

TWINNING UPDATE (May 2023)

Visit to Marl

The Chairman participated in the visit to Marl at the beginning of May

A public event in Marl about future projects in the twin towns took place on Saturday 6th May. It was to be attended by Marl Council members, twinning members and interested citizens. The Mayor of Pendle was unable to participate in the Marl visit due to King Charles' Coronation events in Pendle and elections. Instead, Pendle's presentation was pre-recorded. Marl asked each twin town to give a short presentation about one of their major future-orientated projects (infrastructure or economic development, neighbourhood development, culture or education, housing, ecology, job market etc.) As the brief was for a future-focussed project, Pendle's presentation was focussed on Levelling Up/Town Deal work.

The Mayor pre-recorded an introduction to Pendle's representation. The wording of this introduction was:

"Hello, I am Councillor Yasser Iqbal, the Mayor of Pendle.

The friendship and connection we have with our twin towns of Marl and Creil is important to us and we send you our very best wishes from Pendle.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to tell you about exciting future projects.

Over £31 million of Government funding is being invested in our main towns of Nelson and Colne.

This presentation will show how it will make a big difference in our area."

Following this visit a Peace Pole is being sent over from Marl. It has a Peace message written in all languages and script on each surface. It was the theme of the meeting of all associations in Marl. It is to be presented to the Mayor of Pendle as a symbol of peace to all Nations from all Twinning Committees.

Schools

A twinning member with experience in school twinning is likely to be able to be more involved.

Venue of meeting

The next Twinning meeting at 5.30pm on Tuesday 30th May 2023 will take place in the Wilson Room at Nelson Town Hall.