

**The project «A debate on The Future of Europe following the UK referendum on EU membership» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"**

**Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"**

**Participation:** The project involved 150 citizens, notably 18 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 14 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 22 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 12 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 6 participants from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**), 8 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**), 70 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Newbury, UK from 08/09/2016 to 12/09/2016

**Short description:**

The project is connected with the annual International Reunion of Twin Towns that takes place each year in Newbury or one of its twin or associated towns. As the UK referendum vote on EU membership took place in June 2016, the theme of the project was linked to a discussion on the future of Europe.

The day of 08/09/2016 was dedicated to the arrival and allocation of guest with host families.

The day of 09/09/2016 was dedicated to the project discussion, shared meal, tea at a historic house and a radio broadcast including representatives from the visiting towns.

The day of 10/09/2016 was dedicated to a discussion and other activities for the young visitors (aged 16 to 25). All other visitors and their hosts had a free day to explore the local area together. In the evening the Mayor of Newbury hosted a meal for the visiting town representatives and the Newbury Twin Town Association President hosted a meal for the Presidents from the other towns

The day of 11/09/2016 was dedicated to a meeting for the Twin Town Presidents to plan future events. This was followed by a group meal for all participants and then a countryside walk. In the evening a farewell meeting was held at the local Royal British Legion.

The day of 12/09/2016 was dedicated to the departure of visitors.

## **7 events were carried out within this project:**

### **Event 1 - Arrival**

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**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Newbury, UK on 08/09/2016

**Short description:** The visitors arrived in groups and were welcomed with refreshments. They were greeted by their host families and spent the day getting to know each other. A welcome pack of information was distributed including the programme of activities, a list of contact information, a local map and a welcome letter from the Newbury Twin Town Association President. All items were translated into the appropriate language. The aim of the event was to make the visitors feel at home and prepare them for the weekend activities.

### **Event 2 – A discussion on the impact of the UK Referendum debate on the future of the European Project**

**Participation:** The project involved 150 citizens, notably 18 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 14 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 22 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 12 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 6 participants from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**), 8 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**), 70 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Newbury, UK on 09/09/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to discuss the impact on the future of Europe of the decision of the majority of UK voters to leave the EU. Information on the reasons why the UK held a referendum was distributed. A visual power point presentation outlining the reasons why the UK voted to leave the EU was given by the Newbury Twin Town Association President. The group then split into 7 sub-groups by language. Each group was presented with 10 EU statements and had to individually 'score' each statement depending on how strongly they agreed or disagreed with each one. Each statement was then discussed in the group. The average score for each statement and for each town and for the towns as a whole was calculated and presented back to the whole group in the final part of the workshop.

### **Event 3 – Shared Meals**

**Participation:** The project involved 120 citizens, notably 18 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 14 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 22 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 12 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 6 participants from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**), 8 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**), 40 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**).

**Location/ Dates:** The events took place in Newbury, UK on 09/09/2016 and 11/09/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to provide two shared communal meals. On 09/09/2016 representatives from each town set up a stall in Newbury Market Place offering produce from their towns to the visitors, hosts and members of the public. This event increased the visibility of the project to members of the public. The local MP was also present to meet representatives from the visiting towns. On 11/09/2016 the visitors, hosts and civic dignitaries met at a local venue for a traditional Sunday dinner. This event was an opportunity for the embroidered banner of the associations, created by Newbury in 2009 and passed each year to the International Reunion host town, to be passed to representatives from Braunfels in anticipation of the next International Reunion in 2017.

### **Event 4 – Youth Engagement**

**Participation:** The project involved 15 citizens, 2 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 3 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 4 participants from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**) 6 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place at The Town Hall in Newbury, UK on 10/09/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was a youth meeting to discuss the impact of the referendum decision on young people and the issues highlighted by this decision. The meeting started with an introductory 'ice-breaker' session in order that the participants could get to know each other. This was followed by a video about the EU, a quiz to test knowledge about the EU and a discussion on the future of Europe for young people following the UK decision to leave the EU. This was followed by a group meal and group activities for the rest of the day.

