadow and the River

Thames, as well as learning about the Magna Carta and its place in modern society from Dr Matthew Smith, curator of Egham Museum.

This talk was followed by presentations on how to promote historic towns, how to make the most of rivers and how to use small museums as a tool to encourage people to value local history.



*Delegates at the European Alliance seminar on promoting and preserving culture and heritage held in Egham last week: (from left) Ferzy Zajakala (Poland), Cllr Linda Gilham, Uno Silberg (European Alliance president, Estonia), Marc Hendrickx (Flanders), Urve Ericsson (Estonia) and Povalis Zagunis (Lithuania).*

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