



THE "NEWCASTLES" OF THE WORLD



There are over 100 towns and cities across the world that share the name "Newcastle" or "New Castle"

The origin of the name is often the same, whatever the language - an old castle was destroyed or fell into disrepair and a "new" castle was built to replace it, and the place name followed.

However, many of the Newcastles in the English-speaking world take their name from some connection with Newcastle upon Tyne and coal mining, and the idea to link them came from Newcastle upon Tyne-based John Nicolaou.

Some of the "Newcastles" have been meeting every two years to share experience and ideas on culture, heritage, education and business. This began in 1998 at the invitation of the then Mayor of Shinshiro, the "Newcastle" of Japan, and this is where "Newcastles of the World", as we know it today, began.

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● **OUR MAIN PARTNER TOWNS AND CITIES**

England – Newcastle, Herefordshire & Newcastle on Clun, Shropshire

Wales – Little Newcastle (Casnewydd-Bachi), Pembrokeshire; Newcastle, Bridgend, Glamorgan; Newcastle, Emlyn; Newcastle, Monmouthshire

Scotland – Newcastleton **Northern Ireland** – Newcastle, County Down

FORMERLY KNOWN AS "NEWCASTLE"

Pylos, Greece

Savonlinna, Finland

Today, Western Australia

Casnewydd-ar-Wysg (literally: Newcastle-on-Usk - Welsh name for Newport)

Cowichan-Newcastle, British Columbia, Canada

Albert Town, Otago, New Zealand

Webster City, Iowa, USA

Shinshiro City, Japan

India – Hoskote

Afghanistan - Qal'eh-ye Now

Iran - over 100 villages named Qaleh-Now

Kota Bharu, Malaysia

Newcastle New South Wales, Australia

Canada – Newcastle, New Brunswick

Newcastle Ontario, Canada

New Castle Pennsylvania

New Castle Indiana

Jamaica – Newcastle

Barbados – Newcastle

St Kitts & Nevis – Newcastle, Nevis

Brazil
Castello
Novo

USA

- New Castle, Alabama
- Newcastle, Arkansas
- Newcastle, California
- New Castle, Colorado
- New Castle, Delaware
- New Castle, Illinois
- New Castle, Kentucky
- Newcastle, Maine
- New Castle, Missouri
- Newcastle Nebraska
- New Castle, New Hampshire
- New Castle, New York State
- New Cassel, New York State
- New Castle, Ohio
- Newcastle, Oklahoma
- New Castle, North Carolina
- New Castle Township, Pennsylvania
- South Newcastle, Pennsylvania
- Newcastle, Texas
- Newcastle, Utah
- New Castle, Virginia
- Newcastle, Washington State
- Newcastle, Wyoming

Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

Newcastle-under-Lyme United Kingdom

Republic of Ireland

- Newcastle, County Dublin
- Newcastle, County Galway
- Newcastle, County Meath
- Newcastle, County Tipperary
- Newcastle, County Wicklow
- Newcastle West, County Limerick

Germany

- Neuburg an der Kammel, Bavaria
- Neuburg am Inn, Bavaria
- Neuburg am Rhein, Rhineland-Palatinate
- Neuburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

EUROPE - Other

- Austria - Neuburg in Burgenland
- Austria - Klosterneuburg
- Belgium - Neufchâteau, Luxembourg Province
- Belgium - Neufchâteau, Liège
- Croatia - Kastel Novi
- France – Neufchâteau, Lorraine
- France - Chateauneuf-du-Faou, Brittany
- Greece – Neokastro, Central Macedonia
- Poland – Nowy Zamek
- Portugal – Castelo Novo
- Romania – Gherla
- Spain – Castilo-Neuvo
- Ukraine – Novohrad Volynski

Nyborg Denmark

Jaunpils, Latvia

Nové Hradý, Czech Republic

Nové Zámky, Slovakia

Neuchâtel Switzerland

Neuburg an der Donau Germany

Herceg Novi Montenegro

Akhaltshikhe, Georgia

Italy

- Castelnuovo Bariano
- Castelnuovo Belbi
- Castelnuovo Berardenga
- Castelnuovo Bozzente
- Castelnuovo del Friuli
- Castelnuovo Di Sotto
- Castelnuovo Bormida
- Castelnuovo Ne'Monte
- Castelnuovo Trento
- Castelnuovo Calcea
- Castelnuovo Cilento
- Castelnuovo del Garda
- Castelnuova della Daunia
- Castelnuovo di Ceva
- Castelnuovo di Conza
- Castelnuovo Di Farfa
- Castelnuovo di Garfagnana
- Castelnuovo di Porto
- Castelnuovo Rangone
- Castelnuovo Nigra
- Castelnuovo Parano
- Castelnuovo di Val di Cecina
- Castelnuovo Don Bosco Magra
- Castenuovo Bocca D'Adda
- Castelnuovo Bormida
- Castelnuovo Avezzano
- Castelnuovo Assisi
- Castelnuovo della Misericordia
- Castelnuovo Prato
- Castelnuovo Vergato
- Castelnuovo Teolo
- Castelnuovo Auditere

Newcastle KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



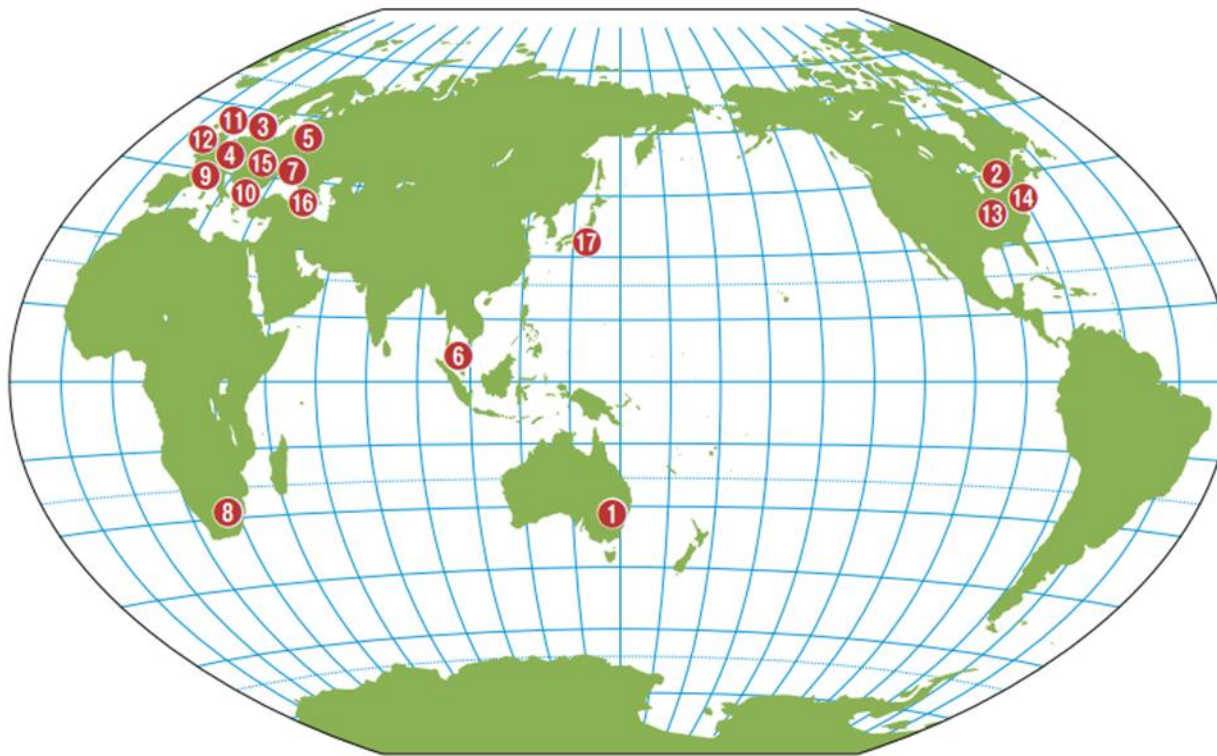
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NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD
OUR MAIN PARTNER TOWNS AND CITIES





