

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Town Twinning

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Survey of what people think how much money a municipality spends on town twinning per year

In 2011 and 2012, the City Council organised a number of 'Reaching Out' events across the city to promote Leicester's international twinning links and the work of the various twinning organisations. Enclosed are post-events evaluation reports, which include comments from participants and indicate an overall positive response.

Could you let me know how much money Leicester spends on town twinning per year?

Leicester is twinned with the following cities:

- Strasbourg in France (since 1960)
- Krefeld in Germany (1969)
- Masaya in Nicaragua (1987)
- Chongqing in China (1993)
- Rajkot in India (1996)
- Haskovo in Bulgaria (2008)

There are three Twinning Organisations who manage these links. They are:

- The City of Leicester European Twinning Association (CLETA)
- The Leicester Rajkot Twinning Association (LRTA)
- The Leicester Masaya Link Group (LMLG)

The Twinning Organisations are financially supported by the City Council as shown in the table below:

	2010/11 actual	2011/12 actual	2012/13 actual
CLETA	£11,710	£10,246	£ 9,775
LMLG	£15,000	£13,209	£16,316
LRTA	£ 2,222	£ 3,774	£ 3,774
Total	£28,932	£27,229	£29,865

You can find out more about Leicester's twin cities and the work of the twinning organisations by visiting our website: <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/twinning>

Could you please send me a picture of a town twinning agreement with your German twin town?

Please find enclosed a copy of our Twinning Agreement with Krefeld.

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