



Warum? Why German/Germany?

Resource Pack for Teachers

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1. Webinar introduction and programme

WARUM? Why German?

Webinar: 13.30-15.00 25th January 2021

An event for teachers and pupils

A recording of the elements of the webinar will be available after the session

More people live in Germany than any other European country, it has the continent's largest economy and German is the most widely spoken first language in the whole of Europe.

On Monday January 25th, join us at a special webinar to discover more about Germany, its links with a region of the UK and how businesses in the North East of England value it as a trading partner.

The session will run from 1330 – 1500 and is most suited to pupils in upper KS3, KS4 and KS5. Most will be delivered in English with some German language input.

The session will be hosted by colleagues at British Council using Microsoft Teams Live to safeguard learners. Schools will be sent a simple clickable link upon registration which can be shared with pupils. As it is a Microsoft Teams Live event, pupils' cameras and microphones will be disabled.

Pupils can comment and ask questions using a moderated chat facility.

The event is brought to you by partners at Goethe Institut, The Honorary German Consul in Newcastle upon Tyne, International Newcastle, Durham County Council and from two of the region's twinned cities, Gelsenkirchen and Tübingen, with support from the German Embassy and UK-German Connection.

The teachers' information pack outlining wonderful opportunities and support available to develop and enhance links with Germany and also German language learning will be provided to all schools attending the webinar.

Warum? Why Germany Programme

Monday 25 January 2021

1330 – 1500 Online

1330 Welcome and overview

Vicky Gough, British Council Schools

1340 Amazing facts about Germany

Domini Stone, Goethe Institut London

1400 Hallo aus der Partnerstadt Gelsenkirchen!

Mrs Karin Welge, Mayor of Gelsenkirchen

Hallo aus Tübingen! – Fasching in der Partnerstadt

Marcus Beuter, Head of the Carnival Association Tübingen

Dr Daniela Harsch, Deputy Mayor of University City of Tübingen

1420 How German is used in the workplace

Manuela Wendler ([Honorary Consul for Germany in Newcastle](#))

Business ambassadors:

Joe Bullimore, [RTR](#)

Julie Morris Davison, [Perry Process](#)

1450 Cultural input from Germany – poetry and music

Live performance: Jasmine Simms, Poet, Durham-Tübingen poet-in-residence 2019

Live performance: Kristin-Sophie Laschinsky, Singer-songwriter, representing Gelsenkirchen

1500 Closing remarks

Brian Stobie, Durham County Council, International Team

GERMANY AND THE NORTH EAST



Tübingen



Gelsenkirchen

2. Introduction to historic links, civil society and business links with Germany



Our shared history, language and culture



The **Romans** occupied land in today's United Kingdom and Germany. Here the frontier border was **Hadrian's Wall**, in Germany the Romans built Limes Germanicus, both now UNESCO World Heritage sites.

There are active archaeological and historical links and exchanges between both countries:

[Expedition Magazine - Penn Museum](#)



Migrants from northern Germany, the **Angles** and the **Saxons** followed, bringing with them the language, which evolved into English. According to 'Rosetta Stone' "eighty of the hundred most used words in English are of Germanic origin".

In more modern times, many English words found their way into the German language, including the word 'cakes', which was introduced by Hermann

Bahlsen as 'Keks': [Our Story \(bahlsen.co.uk\)](#)



The **Hanseatic League** was a trading power for ca. 400 years. This alliance by countries bordering the Baltic and North Sea originated in Germany and included trading posts such as Newcastle upon Tyne. Newcastle would have traded for example coal and received timber in return. Today there is still a Hansa alliance, one of the partners being Kingston upon Hull. [Hanseatic League](#)



The Prussian polymath **Alexander von Humboldt** was a scientist, geographer, naturalist and discoverer. He became acquainted with and influenced by **George Forster**, a fellow researcher who had travelled with **Captain Cook** on his second voyage. Humboldt himself spent five years in South America, studying the natural environment. Later he communicated and also influenced with his writing a young **Charles Darwin**. [Introducing Alexander von Humboldt – YouTube](#)



The **Industrial Revolution** ensured that British products and services were in demand around the world. The **Stephenson Works** had developed the first steam engine and one was to connect the Bavarian cities of Nuremberg & Furth.