-  **1 Australia**
Newcastle, New South Wales
-  **2 Canada**
Village of Newcastle, Clarington
-  **3 Denmark**
Nyborg
-  **4 Germany**
Neuburg an der Donau
-  **5 Latvia**
Jaunpils
-  **6 Malaysia**
Kota Bharu
-  **7 Slovakia**
Nové Zámky
-  **8 South Africa**
Newcastle

-  **9 Switzerland**
Neuchâtel
-  **10 Montenegro**
Herceg Novi
-  **11 U.K.**
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
-  **12 U.K.**
Newcastle-under-Lyme
-  **13 U.S.A.**
New Castle, Indiana
-  **14 U.S.A.**
New Castle, Pennsylvania
-  **15 Czech Republic**
Nové Hradky
-  **16 Georgia**
Akhaltsikhe
-  **17 Japan**
Shinshiro

OUR MAIN PARTNER NEWCASTLES GROUPED BY SIZE

1,000 – 3,000 Nové Hradý (Czech Republic);
Jaunpils (Latvia)

3,000 – 10,000 Newcastle Ontario (Canada)

10,000 – 50,000 Neuchâtel,(Switzerland); Neuburg
(Germany); Shinshiro (Japan); Herceg Novi
(Montenegro); Akhaltsikhe (Georgia); Nyborg
(Denmark); New Castle Indiana (USA); New Castle,
Pennsylvania (USA); Nové Zámky (Slovakia)

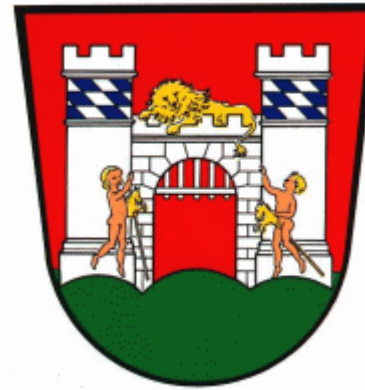
50,000 – 100,000 Newcastle-under-Lyme (UK) (town
75,000, borough/council 124,000)

Over 100,000 Newcastle upon Tyne (United Kingdom –
300,000); Kota Bharu (Malaysia - 350,000); Newcastle
New South Wales, (Australia) – 170,000); Newcastle
KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa - 400,000)

Shinshiro City, population 50,000, is 220km SW of Tokyo



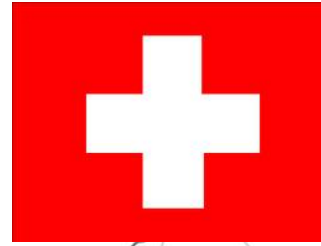
Karte Neuburg an der Donau

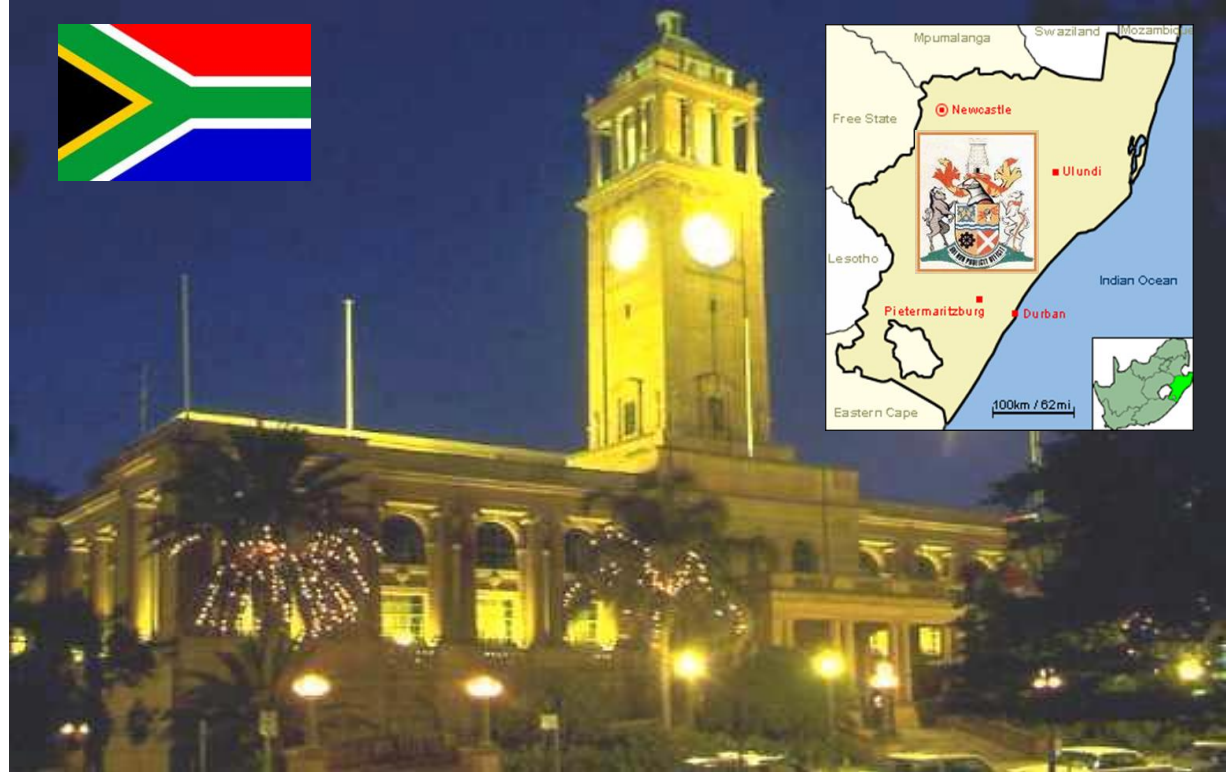
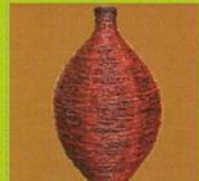


Neuburg an der Donau
("Newcastle on the
Danube") is 80km north of
Munich and has a
population of 30,000



Neuchâtel is a 1000-year-old city, the capital of Neuchâtel Canton. It developed around its fortified castle and stretches along the northern shore of Lake Neuchâtel. The population of 34,000 rose to 45,000 in 2021 as the city's boundaries were extended to include some neighbouring communes.

