

TWINNING UPDATE (November 2024)

Official Twinning Meeting in Pendle from 9th – 11th October 2024

This was very well received by participants. The purpose of the visit was to mark the twinning milestones and advance joint working projects between the twin towns. The Mayors of Creil and Marl enjoyed a tour of Pendle and took part in a working meeting at Nelson Town Hall. With much of the joint twinning working focussing on young people, they also visited Pendle Youth Employment Service (YES) Hub to find out the work done there for the young people of Pendle. They also visited Pendle Community High School and College in Nelson, where The Mayors of Pendle, Creil and Marl were each presented with a wooden plaque to commemorate the anniversaries by design and technology students who had made the mementos. After visiting Pendle Community High School and College and Pendle YES Hub, Creil and Marl are keen to make links between each of them and similar organisations in their towns. The Mayors were also very interested in learning about some of Pendle's initiatives, such as the Bin It, Don't Dump It! Campaign, Climate Fresk and Beat the Street. The visit was a great opportunity to mark the successful and ongoing twinning links.

The joint working projects discussed in the working Nelson Town Hall included:

- R. Diarra from Creil and J. Radscheid from Marl would like to make contact with the Head of Pendle Community High School and College.
- International Weeks Against Racism project – There would be a “No Room for Racism in Marl” project and the twin towns would be encouraged to participate.
- 4 work placements (2 young people from Creil and 2 from Marl) to be organised for October 2025.
- International Youth Event 2025 – This will be taking place. The venue is to be advised.
- Pendle-Marl staff exchange – The idea of another exchange was supported.
- International Garden Exhibition – This will take place in Summer 2027 in the Metropole Ruhr area of Germany. Marl will be involved.

Twinning Meeting in Marl 2025

This would be from Friday 14th February – Sunday 16th February 2025 in Marl to mark various twinning milestones.

Twinning members are invited to participate in a trip to Berlin from 17th – 21st February 2025. Further details will be given at the next Twinning meeting.

Venue of meeting

The next Twinning meeting at 5.30pm on Wednesday 6th November 2024 will take place in the Members Room at Nelson Town Hall.