In 1835, the 'Adler' (Eagle) from Newcastle became **Germany's first steam train**. Its driver, a mechanical engineer from Walbottle called **William Wilson**, became a local celebrity, was highly remunerated and settled in Nuremberg. [First railway in Germany \(tourismus-fuerth.com\)](#) A replica of the 'Adler' is in Nuremberg's Train Museum [DB Museum](#)



Another young electrical engineer from Prussia travelled in the opposite direction in 1843. **Carl Wilhelm Siemens** (later Charles William), brother of engineer/entrepreneur Werner, moved to the UK to manage the UK business and became an inventor and entrepreneur in his own right. He held around 113 patents and seen as one of his most important inventions was a regenerative furnace. He was even **knighted by Queen Victoria**: [Siemens 170 years in the UK](#)

Today **Siemens** employs over 16,500 staff in the UK, trains 600 apprentices and has 15 manufacturing sites. Here in the North East there is for example Siemens Gas & Power in Heaton or Spanish Joint Venture Siemens Gamesa in Cobalt, which specialises in renewable energy.

Other German owned companies in the North East also draw on the engineering and manufacturing skills of the region, such as:

- **Draeger** in Blyth (e.g. breathing apparatus for the fire service, but also ventilators or incubators)
- **Freudenberg** in North Tyneside (products for the automotive industry)
- **Liebherr** in Sunderland (cranes), **Rosen** in Cobalt (pipeline inspection)
- **Heraeus Conamic** in Wallsend (high purity fused silica and high end ceramics)

Twinning and partnerships between the North East of England and Germany



After the end of the Second World War, many town twinning arrangements were established across Europe. Some of the North East town twinning arrangements with Germany are between 50 and 70 years old and the vast majority are in the Ruhr/Rhein area in the state of North Rhine Westphalia, which has a similar industrial heritage as the North East (coal mining, steel production).

- **Newcastle** is twinned with **Gelsenkirchen** (home of Schalke football club) [Gelsenkirchen | Ruhr Tourismus \(ruhr-tourismus.de\)](http://Gelsenkirchen | Ruhr Tourismus (ruhr-tourismus.de))
- **Sunderland** with **Essen** (former colliery is a Unesco World Heritage site) [Essen | Ruhr Tourismus \(ruhr-tourismus.de\)](http://Essen | Ruhr Tourismus (ruhr-tourismus.de))
- **North Tyneside** with **Mönchengladbach** (home of Borussia) [Niederrhein Tourismus \(niederrhein-tourismus.de\)](http://Niederrhein Tourismus (niederrhein-tourismus.de))
- **South Tyneside** has a link with **Wuppertal** (famous for Tuffi, the baby elephant escaping from a monorail)
- **Blyth Valley** is twinned with **Ratingen** (European HQ for Esprit) and **Solingen** (city of blades) and **Ashington & Newbiggin** are twinned with **Remscheid** (Wilhelm Röntgen – discovered X-rays)
[The Bergisch Three: Wuppertal, Remscheid and Solingen \(nrw-tourism.com\)](http://The Bergisch Three: Wuppertal, Remscheid and Solingen (nrw-tourism.com))

Apart from North Rhine Westphalia, North East towns & cities have also partnerships with other German states:

- **Durham** with Tübingen in the southern state of **Baden-Württemberg**
- **Hexham** with Metzingen, in **Baden-Württemberg**
Baden Württemberg tourism
- **Yarm** is twinned with Schwalbach am Taunus in the state of **Hesse**
- **Peterlee** is twinned with Nordenham in **Lower Saxony**

Another initiative links Newcastle with other '[Newcastles of the World](#)', including four German places called 'new castle', including [Neuburg an der Donau](#) (Newcastle on the Danube) in Bavaria, which is a member of this international friendship organisation.