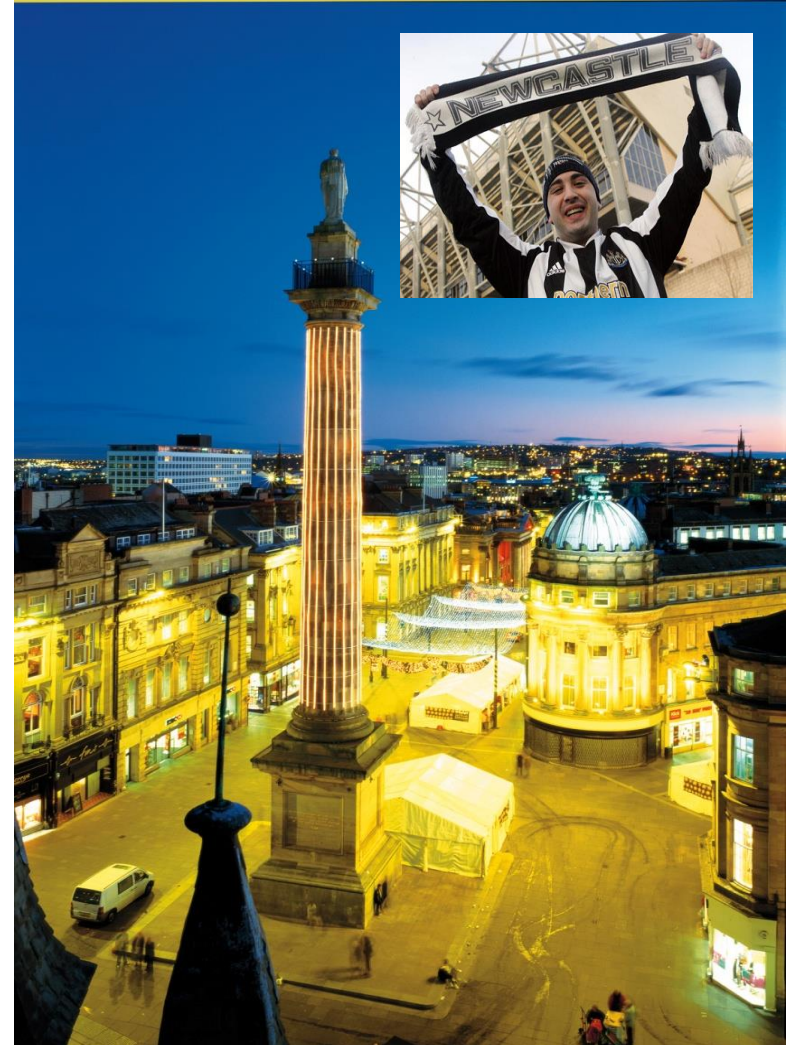
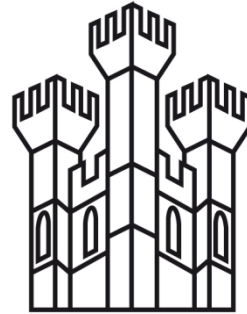
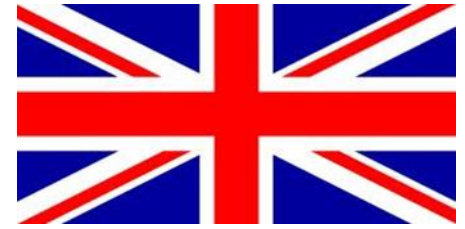




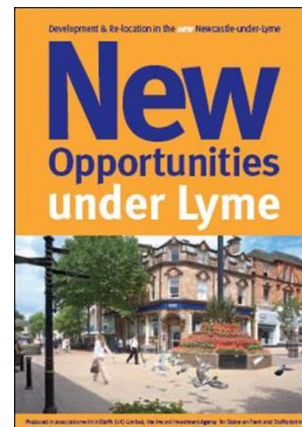
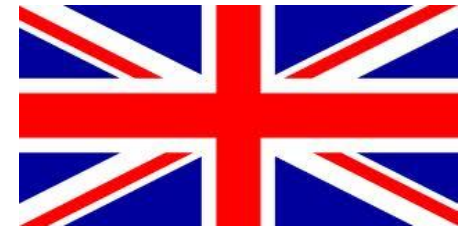
Newcastle KwaZulu Natal, South Africa has a population of around 400,000 including large townships; it is 260km NW of Durban.



Newcastle upon Tyne is in North East England, population 300,000



Newcastle-under-Lyme is a market town in Staffordshire, England, The borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme has a population of 123,000 (of which the town is 75,000)





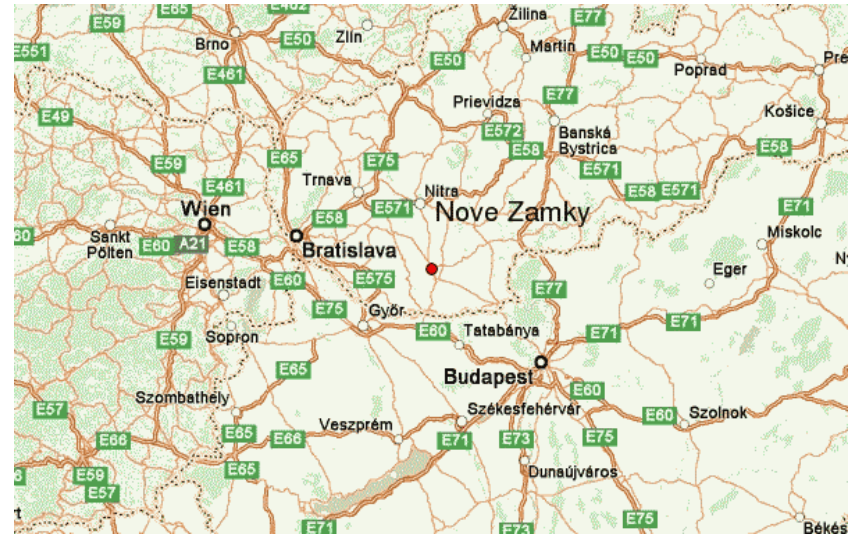
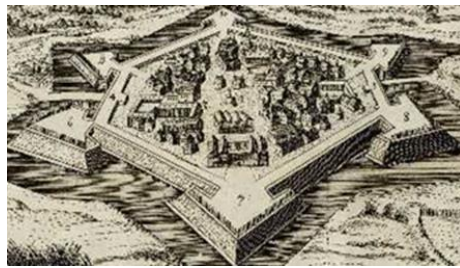
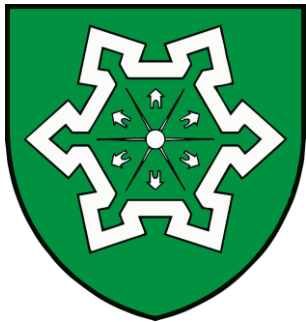
Nové Hrady, South Bohemia, Czech Republic, almost on the Austrian border. Population 2600



Nyborg, Denmark: the Municipality has a population of 31,000 (city = 18,000). From 1183 to 1413 it was Denmark's capital and the Parliament – the Danehoffet – met at Nyborg Castle

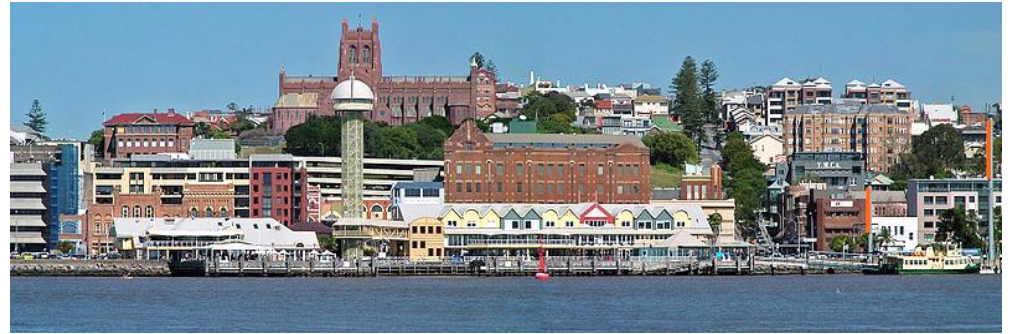


**Nové Zámky is in Slovakia,
on the Nitra River, west of
the capital Bratislava, with
a population of 42,000**



Newcastle New South Wales Australia

Located 260km north of Sydney, Newcastle is Australia's seventh largest city, population 170,000 or around 450,000 for Greater Newcastle

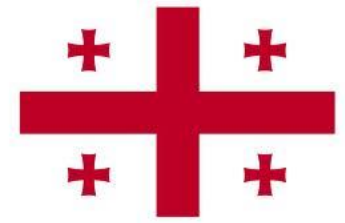




**Jaunpils, Latvia -
population of
2400 people;
now part of
Tukums
municipality.**

Akhaltsikhe, Georgia

Population 17,000 (Municipality 46,000; South West Georgia, close to the border with Turkey and Armenia





Herceg Novi, Montenegro

Herceg Novi is a coastal town at the foot of Mount Orjen and at the entrance to the dramatic Bay of Kotor, the southernmost fjord in Europe. It is the administrative, economic and cultural centre of the municipality bordering Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina – 16,000 of the municipality's 32,000 population live in the city.



Kota Bharu – state capital and Royal City of Kelantan State in northern Malaysia, near the border with Thailand – population over 350,000 in the city and 500,00 in the metro district.

