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Harrow in Europe

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International Friendship

President: The Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow

The Case for funding

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2002/ 2003 Report

List of Activities

Twinning in action – a description of events March 2002 – February 2003

In 2002/ 2003, Harrow in Europe (HiE) engaged with at least 451 people through a variety of activities. A summary table of activities with a breakdown by ethnicity, gender and age can be found in the Appendix. HiE is excited by its developing work in schools and its ability to facilitate and enable educational visits. The non White population in schools is estimated at 40% and HiE believes that its diversity aims will be achieved in part through its work with schools. Events recorded were as follows:

- 1) **Open Civic Day** – held on the 13th of April 2002, in the presence of the Mayor, this event attracted over 30 participants mainly through advertising in the press.
- 2) **Coffee Morning** - this event took place on the 18th of April 2002. Its main aim was to raise awareness of HiE and raise funds for the organisation. It was successful in attracting about 40 people.
- 3) **Hatch End Interchange** – Exchanges took place in August and February, involving pupils from 2 schools. 4 families acted as hosts and a total of 40 under the age of 18 benefited from the activity. Gender breakdown was more or less equal as 18 male and 22 female took part. 16 non White young people were part of the programme.
- 4) **Quiz Supper** – on the 27th of April 2002, 86 guests attended a fundraising and awareness raising event. The guest list was interesting in its breakdown: there were 61 adults of working age, of these 38 were men and 48 women and 25 pensioners. The event also attracted 5 non White and 3 disabled guests.
- 5) **Harrow Triathlon** – took place on the 19th of May 2002 and attracted over 250 spectators. 12 participants took part, 9 male and 3 female. There were 10 adults of working age and 2 under 18. HiE hopes to build on the success of this event to attract more under 18s and encourage more Harrow residents to take part in the event.
- 6) **Civic Banquet** – the event took place on the 20th of May 2002 but unfortunately clashed with a French holiday. Only 1 guest was able to attend from Douai.
- 7) **Shaftesbury Special Interchange** – in June 2002 an end of term visit to Douai took place from the 17th to the 21st. Shaftesbury Special School was able to send 13 people to Douai thanks to HiE. 10 of these travellers were under 18 and 3 adults accompanied them. The young people were disabled and their carers were on a low income and the trip would not have been possible without assistance from HiE.
- 8) **Fêtes des Gayants** - the traditional Douai town fair was held from 7th to 10th July 2002 and a delegation of 39 travelled from Harrow to support the festivities. 20 000 citizens of Douai were out in the streets. 15 pensioners and 4 disabled residents were part of the Harrow contingent.

- 9) **Douai Triathlon** – on the 25th of August 2002, HiE sent 4 people to Douai to provide a Harrow presence at the event. It was a very successful event attracting 400 competitors and over a 1000 spectators. HiE presented prizes.
- 10) **Pinner Show** – on the 8th of September 2002, HiE took part in this public show in order to promote awareness of HiE and the work it does in Harrow and Douai to promote International Friendship.
- 11) **Harrow & Pinner Lions** - a cultural event took place from the 14th to the 15th of September 2002 and Douai Lions were invited to participate. HiE hopes to build on the success of this exchange by increasing participation from 25 in future years.
- 12) **Harrow ATC** – 15 under 18s took part in a Remembrance Day Parade on the 10th of November 2002. HiE expects to promote Remembrance Day in future years so that more Harrow residents are encouraged to be part of an event which serves as a reminder that International Friendship helped us win the 1st and 2nd World Wars.
- 13) **Quiz Supper** - on the 8th of February 2003, a fundraising and awareness raising event attracted 91 people including 2 disabled and 5 non White residents. HiE was pleased with the response and hopes to run further events to promote twinning and the work done by HiE.
- 14) **Rooks Heath High Trip** - a visit to the battle fields of World War I took place from 13th to 17th February 2003. 42 young people were accompanied by 6 adults. 17 of the participants were non White and 4 participants were on a Low Income. HiE is pleased with the fact that the rest of the school benefited from the feedback provided by those who travelled to France.
- 15) **Librarians Exchange** – 2 Harrow Librarians were able to travel to Douai from the 15th to 16th of February 2003 as part of the International Child Literacy Project. They were able to meet Douai School Children and HiE expects that enriched by their experience, they will have an impact on Library Services in Harrow.

2003/ 2004 Report

Twining in Action – activities March 2003 to February 2004

As at 1st February 2004, HiE records show that at least 350 people had participated in events. Around 84 young people, 78 pensioners and 186 adults of working age took part in various activities. In terms of Ethnicity, HiE was pleased to note close to 30% increase in participation from non White residents of Harrow. Developing the work with schools, where 40% of the population is estimated to be non White offers a credible strategy for changing the ethnic profile of engagement. Activity recorded is analysed in a table in the Appendix. Activity recorded was as follows:

- 1) **Civic Banquet** – on the 5th of April 2003, HiE hosted a banquet in honour of guests from Douai. 12 people attended the Civic function.
- 2) **Civic Breakfast** – on the 6th of April 2003, HiE hosted a breakfast for the Douai guests as part of the Civic duties it fulfils for Harrow. 12 people attended the function.
- 3) **Harrow Triathlon** – 12 HiE competitors took part and were supported by 300 spectators. HiE is not always able to measure the people on Low Incomes taking part in events or benefiting from them. However with support from 2nd tier organisations such as London Voluntary Service Council or Harrow Association for Voluntary Service, HiE hopes to address the challenge of accurately capturing the profile of participation in its activities.
- 4) **Poetry Competition** – from the 13th to 15th of June 2003, HiE enabled participation by 17 people in the Poetry Reading Competition in Douai. Schools from Douai and Recklinghausen also took part in the event. The ethnic profile of the Harrow participants was 8 White and 9 non White. 12 under 18s participated as well as 1 pensioner and 4 adults of working age.
- 5) **Kenmore Park Middle School** - 52 people took part in the return visit to Douai from 6th – 10th June 2003. 45 of these were under the age of 18 and they were accompanied by 7 adults. Ethnicity for the trip was 25 White and 20 non White.
- 6) **Shaftesbury Special School** – from 17th June to 21st June 2003, HiE enabled 13 people of which 10 were disabled to travel to Douai for the end of term visit which has now become a regular fixture in the Shaftesbury Special School calendar. 4 non White were part of the group
- 7) **William Allen Visit** – on the 22nd of June 2003, HiE hosted a Civic function to commemorate the founding of Douai Abbey. Records show 27 residents were on hand to welcome our visitors from Douai.
- 8) **Fêtes des Gayants** – HiE organised a trip to Douai from the 4th to 7th of July 2003. 54 Harrow residents joined 20 000 Douai citizens in the street celebrations. Harrow organised a pipe band and Morris Dancers as its contribution to the event. 16 non Whites and 1 disabled person were able to participate.
- 9) **Douai Triathlon** – on the 31st of August 2003, 4 Harrow residents travelled to Douai to join 400 competitors and over 1000 spectators in this annual event.

- 10) **Pinner Show** – on the 6th of September 2003, HiE sent 2 delegates to the Pinner Show in order to promote the organisation, its work and the theme of International Friendship.
- 11) **Harrow ATC** – on the 9th of November 2003, 15 young people took part in the Remembrance Sunday event with support from HiE
- 12) **Quiz Supper** – on the 29th of November 2003, 87 people including 12 non White took part in this fundraising and awareness raising event. The event is increasingly inclusive as 25 pensioners were joined by 61 adults of working age. 3 disabled people and 1 young person were also present.
- 13) **Coffee Morning** – on the 13th of December 2003, 38 people supported this event which was to help HiE raise funds for its Silver Jubilee celebrations planned for 2004. The awareness raising event attracted 8 non White, 15 pensioners and 23 adults of working age.
- 14) **Salon du Livre** – part of the International Literacy Project, HiE supported 2 adults who travelled to Douai. The event took place from 10th – 12th February 2003 and the delegation was able to interact with Douai school children

Plans for 2004/2005

Plans for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations

Cultural understanding through twinning and education

HiE is planning an inclusive programme of events which will engage Harrow residents, raise awareness of International Friendship and facilitate cultural understanding through a variety of events. As at 5th February 2004, the programme was as follows:

- 1) **Launch of Celebrations** – in March 2004, HiE hopes to launch its Silver Jubilee Celebrations at the Civic Centre in the presence of the Mayor who is President of Harrow in Europe. As part of that launch, HiE with support from Kodak, expects to launch a Photo Album Competition which will enable Harrow residents aged 12 – 60+ to take part in the Silver Jubilee celebrations.
- 2) **Mayor's Banquet** - HiE is expecting the Mayor of Douai and guests to attend this Civic Function which will be hosted by the Mayor on the 1st of May 2004.
- 3) **Festival of Celebration** – HiE's –Events Coordinator has engaged with the Heads of Arts (Nower Hill and Hatch End High Schools), the Arts Director of Arts Culture Harrow, HCRE, UK Farmers Markets and Local Businesses to plan an event which will provide for all tastes. Young people especially Arts students will participate in the event which expects to be a celebration of Food, Music, Dance and the Arts. The programme already boasts Dance Groups (Indian Ballet and Morris Dancers), Bands (German Accordion, Brass Band, a Steel Band), a Food Market and an African Storyteller. The event will take place on the 2nd of May 2004.
- 4) **Sports in Harrow** – Triathletes in Harrow and Douai are being invited to participate in this event by the HiE Sports Coordinator. The event is due to take place on the 16th of May 2004.
- 5) **Sports in Douai** – a rematch event will take place on the 30th of May 2004. HiE Sports Coordinator supported by Councillor Mary John have engaged with the Douai tri-club, HAVS, Shaftesbury School, Welldon Centre and Bentley Day Centre to encourage participation from the Disabled Community as well as the wider community.
- 6) **Fêtes de Gayant** – HiE hopes to organise a coach in support of this annual Douai festival. HiE's Treasurer and Committee are keen that in this Silver Jubilee year, Harrow's communities should be well represented in Douai. The Fêtes de Gayant takes place from 9th to 14th July 2004.
- 7) **Twinning Procession** – the Vice Chairperson of HiE is keen to encourage Residents Associations to take part in a procession in September. This will be supported by the Mayor.