Lufthansa

There are two direct **flights** to Germany from Newcastle to **Dusseldorf** (using Eurowings), which is the main airport for North Rhine Westphalia, where most of our twin towns are as well as the Bavarian capital **Munich** (using Lufthansa).

There are many British brands, that are popular in Germany. From the North East people may be familiar with brands such as **Barbour**, **Newcastle United**, **Newcastle Brown Ale**, **Fentimans** mixers are quite popular, but also **Sage**, is well-known in the business community.



German audiences enjoy British books, music, tv programmes and movies, which are dubbed in Germany. Often, they lead to increased tourism in some of the featured locations.

The series Vera, which is filmed in the North East, has been on German TV since 2014.

But there are not only 'official' links – sometimes its individual school links, groups or families that have initiated partnerships between North East and German families, clubs or communities.

This could involve **school exchanges**, **sport**, **music**, **reading**, etc. People interested in a wide variety of subjects also meet up here in the North East, e.g. German language, German food & drink, film or a book club.

And let's not forget the links between the UK's **Royal Family** and **German aristocracy**, for example Henry VIII's fourth wife – Anne of Cleves, King George I (Prince Elector of Hanover), Queen Victoria's husband **Prince Albert** and even **Prince Philip**, whose mother was a member of the House of Battenberg (Hesse, Germany). [The German kings and queens of England | Sky HISTORY TV Channel](#)

Prepared by Manuela Wendler, [The Honorary German Consul in Newcastle upon Tyne](#)

3. Profile of Gelsenkirchen



Newcastle upon Tyne and the German city of Gelsenkirchen have been twinned since 1948.

Gelsenkirchen has five more twin towns, but the twinning with Newcastle upon Tyne is the oldest. In the past both cities were major centres of coal mining and heavy industry. This is the reason why the cities were connected. Even though the collieries and mines are closed today, you can still find a lot of buildings and memories from this time in Gelsenkirchen.

Gelsenkirchen is located in the west of Germany, in the heart of the Ruhr area. The Rhein-Herne Canal splits the city into a northern and a southern area. Each of these areas has its own city centre with shopping facilities. All in all, the city is divided into five different districts and has about 265,000 residents... and we have two town halls.



Most people know Gelsenkirchen as the hometown of Schalke 04, which is one of the biggest football clubs in Germany. World champion footballers like Manuel Neuer, Mesut Özil and Julian Draxler grew up in Gelsenkirchen and played for Schalke for a long time.



In addition to one of Germany's largest soccer stadiums, Gelsenkirchen has a large zoo, several public parks, a great musical theatre and some beautiful old castles.



Mayor Karin Welge



Karneval or Fasching in Gelsenkirchen is a special time



Parades and celebrations involve people of all ages and walks of life before Lent with distinct customs and traditions

During their 72-year partnership, Newcastle upon Tyne and Gelsenkirchen have had an intensive cultural, economic and administrative exchange. Both cities have organised several visits by delegations. These trips have included performances by choirs and youth theatre groups, or sport events such as soccer competitions. Even the police departments have been involved and organised job shadowing schemes to learn from each other.

In addition, teachers and schoolchildren from various schools have started cooperation projects, matched up pen friends, and visited each other. A lot of secondary schools are still very interested in collaboration with schools in Newcastle. International Newcastle and the city administration are currently creating new contacts. [Find out more here](#)

In addition to several elementary schools, Gelsenkirchen has nine grammar schools, five comprehensive schools, four secondary modern schools and one technical college. Today children learn English in school from the first year onwards. Schoolchildren with a handicap have the chance to attend one of 30 inclusive schools. Furthermore, many schools offer full-time assistance. This enables parents to easily combine work and family.