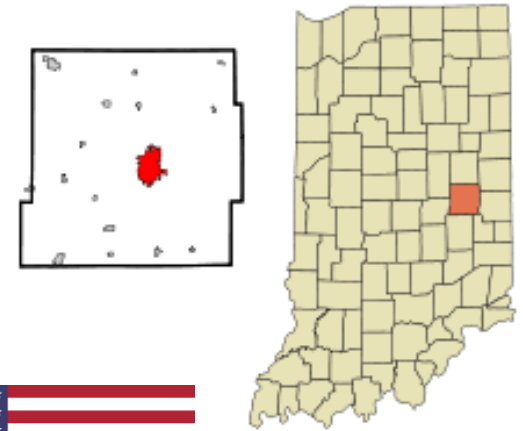


Newcastle is a community in the Municipality of Clarington in Durham Region, Ontario, Canada 80km east of Toronto, population 10,000.





New Castle, Indiana, population 17,000: one of almost 30 “Newcastles” in the USA





New Castle, Pennsylvania, population 21,500



OPPORTUNITIES TO LINK UP

- Trade, business development, chambers of commerce
 - Tourism promotion
 - Cultural collaborations and exchanges
 - Youth Councils and youth exchanges
- University and college cooperation, schools, languages
 - Libraries
- Charitable support for less well-developed communities
 - Sporting links
- Rotary and Lions Clubs, Round Tables

OUR CONFERENCES

In 1998 the Mayor of **Shinshiro** in Japan took the initiative to invite representatives of seven other “Newcastles” to his city.

They have continued to meet every two years – in **Neuchâtel**, Switzerland in 2000, USA (**Indiana/Pennsylvania**) in 2002, **South Africa** 2004 & 2010, **Newcastle-under-Lyme** (UK) in 2006, **Neuburg an der Donau**, Germany in 2008, **Newcastle upon Tyne** (UK) in 2012, **Nové Hradý** in the Czech Republic in 2014, **Newcastle Ontario**, Canada in 2016 and **Shinshiro** City Japan again for our 20th anniversary in 2018. We next met in **Nové Hradý** for the conference that was postponed from 2020 because of Covid-19.

The aim of the Newcastles alliance is to foster friendship and collaboration, and to share and enjoy each other’s heritage and culture. Each gathering takes a discussion theme to ensure practical, usable outcomes, and also involves our young people.

Next conference in Jaunpils, Latvia in 2025 !







SOME OF OUR PROJECTS

The Newcastle's Passport for Visitors



WHAT IS THE NEWCASTLES PASSPORT?

The Newcastle's Passport scheme promotes tourism and friendship between Newcastle's around the world. Each Newcastle taking part has carefully selected a series of special offers just for visitors from other Newcastle's. These could be a customised programme if the visitor has any special interests – places to visit or people to meet, or special discounts from local businesses.

Visitors get in touch with us for a free 'Passport' then we'll help coordinate a trip with the Newcastle they wish to visit. Each Newcastle is committed to offering a personalised touch, with a warm and friendly welcome to anyone living or from an affiliated Newcastle.

Shinshiro City Passport

Shinshiro City, Japan gathered their offers and have a fantastic range including:

- Guided Hiking at Mount Horaiji
- Guided City tour
- Free entrance for municipal museums
- Zen experience at a temple including:
 - Making Soba noodles
 - Tea ceremony
 - Wearing Samurai Costume
- Meet the Mayor
- Dine/stay with a host family
- Picking up from nearest Bullet train station Toyohashi or nearest airport Chubu Nagoya



Marc-Antoine's 'grand tour' of Newcastles

"I have to say that these were the greatest visits in the world" said Marc-Antoine Strahm, a French teacher from Neuchâtel, our Newcastle in Switzerland, as he shared stories about his 'grand tour' of Newcastles. His travels took him to Neuburg, Germany, Nové Hradý in the Czech Republic, Nové Zámky, Slovakia and Herceg Novi in Montenegro.

Marc-Antoine talked enthusiastically about the wonderful welcome he received in each Newcastle, how he learnt about the great historic moments these Newcastles are associated with, as well as finding out about their cultures, art and literature. Marc-Antoine said he felt moments of emotion as well as having lots of laughter with our friends in each city who included the Mayor of Nové Hradý (*pictured bottom right with Marc-Antoine*), a former Councillor, City Officials and Tour Guides. He thoroughly enjoyed meeting each representative as well as going on fascinating tours and so appreciates the time given to him.

A few months ago Marc-Antoine contacted me asking about the 'Newcastles Passport' tourism scheme. He was pleased to use the 'Newcastles Passport' on his 'grand tour' and is now considering visiting further Newcastles in 2023. See <https://newcastlesoftheworld.com/passport/>



The personalised welcome and customised hospitality is very much a part of our passport offer. So thank you to the hosts for rolling out the red carpet for Marc-Antoine - in Herceg Novi (see bottom left) to Ivana Palikuća of the Municipal Office for international cooperation (pictured on the left next to Bojana Živković of the city Tourism Organisation and Marc-Antoine), also to Biljana Belušević of JUK Herceg Fest and Gospava Kosović of the House of Ivo Andrić; to the tourism team in Neuburg (see Marc-Antoine's photo of the beautiful Renaissance castle); to Libor Ondrejčík and Katarína Hozlárová in Nové Zámky; and to Mayor Hokr in Nové Hradý.





Business Visitors

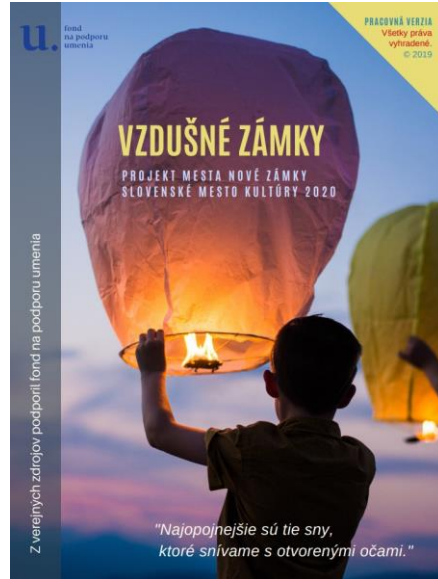




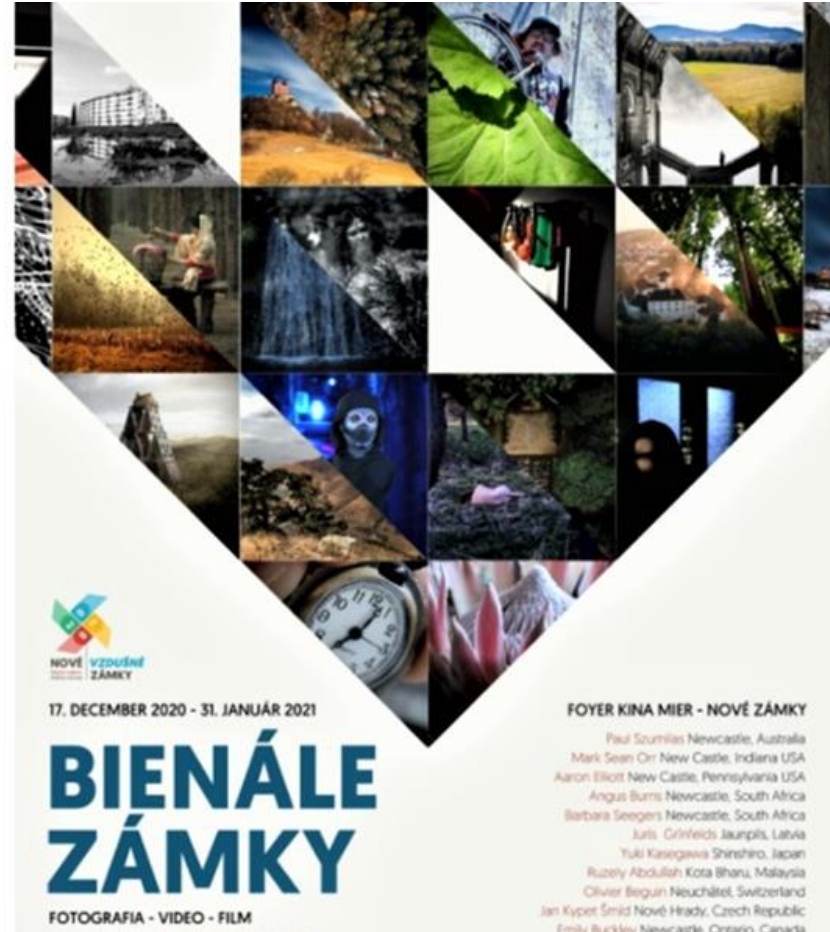
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ПРАЗНИК МИМОЗЕ
ХЕРЦЕГ НОВИ
3 februar 2019
10h

