

TWINNING UPDATE (July 2024)

International Youth Event in Marl – 15 to 21st July 2024

Group Leader, J. Kelly, and 1 of the 4 young people from Pendle will attend the Twinning meeting on 31st July 2024 to provide feedback re. the above event.

The official twinning meeting program in Marl was from 19th July to 21st July. On 19th July a reception at the European House of Peace in Marl was attended by both The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle and the group of young people from Pendle. There was a moving ceremony with the planting of a ginkgo seedling from Hiroshima.

The Mayors' twinning conference took place on Saturday July 20th. Marl gave a presentation of the 2024 International Youth Meeting. The future of the youth exchange was discussed. Creil would like to host it in July 2025.

Marl also spoke about their anniversaries with twin towns. Pendle advised that their 50th anniversary of twinning with Creil in 2024 and their 30th anniversary of twinning with Marl in 2025 would both be marked by the official twinning visit to Pendle in October 2024.

Hedi from Marl mentioned a trip to Berlin from February 17th – February 21st 2025 which twinning members from Pendle and Creil are invited to. The cost would be approximately 500 – 550 euros and the options would be for Pendle participants to fly direct to Berlin or to Dusseldorf and then on to Marl, to share a bus with Marl to Berlin. The feedback from Creil was that none of its twinning members wished to participate in this trip. Pendle advised that the Berlin trip would be discussed at the next Pendle Twinning Meeting on 31st July 2024 to gauge interest.

Safeguarding Policy

A. Gander has an exemplar policy to be discussed at the Twinning Meeting on 31st July 2024.

A week's placement in Pendle for a 16 year-old from Marl

J. David and F. Standring met with the 16 year-old girl and her mother whilst in Marl. It was agreed that the girl would stay in Pendle from Sunday 8th December 2024 – Saturday 14th December 2024 inclusive. J. David will provide accommodation and F. Standring will arrange a week's work placement at Nelson Town Hall.

Trip to Pendle by Twinning Members from Marl and Creil in September 2024

I. Graham spoke about the programme for this at a specially organised meeting on Sunday 21st July 2024 in Marl, which was attended by Marl and Creil.

Venue of meeting

The next Twinning meeting at 5.30pm on Wednesday 31st July 2024 will take place in the Members Room at Nelson Town Hall.