Gelsenkirchen is definitely worth a visit. If you should come here one day, make sure you try a "Currywurst" with chips. It is the most famous and delicious sausage in the Ruhr area.

Cultural contribution:

Kristin Sophie Lachinsky, Singer-songwriter from Gelsenkirchen

Sophie will perform a song live at the webinar on 25th January 2021



My name is Kristin Sophie and I am a 22 year old singer-/songwriter from Gelsenkirchen, NRW, Germany.

Music has always been a huge part of my life and a concern of heart to me.

Five years ago I started writing my own songs about different things that kept my mind busy. Since then I have been performing them on Open Stages and several gigs in my surrounding area. Currently I plan to record my first album, so there is much art but also much work yet to come.

With my songs I want to tell stories, deal with emotional situations or look behind the surface. If possible, I would like to inspire people and create a connection of their thoughts, their experiences and my music.

If you are interested, visit my YouTube-Channel or my Instagram and Facebook profile to get some impressions.



4. Profile of Tübingen – a portrait of the city

Small steps, narrow alleys and pointed gables shape the silhouette of old Tübingen on the way up to its castle. The Swabian university town of about 90,000 inhabitants and 27,000 students combines the flair of a lovingly restored medieval centre with the colourful bustle and typical atmosphere of a young and cosmopolitan students' town.



Numerous sidewalk cafes, wine taverns and cozy students' pubs, special shops, restaurants and taverns invite visitors to stroll around and to pause here and there. Taking a boat trip in a famous “Stocherkahn” – the boat exclusive to Tübingen navigated by a long wooden pole – offers a scenic view of the picturesque Neckar waterfront with the famous Hölderlin Tower.



The University Town of Tübingen, with its castle, its historic centre and many medieval buildings, looking back on nearly thousand years of history. In 1477 the Württemberg count Eberhard the Bearded founded the university.

Until today, the town profits from the energy that comes from the creative tension between its history, civil community and university.

With around 10.000 employees, the university and the university hospital are the biggest employers in Tübingen, with another approx. 30 public authorities with 2.500 jobs in the civil service. Even if the town is not an industrial site, there is a range of traditional and young enterprises in mechanical engineering and tool manufacturing, in medical technology and the textile industry. The town tries to facilitate and promote the establishment of new enterprises.

First-class research has a long-standing tradition in Tübingen Tradition: For more than 500 years, the Eberhards Karls University has been a centre of learning, teaching and researching. Again and again world-shaking ideas and discoveries have come from the town. Today, apart from the university, there are many more, internationally renowned research institutions in Tübingen. Most famously the company Curevac, which discovered the mRNA-technology that is used for the Covid-19 vaccines.

The close dialogue of science, politics, economy and the public creates a space for new ways of thinking and contributes to a liberal, cosmopolitan environment. Besides the international life of the University, Tübingen fosters eleven town twinnings – with many cities in Europe, but also in the USA, Peru and Tanzania.



Tübingen is the „town of short distances“ and offers the possibility to get many things of daily life done without using a car. Shops, the important sights, public offices and institutions are centrally located, all other destinations are easily accessible by public transport. „Collective taxis“ and special night busses facilitate a nightlife without needing a car. A well-developed cycle path network, too, makes it easier to get around in town; at specific bus stops the bicycle can even be taken onto the bus.

Ecologically compatible, economically successful and socially just: the leading principles of urban development in Tübingen also account for the area of building and living. Instead of urban sprawling of free landscape, in Tübingen especially abandoned areas, vacancies and gap sites in town are used. Tübingen is one of the first cities in Germany that committed to the goal to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Links:

[Welcome to Tübingen - City of Tübingen](#)

[Sister cities - City of Tübingen](#)

[University of Tübingen \(uni-tuebingen.de\)](#)

[Narrenzunft Tübingen \(Karneval/ Fasnet in Tübingen\)](#)

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Cultural contribution:

Jasmine Simms, Poet

Live performance: Jasmine will perform two poems (one in German, one in English) at the webinar on 25th January 2021

Jasmine is from West Yorkshire, in northern England. Formerly Vice Chancellor's Scholar for the Arts at Durham University, she is currently a postgraduate student at Goldsmiths College, University of London.