Kineska magija mjenjaња maski za lice
Nastup kineskih tradicionalnih instrumenata
Plesni klub As
Folk grupa Steel Rigg Velika Britanija
Nastup Muzičke škole Herceg Novi
Nastup žensk





Nové Zámky 2020/2021
 17 Artists from
 14 “Newcastles” were part of
 Nové Zámky’s special year as
 Slovakia’s City of Culture in a
 special project





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2-9 mai 2023



NEWS



Congratulations to **Neuchâtel**, our "Newcastle" in Switzerland, for another excellent week of activities for their Europe Week programme in early May. This year the theme was the contribution of women to the development and promotion of the European ideal and our common values. The contribution of women to the building of peace, justice and equality on the continent is undeniable and yet still underestimated.

At the Peristyle of the Hôtel de Ville (city hall) and elsewhere in the city, there were talks and exhibitions about outstanding women of yesterday and today: the writer Agota Kristof; the pianist HJ Lim; the former world president of the Soroptimists, Elisabeth Hoeter; and the intellectual of the Enlightenment Isabelle de Charrière - all of them with direct connections to Neuchâtel.

The "Proches voisines" exhibition gave women photographers from different European cities the opportunity to take a look at women in the public space. Seven artists from the twin cities of Aarau, Besançon and Sansepolcro, as well as from the Newcastles of the world's Alliance, such as Herceg Novi, Newcastle upon Tyne and Nové Zámky, plus Neuchâtel, offered a glimpse into the daily lives of women from different regions and cultures.



Un programme culturel et festif à Neuchâtel

A Day in the Life of Newcastle

Photography Exhibition

Gosforth Civic Theatre
12-25 July 2021



An exhibition of work by Newcastle City Learning photography students with contributions from other Newcastles of the World, including Shinshiro, Japan and Newcastle, South Africa.

Gosforth Civic Theatre - Standard Opening Times
See: gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk for further details






Help from Shinshiro for Ukraine

via our "Newcastles" in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Latvia

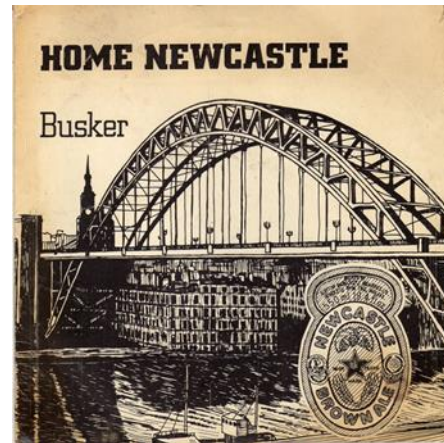
In late May, the Mayors in **Shinshiro** City (Japan), **Nové Zámky** (Slovakia), **Jaunpils** (Latvia) and **Nové Hradý** (Czech Republic) came together online to discuss how very generous donations from the people of Shinshiro can best be used in these three "Newcastles" to support Ukraine. The three "Newcastles", all formerly from behind the "Iron Curtain" Soviet sphere of influence, have been supporting displaced families from Ukraine and

providing other humanitarian aid since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began. Through an initiative of Shinshiro City Hall and Shinshiro International Association, the community of Shinshiro have been raising their own funds to support the people of Ukraine, and it has been decided to channel those funds through the three Newcastles near the "front line" of the conflict to add strength to their own efforts. This is a wonderful example of how the family of "Newcastles" can come together to help each other. Thank you, Shinshiro, for this initiative. See page 3 for more.



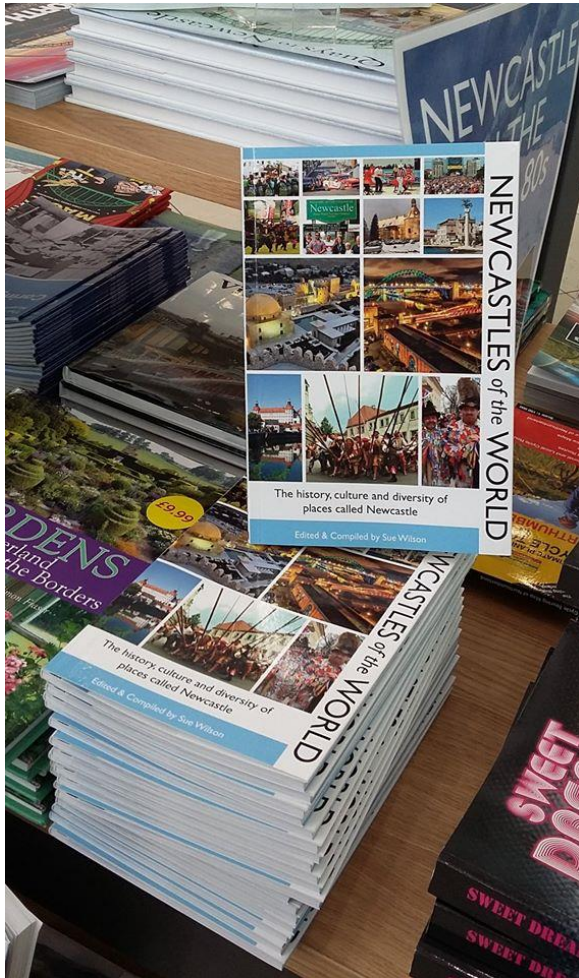
'Home Newcastle'
by Ronnie Lambert

Performed by
Schools in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwi-Fts47IE&feature=youtu.be&t=34>



Some of our Publications

Proud To Call It Home

nyborg castelonovo jaunpils
 neuburg akhaltsikhe novegrady
newcastle
 gherla neufchateau savonlinna newcastleupontyne
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neuchâtel
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Newcastles of the World



Online Publications

TAKING COALS TO (AND FROM) NEWCASTLE(S)

Coal mining has been important to the history of many of the Newcastles in the World, and for some it remains a key element of the local economy.

The phrase "taking coals to Newcastle" is well-known – meaning doing something that is unnecessary or pointless (like "selling snow to Eskimos"!). It comes from the fact that **NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE** in the North East of England was once the centre of a huge coal mining area and the world's largest coal distributing port. Although the coal industry of the area is now mostly a matter of history, the expression can still be used today with a degree of literal accuracy, since the harbour of **NEWCASTLE** in **NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA** has succeeded its UK namesake as the largest exporter of coal in the modern world. (Newcastle NSW was named after Newcastle upon Tyne after abundant rich deposits were discovered there and exploited by early European settlers).



In England, the North East, around Newcastle upon Tyne, is the oldest intensive coal mining district in the country and evidence suggests that the Romans burned and excavated coal in the region. But it was not until the 13th and 14th centuries that it became more widespread, with demand spurred on by expanding towns and a growing population. It was the merchants of Newcastle who stood to gain the most. This was primarily because Newcastle was a seaport, but also because the shallowest, most accessible coal seams lay so close to the Tyne. The Tyne quickly developed into the major river for exporting coal to London. By the 13th century coal mining was well established along the river, and by the next century Newcastle was the fourth wealthiest town in England after London, Bristol and York.

Dunston Staiths, on the River Tyne, is believed to be the largest timber structure in Europe. It is a Scheduled Monument, Grade II listed.