- 8) **Thanksgiving Event** – the HiE Schools Coordinator is being supported by Councillors Asante and Nicolay to organise a Thanksgiving Event in October which will include the LEA, SACRE, HCRE and the Interfaith Council. The idea is for all Harrow's communities to take part in an event which thanks the Creator for International Friendship.
- 9) **Armistice Day Exchange** – HiE's Armistice Day Coordinator is coordinating an Armistice Day Exchange between the 10th of November and 16th November 2004. Harrow Aircadets, the Royal British Legion and the 43rd Bataillon d'Infanterie de Douai are the likely participants. The activity will be supported by 1454 (Harrow) Squadron ATC and the Royal British Legion.
- 10) **Prize giving** – in late November, HiE's Honorary Secretary hopes to organise a Judging Panel to award prizes for the Photo Albums Competition which will be launched in March 04. A prize giving ceremony will be organised to reward the winners of the competition.

HiE has costed these activities and the preliminary cost of delivery is £7 300. Details can be found in the Appendix This will wipe out the reserves HiE is carrying from last year. HiE is a flagship project which serves to promote Harrow within the European Union. It offers its services to facilitate exchanges between Harrow residents and residents of Douai and other European towns. HiE will be unable to perform that function effectively without the full support of Harrow Council. The organisation has no paid staff and is managed entirely by volunteers who contribute magnificently to its work. HiE has listened to the concerns of Harrow Council and has taken steps to address engagement across the ethnic groups represented in Harrow. HiE's schools coordinator has developed an admirable track record in supporting schools to broaden the experience of their students.

In 2004, HiE hopes to further develop its work by building on its successes and trying new initiatives. Although programme development is in its early stages, it is already an exciting mix of activities which will be a fitting testament to the organisation in its Silver Jubilee year.

- 1) **Welldon Centre Interchange** – adults with learning difficulties will be able to travel to Douai as a result of HiE's support. It is hoped that Douai will send a delegation in exchange.
- 2) **Douai High School Interchange** – 13 – 16 year olds with Learning Difficulties will travel from Douai to Harrow thanks to the support of HiE. Details will be available later and HiE hopes the London Borough of Harrow will support its work in this area.
- 3) **Stanmore Church Links** – HiE Interfaith Coordinators are keen to facilitate the development of links between a church in France and Stanmore Baptist Church (SBC). SBC has been part of a French initiative for 40 days of Prayer and Fasting for France in the last couple of years and would now like to pursue that interest with a link with a church. It is probably apt that in this Silver Jubilee year, Harrow is able to recognise that Douai is world famous for the Douai Bible and HiE will be supporting SBC as it pursues this initiative
- 4) **Schools Work** – 23 schools have approached HiE for support for field trips. Schools will find it extremely difficult to provide this enriched curriculum without support from HiE. Details are reproduced in Appendix for information. Total cost of providing the support currently stands at £9 975, although HiE contributes relatively small sums from £300 to £650 depending on the number of students involved. This contribution is however crucial for schools.

Conclusion

Harrow In Europe has worked hard in the past few years to become an inclusive, sustainable organisation which responds to the need of Harrow residents and enables them to engage and benefit from twinning with Douai. International Friendship and cultural awareness enriches us all and HiE is committed to extending this agenda in Harrow and will use the Silver Jubilee Celebrations as a catalyst. The fact that the London Borough of Harrow is celebrating its 50 years offers an opportunity to have a double celebration. Funding from Harrow is critical this year as it will enable HiE to perform its Civic Duties in a manner of which all residents can be proud.

HiE is a fine example of a voluntary organisation which encourages Harrow residents to contribute time and experience. It has survived on the goodwill of Harrow Council and the work of its volunteer committee. HiE hopes that Harrow Council will recognise that

'The work of voluntary and community organisations is central to the Government's mission to make this the Giving Age. They enable individuals to contribute to the development of their communities. By so doing, they promote citizenship, help to re-establish a sense of community and make a crucial contribution to our shared aim of a just and inclusive society.

Tony Blair – " 'COMPACT': getting it right"

It is also important to build on the momentum built up by the schools coordinator and support schools as they engage in field trips and other exchanges. It is likely that through Harrow's young people, HiE will reach their families and the benefits of International Friendship can be shared by all.

HiE is committed to diversity, equal opportunity and community cohesion and with support from Harrow Council will develop the organisation for the benefit of Harrow residents. With support from Harrow Council, HiE could develop a fundraising strategy which will build on its past efforts and lever further resources into the Borough.

Financial Needs Summary

Projections for 2004/2005

- Silver Jubilee Celebrations £4700
- School Activities from March 2004 £9975
- Other activities from March 2004 £2600

Total Projected Expenditure £17275

Less reserves £7000

Minimum INCOME required £10275

Request for funding from London Borough of Harrow £7500

Projected shortfall £2775

HiE will endeavour to raise the extra £2775 required. It has already identified possible sources but needs the £7500 from Harrow Council to support its fundraising efforts.

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