

## TWINNING EVENTS 2023

2023	Activity
24 January	Presentation to the winners of Cheltenham / <b>Weihai</b> Photographic competition – ‘One Planet, many ways to care for our environment’
28-30 April	<p>Visit of an Official delegation of four from <b>Annecy</b> in Cheltenham over the period of the Jazz Festival. Working meeting held; attendance at two jazz events; visits around the town with particular interest in the paint festival work.</p> <p>Discussions on future projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural projects – connecting festivals – jazz and paint</li> <li>• Sustainable environmental / climate projects – involving youth climate groups</li> <li>• Annecy’s approach to waste and recycling – sharing of best practice</li> <li>• Bio-diversity; inequalities and cyber</li> </ul>
26 April – 1 May	Ove Volquartz, bass clarinet and contrabass clarinet player from <b>Göttingen</b> joined with Chris Cundy and Cheltenham Improvisors Orchestra to play at the Jazz Festival on Thurs 27 April @ The Wilson. Ove also attended many other jazz events and met with some of the organisers.
11-17 June	35 students from the University of Gloucester MA and BA Animation Film course, went on a course trip to <b>Annecy</b> to experience and take part in Annecy’s International Animation Film Festival 2023.
1-30 June	Photo exhibition in <b>Weihai</b> , showing the 50 images selected from Weihai/Cheltenham Photo Competition and Cheltenham Camera Club.
4-14 August	<b>Göttingen</b> Sport and Language group visit to Cheltenham – 12 young people and their leaders, stayed with families and undertook a programme of language learning, sport and sightseeing.
6-13 August	<b>International Youth Peace camp</b> held in Cheltenham in conjunction with Springbank Community Centre. Over 30 youngsters, plus leaders, from <b>Göttingen</b> , Wittenberg, Torun and Cheltenham stayed at Cranham Scout centre and all participated in a programme focused on the environment, climate change and sustainability.
21-28 Sept	42 citizens from Cheltenham, including the Mayor and Mayoress, visited <b>Göttingen</b> for 5 days. Highlights included the unveiling of a plaque in honour of Gordon ‘Jasper’ Cook, founder of the youth sports exchange in 1967; an Official reception with the Mayor of Göttingen; a visit to Göttingen’s new science museum; celebrating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Göttingen Twinning Association with its members; visits to the Brocken in the Harz mountains and the water games in Kassel; as well as exploring the city of Göttingen, meeting local people and assisting with an English lesson at a Young Offenders centre.
24 Sept	Launch in <b>Göttingen</b> during the citizens visit, of the second illustrated bi-lingual book ‘13 More Short Stories’, written by William Lewis of Cheltenham and illustrated by artists from Göttingen’s Art Club, Kreis 34.

25/26 Sept	Waste and recycling sharing of knowledge – Cheltenham’s Cabinet member visited waste and recycling facilities and discussed with <b>Göttingen</b> colleagues.
Autumn	'A Shared Class', an online platform for students from Cheltenham and <b>Weihai</b> to have a chance for dialogue and communication and gain better understanding about each other's culture.
23 Nov	Twinning Association AGM
7-10 Dec	Invite for a delegation of 4 from Cheltenham council and twinning committee to visit <b>Annecy</b> for the Noel des Alpes and further discussions on joint projects