Opened in 1893 by the North East Railway Company, it was built to allow large quantities of coal arriving by rail from the coalfields on the south side of the river to be loaded directly onto waiting colliers (coal ships) ready for the onward journey down the river and to customers in London and abroad. Millions of tonnes of coal were moved this way each year.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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We encourage you to visit our "Newcastles" to enjoy the rich variety of attractions on offer. This calendar lists many of the major events in the year. If you're thinking of visiting and you're from one of our Newcastles, check out the "Newcastle Passport" for a personalised welcome, special benefits and additional events : <https://newcastlesoftheworld.com/projects/passport/>



THIS LISTING WILL BE UPDATED REGULARLY AS A PDF AND ON OUR WEBSITE - TO BE INCLUDED, PLEASE SEND DETAILS OF MAJOR FESTIVALS AND EVENTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO ATTRACT VISITORS FROM BEYOND YOUR LOCAL AREA – to newcastlesoftheworld@gmail.com

EXHIBITION MATERIAL



SHARING INFORMATION AND BEST PRACTICE IN AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST

<http://newcastlesoftheworld.com/best-practice-information/>

- Ensuring thriving town and district centres
 - Affordable housing
 - New uses for historic buildings
- An ageing population- issues and opportunities
 - Employment and skills for young people
 - Connecting with citizens
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Equalities and Cohesion
 - Strengthening civic identity and pride
 - The “Smart” City
- Maximising our tourism potential through collaboration



The castle-managers network discussed at the Shinshiro conference is one step closer after Jaunpils visit to Newcastle upon Tyne


During the visit to Newcastle upon Tyne in November by Ligita Gintere, Baiba Rasa and Kristine Liepina (Jaunpils castle manager) - discussions were held about how take forward the idea of an information and best-practice network for castle managers in the different Newcastles. A full-day visit to Newcastle castle for discussions with Ben Smith and his team confirmed the enthusiasm for such a link-up. There was excellent sharing of ideas about such topics as marketing, community engagement, educational programmes, the use of volunteers, finance and fundraising and events programmes. In the new year the Newcastles of the World secretariat will take these ideas to the managers of other castles and similar fortifications in our network to discuss the most effective method of cooperation.




Young people are the Future for our Newcastle



OUR FIRST DEDICATED YOUTH CONFERENCE WAS IN SHINSHIRO, JAPAN IN DECEMBER 2017


 世界の新城 ユースカンファレンス
 NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD
 YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017
 IN SHINSHIRO 8/12-13/12 2017



1998 SHINSHIRO, JAPAN
 2000 NEUCHÂTEL, SWITZERLAND
 2002 NEW CASTLE PENNSYLVANIA+INDIANA, USA
 2004 KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA
 2006 NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME, UK
 2008 NEUBURG, GERMANY
 2010 KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA
 2012 NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, UK
 2014 NOVÉ HRADY, CZECH REPUBLIC
 2016 NEWCASTLE ONTARIO, CANADA
 2018 SHINSHIRO, JAPAN





“My Newcastle” - What makes your Newcastle special to you?

Students aged 12-18 years are telling the story of their own Newcastle by creating videos to show what it's like to live and study there. Nyborg (Denmark) is leading on the 'My Newcastle' school project.



You can view the films made so far on our **My Newcastle YouTube Channel** and read more about them below. The aim of the project is for students to learn from other Newcastles about what it's like to live and study there.





Two international relations students have been selected by the City of **Neuchâtel** for a year in **Shinshiro**, Japan. Marie Desaulles and Carole Marullaz, two 21-year-old international relations students, will have the privilege of going to Shinshiro, Japan, for a year each.

The young women will have the task of supporting the local youth parliament and giving tutoring in English in the schools of the city. Travel and accommodation costs are provided by the Municipality of Shinshiro.

MARIE AND CAROLE SHOW THE STRONG LINKS + BETWEEN NEUCHÂTEL AND SHINSHIRO ●

Marie, who is a former member of the youth parliament, will leave in the course of this summer. Upon her return, she will pass the role to Carole..

In another exchange in this summer, eleven Japanese high school students from Shinshiro, aged 15 to 17, were in Neuchâtel from 31 July to 6 August. lodged with volunteer families in the region, taking a language course and enjoying discovering the region.

FROM ONE NEWCASTLE TO ANOTHER!



Welcome summer visitors to **Newcastle upon Tyne** from **Shinshiro, Japan**, are pictured on the Newcastle Quayside, meeting Newcastle United and Japanese international player Yoshinori Muto at Newcastle United football ground; also meeting Lord Mayor Councillor David Cook, and members of the Newcastle Youth Council with whom they spent some time sharing their experiences of youth democracy.



AKHALTSIKHE'S WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Three Newcastles came together in **Akhaltzikhe, Republic of Georgia**, at the end of the June when host city Mayor Vladimer Zedginidze kindly invited other Newcastles to the annual St Shalva Day festival. Young musicians from Newcastle upon Tyne and members of the Mntimade Ingoma Dance Group from Newcastle, South Africa enjoyed the fantastic experience of performing in the magnificent Rabati fortress alongside the talented dancers, musicians and actors of



LET'S POST YOUR NEWCASTLE ON CONNECTSTLE!!

What is Connectstle?

The idea behind Connectstle came from the Shinshiro (Japan) Youth Conference in 2017. A group of young people worked on the project to develop a website to connect young people in our Newcastles and encourage travel between them. This website aims to show great places to visit in our individual Newcastles. The content is created by young people and gives their perspective on must-see places and must-do experiences, to encourage you to travel to our Newcastles. Let's make a Connectstle account and post on it what's special to you about your Newcastle!!



<https://connectstle.org>

How to create a Connectstle account?



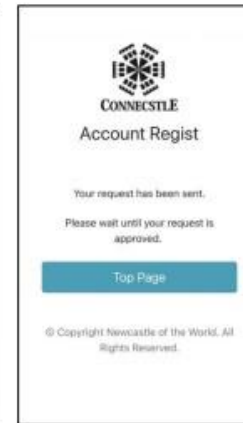
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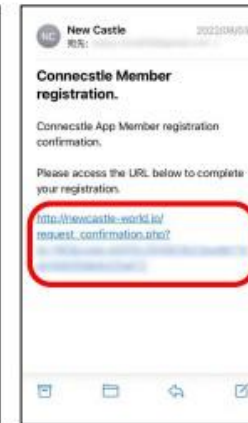
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CALLING YOUNG CHESS PLAYERS !

Nyborg, Denmark will be holding an international school chess tournament for young people on February 10th, 2023.

Playing chess in school as a part of education is an old tradition in Denmark - chess promotes concentration, logic and mathematical skills.

Nyborg is inviting pupils from the age of 8-15 years from all Newcastles to participate in this online chess tournament, to take place from 10.00 - 12.00 Danish time. Further information will be sent shortly after the Christmas break.



YOUTH

Congratulations to 13 year-old Saba Papashvili of **Akhaltsikhe**, our “Newcastle” in the Republic of Georgia, the winner in February of the first-ever Newcastles of the World online chess tournament. Well over 100 young people, up to the age of 15, from seven different “Newcastles” took part.

Many thanks to Martin Stenmann of **Nyborg**, our Newcastle in Denmark, who led the organisation of the tournament. Students from the Czech Republic and Australia were second and third. Our photos show the winner, Saba; Martin with participants from Nyborg, and – on the screen behind him – a Zoom link to participants from Shinshiro, Japan; other competitors from Georgia.



