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CHARTER OF NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD

Newcastles of the World is a friendship alliance that brings together in a single network towns and cities that share the name “Newcastle” in their own language. It was established in 1998 by the Mayor of Shinshiro City in Japan. The core members of the alliance meet every two years.

Aims

To build friendship between people and organisations in different Newcastles, to further understanding of different countries and cultures through its activities, to develop projects of mutual benefit and to share best practice in areas of common interest so that we can learn from each other.

Governance

The biennial conference reviews progress and sets the targets for the next two years ahead; these are developed through discussion and approved by a session at the end of each conference by the mayors and mayoral representatives. This is set out in a conference report/declaration which is then presented to the full conference before it ends and posted on our website.

The next conference will be in Shinshiro City, Japan in October 2018. The hosts in 2020 will be the city of Neuchâtel in Switzerland.

Between conferences, every other year a Leader’s board of all mayors or mayoral representatives of those Newcastles who contribute towards the running costs of the alliance will communicate, either by meeting together or by tele-conference or similar, to review progress and decide on any changes or new initiatives.

Between these annual discussions, a Leader’s executive Board of nominated Newcastles will communicate approximately every six months or at any other time that urgent business might need to be discussed, either by meeting together or by tele-conference or similar, to review progress and decide on any changes or new initiatives. Between the 2016 and 2018 conferences the Leader’s Executive Board members will comprise Neuchâtel, Neuburg, Nyborg, Nové Hradý and Shinshiro City. At the 2018 conference, Leader’s Executive Board members for the period to 2020 will be chosen.

The Leader’s Board and Leader’s Executive Board will be supported by a Secretariat whose running costs will be paid for by contributions from those Newcastles who are able and willing to make payment. The biennial conference will decide where the Secretariat will be based.

Currently it is based in Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom. Funds from contributing Newcastles will be used to pay for the time of one or more project managers to promote and support the work programme of the alliance, as agreed at conference. This work will be overseen by someone in the community where the Secretariat is located, on a voluntary, unpaid basis, on behalf of the mayors.

Currently this is David Faulkner.

The Secretariat

The Secretariat will report twice a year to the Leader's Board on progress and on the finances of the alliance. This report will form the basis of the subsequent discussions of the Leader's Board and Leader's Executive Board, plus any other issues that members wish to raise for consideration.

The core tasks of the Secretariat are to maintain and develop a database of contacts in Newcastles across the world and to connect them by quarterly newsletters, social media and day-to-day communication as appropriate; to support and help deliver the agreed work programme and projects of the alliance, to facilitate the sharing of best practice information, to help arrange visits between Newcastles; to manage the day-to-day business and finances of the alliance; to promote and publicise Newcastles of the World to existing and new audiences; to research and contact additional Newcastles around the world; to produce a range of material for information centres and exhibitions.

Contributions by Members

Newcastles who subscribe are contributing to the running costs of our alliance, are able to take part in decisions about the future priorities, major projects and policies of the alliance, and receive best attention from the Secretariat.

There is no set membership "fee" as such - members pay what they can afford according to their size and resources, but the minimum expectation is 1000 euros or equivalent per annum. Larger Newcastles pay more but that is their choice, and we are grateful for their commitment. Newcastles who do not wish to pay a subscription fee may still receive newsletters and other communications, can share in some activities (such as school links and sharing of best practice information) and may attend as guests at the biennial conferences at their cost.