### **Event 5 – Picture Exhibition**

**Participation:** The project involved 150 citizens, notably 18 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 14 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 22 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 12 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 6 participants from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**), 8 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**), 70 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Newbury, UK between 09/09/2016 and 11/09/2016

**Short description:** Newbury Twin Town Association started a photographic project on 01/01/2016 entitled 'Where I Live' with the aim to create an archive of photographs taken in Newbury and its twin towns that would show what life was like in 2016. All inhabitants of each town (in addition to Twin Town members) were encouraged to be involved in the project. Photographs were uploaded to the website [www.lavidaphoto.eu](http://www.lavidaphoto.eu). A selection of photographs from each town were used to create banners that were displayed in Victoria Park, Newbury, during the weekend. The visitors and their hosts were encouraged to visit the banners and they were also visible to the general public.

### **Event 6 – Meeting of the Association Presidents**

**Participation:** The project involved 13 citizens, notably 2 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 2 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 1 participant from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**), 2 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**), 4 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place at The Town Hall in Newbury, UK on 11/09/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was a meeting of the Presidents of the associations to discuss present and future projects and meetings. The meeting was also an opportunity for representatives from the 'West Berkshire Stronger Together' group to make a presentation to the meeting that expressed their disappointment at the results of the UK Referendum and their desire to maintain the strong links between West Berkshire and the other countries in Europe.

### **Event 7 - Consolidation**

**Participation:** The project involved 120 citizens, notably 18 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 14 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 22 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 12 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 6 participants from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**), 8 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**), 40 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**)

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place at The Royal British Legion in Newbury, UK on 11/09/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to promote informal discussions between the hosts and visitors on the theme of the weekend prior to the departure of the visitors.

### **Additional Events (not included in the original application)**

#### **Event 8 – Country Walk**

**Participation:** The project involved 100 citizens, notably 10 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 5 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 12 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 8 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**), 8 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**), 54 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**)

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Newbury, UK on 11/09/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was a group walk to a local country park and enjoy some gentle exercise in beautiful surroundings.

#### **Event 9 – Historic Visit**

**Participation:** The project involved 120 citizens, notably 18 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 14 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 22 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 12 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 6 participants from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**), 8 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**), 40 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Newbury, UK on 09/09/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was a visit to a local place of historic interest followed by an afternoon English tea. The group visited Shaw House and were given an introduction to the house by the House Manager.

They were then able to explore the house at their leisure and note the original features and latest exhibitions on display.

#### **Event 10 – Radio Broadcast**

**Participation:** The project involved 10 citizens, notably 2 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 1 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 1 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 2 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 1 participants from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**) 3 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Newbury, UK on 09/09/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was a broadcast on the local radio station 'Kennet Radio'. Representatives from each town were interviewed by the presenter about their towns and their countries. This was an opportunity to explain to the listeners the purpose of the Twin Town visit and promote the project.

#### **Event 11 – Evening Meal for the Town Hall Representatives**

**Participation:** The project involved 15 citizens, notably 2 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 5 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 1 participant from the city of Kiskunfélegyháza (**Hungary**) 5 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Newbury, UK on 10/09/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was a civic meal hosted by the mayor of Newbury for the visiting civic dignitaries. Similarities and differences between the towns were discussed and further opportunities for closer collaboration were reviewed.

#### **Event 12 - Evening Meal for the Twin Town Presidents**

**Participation:** The project involved 8 citizens, notably 2 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Feltre (**Italy**), 1 participant from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**), 2 participants from the city of Newbury (**Britain**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Newbury, UK on 10/09/2016

**Short description:** The aim of the event was a meal for the Presidents of the associations. A review of the weekend activities, plus planning for future events was discussed.