Let's Speak English: Introducing British Culture

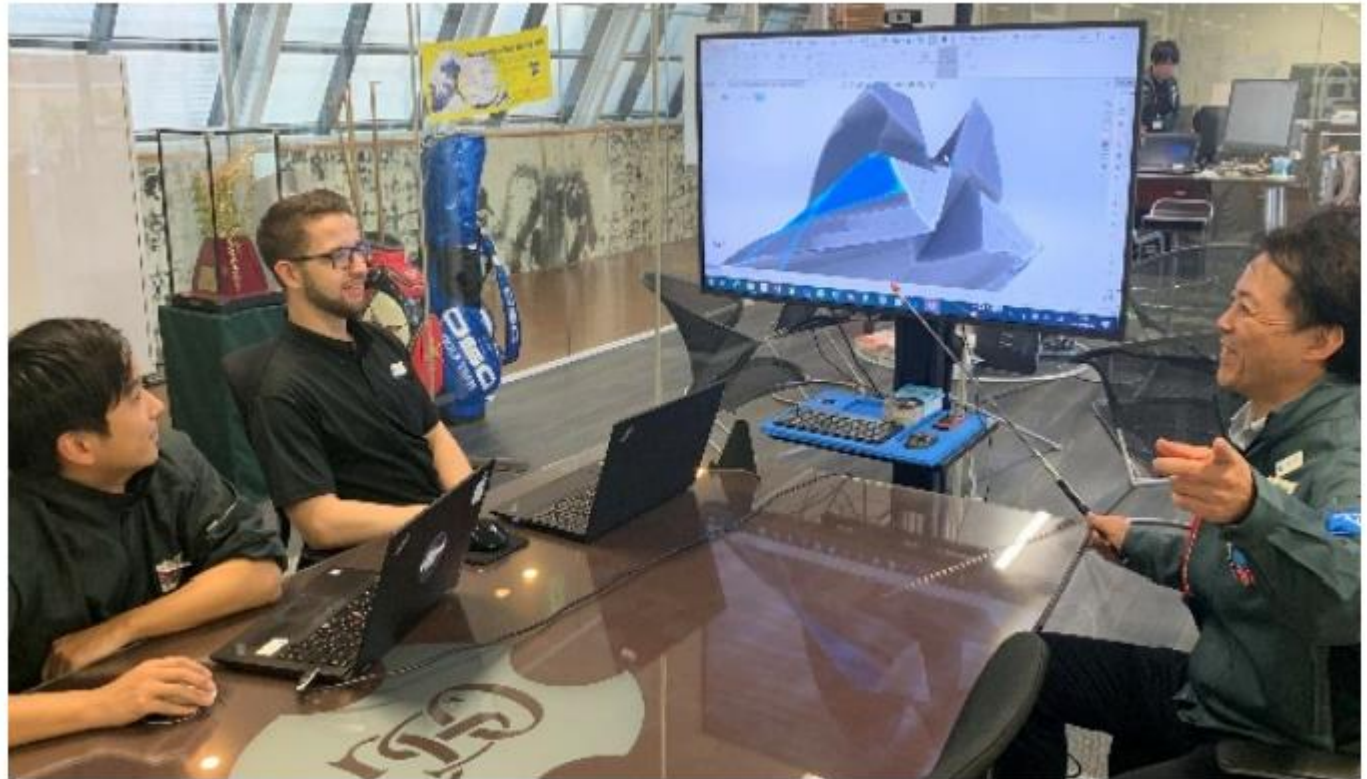
Students in **Shinshiro**, Japan, enjoy afternoon tea with the Secretariat whilst developing their English Language skills

Through an online link-up with Zélie Guérin, Carrie and Stella Brookes, the Shinshiro International Exchange Association and Shinshiro International Team, forty-five students from Shinshiro Junior High School and Yana Junior High took part enthusiastically in 'Let's Speak English: Introducing British Culture'. They learnt about opportunities in Newcastles of the World, practised speaking English and had a delicious afternoon tea as part of an introduction to British culture.

As well as asking Zélie questions about British culture, the students had the opportunity to ask Stella, Carrie's 16-year-old daughter, questions on what is currently trending in the UK. They were fantastic participants. It was great fun!



CHRIS BROWNHILL OF NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY
– NINE MONTH PLACEMENT WITH A JAPANESE
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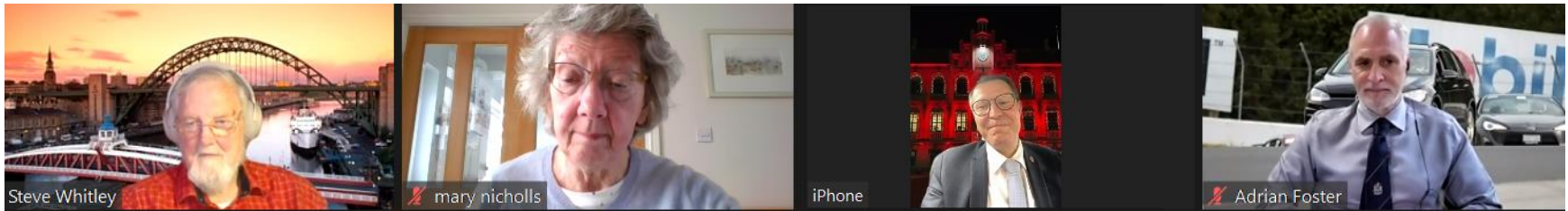


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YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES MEET ONLINE



At the beginning of December, youth representatives from several Newcastles met online at the initiative of Yuki Kasegawa of **Shinshiro City**, Japan. The idea was to exchange information about the various youth councils and assemblies in different Newcastles and to discuss possible future ideas for collaboration.



Interviews with **Beverly Matthews** of New Castle, Indiana, USA
Gary Foster of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia and
Robert Dulfier of Nové Hradý, Czech Republic who is Coordinator of
 Newcastles of the World and Director of the 2023 Newcastles of the
 World Conference. Find out about them and their "Newcastles" on the
 "Older Voices" radio show on Sunday 11 June on the link below.

<https://www.mixcloud.com/LLARC/older-voices-236-11-june-2023-newcastles-of-the-world/>

"Older Voices" is the radio programme of the Elders Council of Newcastle upon Tyne.
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From around the world, you can tune in via Radio Garden -
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NYBORG LEADS THE WAY WITH NEW SCHOOLS VIDEO PROJECT

As part of the Newcastles of the World educational programme, we are delighted to launch the "Learning from other Newcastles" video project. Martin Stenmann, Nyborg, Denmark, is leading on this project, and people in Nyborg have created the "Learning from other Newcastles" video, with Martin's guidance and with the endorsement of Mayor Kenneth Møhlis and his fellow council members. See page 7 for more information - we invite you to join us in this exciting initiative.

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NOVÉ ZÁMKY LAUNCHES ITS BIG YEAR

This is a special time of celebration for Nové Zámky as it begins its year as Slovakia's "City of Culture". The theme is "Zlatá Zámky", a celebration of the city's long history, taking culture to those and people that it doesn't traditionally reach, showcasing the region and its international connections.

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CONNECTING NEWCASTLES IN JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA!

The August 20th Mr. Tetsuya Suzuki, lawyer and business consultant from Shinshiro invited International Newcastle INC, from Australia, to facilitate a business class at Shinshiro's local high school. Mr. Masahiko Nishikawa, Director of International Newcastle INC, the organization that manages the work of our alliance in Japan, visited the class via Zoom. Students were on the look of potential Japanese partners in Australia.

