

TWINNING UPDATE (January 2024)

International Youth Event 2024 in Marl

Marl have issued some more details, including participants: 2 boys and 2 girls per twin town, aged 15 – 18 and 1 group leader. Full details will be circulated at the meeting. Marl stress that the project is dependent on funding, which they have applied for. They are hoping for approval by mid/end this month.

There has been no response from Creil re. dates of a proposed separate International Youth Event at the Carroz d'Arraches site in Creil'Alpes.

International Weeks against Racism 2024

155 submissions were received in total from 3 Pendle schools: Wheatley Lane Primary School, Bradley Primary School and Pendle Community High School and College. Marl were delighted and thanked Pendle for distributing the project to Pendle schools. Winning groups due to be announced by Marl in February/March 2024.

Marl-Pendle staff exchange

Re. the visit by 2 Marl staff to Pendle, which focussed largely on urban development, including cycling and some culture, The Mayor of Marl, has written:

"I would like to express my gratitude for your latest letter after the first part of our municipal exchange. It was my honour and pleasure to have Tricia Wilson and Jason Kelly in Marl. All very much appreciated the professional exchange about their and our work, me included. It is valuable to hear about different approaches or solutions and to share knowledge between us as twin towns."

The German Institute for European Partnerships & International Cooperation (IPZ) publishes a monthly newsletter with outstanding twinning news and stories and featured the visit by the 2 Pendle staff to Marl.

The 2 staff from Marl – one works in Urban planning and one is a Co-ordinator for social culture - are coming to Pendle from Monday 18th March 2024 until Friday 22nd March 2024 inclusive. Accommodation and airport transfers are being provided by 2 Pendle twinning members, as previously agreed. An itinerary is being produced, including a proposed Spring get-together of the Pendle Twinning Association at 5.30pm on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at Banny's in Colne.

Research

A Mr. L. Delannoy has been in touch via Nicolle in Creil. He is wanting to trace a Mr. Neil Rowley. L. Delannoy first came to Pendle on an exchange in April 1975 and stayed at an address in Higherford. N. Rowley then went to Creil on the next exchange. Their families got to know each other and went to Creil several times, the last time being in 1989 to meet L. Delannoy's 2 little granddaughters. If any long-standing Pendle Twinning Association member knows Neil Rowley, please contact F. Standing.

Venue of meeting

The next Twinning meeting is at 5.30pm on **THE NEW DATE of Wednesday 24th January 2024** in the Members Room at Nelson Town Hall.