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NEWCASTLES STANDING WITH UKRAINE

Across the world, Governments and people have been shocked and distressed at the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the terrible consequences for the Ukrainian people. As elsewhere, there has been a huge humanitarian response by the communities of many of our "Newcastles", who have been donating urgent supplies, equipment and money for the assistance of the people of Ukraine - those fleeing from the missiles to seek refuge in other countries and those who are staying in their towns and cities and facing danger and shortages. What is not well-known is that there is a "Newcastle" in Ukraine - it is a city of over 50,000 people called Novohrad (or Novograd) Volynsky, which is 230km east of the capital Kyiv in the Zhytomyr Oblast (Province) of northern Ukraine. Originally known as Zvalod, the city was renamed in 1795 after annexation of Polish territories by the Russian Empire. It has the remains of a 14th Century castle after which it takes its name. The Lord Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne, Habib Rahman, sent a message of solidarity to Mayor Mykola Horovets, of Novograd Volynsky City Council, and Newcastle City Council passed a resolution on March 3rd saying that it "stands ready to offer refuge to Ukrainians displaced by this war". It is hard to imagine the pressures on Mayor Horovets and his city - we know from their website news that they have been receiving evacuees from Kyiv, helping their own people to find safer places, and organising defences and volunteers to provide assistance. Other "Newcastles" have been donating supplies of food, clothing and medicines, and preparing to receive and support refugees from Ukraine, including those closer to the conflict such as Nové Zámky (Slovakia). Here is the message on the website of Nové Zámky as we go to print - "The city of Nové Zámky, in cooperation with local organisations, is coordinating assistance to people from Ukraine. Currently, measures are planned in the areas of accommodation, provision of medical and material assistance and medicines. We are also preparing a contact centre for receiving this material assistance. There will be a need for integration in our city, interpreting services, psychological support and much more. But we will need your help to work TOGETHER, ready to provide whatever is needed, not only today, but for as long as necessary. THANK YOU." See page 2 for more on the response of our Newcastles to the crisis. Below: photos from Novohrad Volynsky, showing the patriotism and solidarity of the people - Mayor Horovets is pictured bottom right, from one of his regular filmed messages to his citizens.

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TUNE INTO NEWCASTLES AROUND THE WORLD!

Radio Garden is a free app which connects to 30,000 radio stations from around the world and offers access to music and news from the rest of the globe. It was created a few years ago, but there has been a huge increase in the number of users during the current COVID-19 confinement. Why not try it out? - click on <http://radio.garden>. You can rotate the globe and tune in to radio stations across the world. The spots on the map increase in size with the number of broadcast available in that location. Just click on "play". To make it easier for you we've selected stations in or close to our main partner "Newcastles" (below) for you to tune in to! See page 2

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ELECTIONS IN OUR "NEWCASTLES" BRING SOME NEW MAYORS AND SOME RE-ELECTED

The final months of 2021 saw municipal elections in several Newcastles, with some new Mayors now in place and others re-elected for another term. We welcome the new Mayor in Shinshiro, Japan, Mr Hiroyuki Shimoe - and we give our thanks and good wishes to former Mayor Ryohei Hommi who stepped down after 18 years. See page 2 for Mr Hommi's message to Newcastles of the World. Elected as the new Mayor of Newcastle in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa is Councillor David Nolani Dube, pictured below right, in his swearing-in ceremony, more about the New Mayor on page 3. The new Mayor of Akhaltsikhe, Georgia is Irakli Lazarevili, second from the right below - we will profile him in the next issue. Re-elected are Lord Mayor Naatali Nelmes in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia and Kenneth Møhlis, Mayor of Nyborg, Denmark. We send our congratulations and best wishes to them all.

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Nové Hradý is getting ready to welcome you!

Our conference from 12th to 17th October will now only be hosted by Nové Hradý, Czech Republic, but the municipality of Nové Zámky, Slovakia will continue to give full organisational support to Nové Hradý. Conference Director Robert Dufier says: "Since announcing the plan to co-host, teams from the two towns have been meeting regularly, but it has been increasingly realised that the logistics and costs of a two-centre conference will present difficulties both for the hosts and for delegates. Travel between the two towns, and checking out and into accommodation, will remove a considerable part of a day from the time available, and remaining in Nové Hradý will reduce the overall accommodation cost to delegates. We now also have the opportunity for a more balanced programme, with more time to decide the future direction of our alliance and to discuss concrete cooperation projects." Nové Hradý Mayor Vladimir Hokr says: "The conference here in 2014 was important in the development of our alliance, and we are sure this conference will be of equal importance, as well as being a friendly and enjoyable experience. We look forward to welcoming you, and meeting friends - old and new".

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NYBORG'S ROYAL RUNNERS

What another special day for Nyborg, our "Newcastle" in Denmark! After the wonderful experience last summer of hosting a stage of the Tour de France, on May 29th the city hosted the national "Royal Run" - a community festival of running that is supported personally by the Danish royal family. In Nyborg, it was Crown Princess Mary and her children who took part in the one mile race - there were also 5km and 10km runs. Over 10,000 runners joined them to run on the streets of the historic city. The non-annual event started in 2018 with what was meant to be a one-off sporting challenge to celebrate Prince Frederick's 50th birthday. However, it proved to be such a hit with the public that the Royal Run has now been held for the past five years around the country.

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TRANSPLANT GAMES ARE INSPIRING

In late August Newcastle upon Tyne, England, together with Guildford on the south bank of the River Great Ouse, hosted the World Transplant Games - 23rd competition. 111 winners in athletics, swimming, cycling, football, tennis, and swimming among the many sports. They brought many thousands of coaches, family and supporters with them, making it an inspiring week for everyone involved, including the host city.

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A SPECIAL DAY FOR NYBORG

What an occasion for the city of Nyborg and its people on July 2nd when the famous Tour de France cycle race arrived in town! Preparations had been in place for at least three years, but all the work was worth it. The eyes of the sporting world turned on our "Newcastle" in Denmark for the second stage of the race from Roskilde to Nyborg. The stage winner was Fabio Jakobson of the Netherlands. Denmark's Magnus Cort Nielsen took the "King of the Mountains" points for best climber to take the red polka dot jersey. And how wonderful when the race began in Denmark for the first time that the overall winner of the 2022 Tour de France was also a Dane - Jonas Vingegaard. The arrangements in Nyborg all went very smoothly and there were very large crowds welcoming the riders. The public of Nyborg enjoyed all of the advance celebrations in their city and the great festival atmosphere on the big day - and a very special guest was His Royal Highness Crown Prince Frederik (see first photo below). Page 15 of this newsletter has more photos and a message from Mayor Kenneth Møhlis after the event.

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30 YEARS OF PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP

Mary Congratulates to Shinshiro ("Newcastle") International Exchange Association (SIEA) which celebrated its 30th anniversary at the beginning of August. The Association promotes friendly relations between Japan and the citizens of other countries through exchanges, visits and other projects in the fields of education/youth, culture, sports, tourism and economy, all to contribute towards improving international peace and understanding. The Association's work includes supporting those from other countries who have made their home in Shinshiro, either permanently or temporarily. Newsletters of the World thanks SIEA for its role in helping make our alliance a force for mutual benefit. See page 5 for more about SIEA.

COMMUNITY GENEROSITY SUPPORTS REFUGEES

A total of 5,190 Euro (just over 40,000 euros/US dollars) was raised by the public of Shinshiro, Japan for the Newcastle Kiama Fund. In early July the collected donations were sent to three other "Newcastles" - Nové Zámky, in the Slovak Republic, Janyahly in the Latvian Republic and Nové Hradý in the Czech Republic. The donations are being used to purchase food, clothing and medicinal supplies, to support accommodation costs and to cover children's educational activities. The Mayor of Shinshiro, Hiroyuki Shimoe, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Shinshiro for their generosity. Mr Otokar Klein, Mayor of Nové Zámky (left) and Vice-Mayor M. Lužák Šišák are pictured above on a Zoom call with Shinshiro and other Newcastle Mayors to discuss the assistance for refugees from Ukraine. See page 3 to read more about this help and how the funds are being used in Nové Zámky.

NEXT NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE

Unfortunately, the City of Newcastle will not be able to host the next Newcastle of the World conference, so our Executive Board of Mayors have met to discuss options for the future. The Board and the Secretariat will now be consulting with all our other member Newcastles for a final decision on future arrangements.

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A TIME WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Here are some photos from different Newcastles that will long remain as some of their fondest times.

From top left, then clockwise: Newcastle, South Africa; Shinshiro, Japan; Nyborg on the beach; Hereng Nyborg, Nyborg, Denmark; Newshill, Switzerland.

See page 3 and I would be glad to read the stories behind the photos, and the other stories that the challenge of our Newcastles are inspiring to their citizens. Write on our website.

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