Her writing explores themes including female adolescence, childhood, wildness and sexuality. Since being a commended FOYLE Young Poet of the Year in 2012, Jasmine received awards for her poetry including the Ted Hughes Young Poet Award, the Yorkshire New Poet Award and (most recently) being named New North Poet in the Northern Writers Awards – a joint project with The Poetry School.



Her poetry has been published in magazines such as Magma and The North, as well as in anthologies by Bloodaxe, Smith/Doorstep and Tower Poetry. Her first pamphlet is forthcoming with Smith/Doorstep press as part of their 2019 New Poets series. She has read at literature festivals across the UK including Manchester, Ledbury, Bridlington, and London Book Fair.

Jasmine is a graduate of The Writing Squad - a professional development scheme in the north of England. In 2014 she was selected to attend the Tower Poetry Summer School at Christ Church, Oxford University. In 2015-16 she was poet in residence for the Knee Deep project at Tender Buttons Performance Company (Newcastle), the results of which she showcased as part of Durham Book Festival.

In summer 2019 Jasmine was the poet in residence for three-month in Durham's twin town Tübingen in Germany.

Jasmine is co-founder of the Dead [Women] Poets Society collective.

5. County Durham links with Germany



The County Council's international office supports schools which teach German and those who wish to build connections with Germany.

Brian Stobie, International Officer: My office also organises tailored language study visits to residential centres in Kreis Wesel to allow pupils in Y8 and Y9 to practice acquired language in real settings. The six-day visits use specially prepared materials to encourage use of the target language.

<https://internationaldurham.com/discovery-weeks/>

With fewer pupils learning German at KS3 and KS4 than in the past, many of our school-based projects are developed with a cross curricular approach. Examples of previous projects are given below. We are happy to work with colleagues to explore options, develop links and research funding programmes.

We work principally with our two twinned areas; Kreis Wesel in Nordrhein-Westfalen and Tübingen in Baden Württemberg.

Year 10 pupils at Park View School worked with students at the Berufskolleg in Wesel to understand how knowledge of languages can support employment prospects across Europe.

Staindrop Academy established a new partnership with the Otto Hahn Gymnasium. Their planned visit to Germany, funded by the DfE School Exchange Programme has been postponed due to the current pandemic. The programme provides up to £11,500 of funding to support visits to partner schools.

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/exchanges>

Parkside Academy also benefitted from the same programme when its pupils travelled to Tübingen to the Geschwister Scholl Schule to coach the German pupils in cricket.

The German pupils returned to work with the Parkside students on an environmentally inspired installation for Lumiere Durham.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLL4NIBxBew>

St John's School visited its partner school in Tübingen, the Otto Schmid Gymnasium with its school band. There are regular staff exchanges; funded by the ERASMUS+ programme which have investigated bilingual teaching, differentiation and support for pupils with additional needs.

Bishop Barrington School hosted pupils from Wesel to work on the decoration of the Wesel Esel. A symbol of the town and decorated with emblems of both communities. The visit to County Durham was supported by UK-German Connection

<https://ukgermanconnection.org/pp/showcase/diamond-jubilee-with-a-donkey/>

UK German Connection also supported visits to Seaham High School and Park View School as pupils worked together on WW1 history projects. Seaham pupils and their partners recreated the Christmas Football Truce and those at Park View designed and made stained glass to commemorate the centenary of the armistice.

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/seaham-pupils-man-very-12-metre-8234272>

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/19576/British-and-German-schoolchildren-unite-for-armistice-commemorations>

Pupils from Consett Academy joined partners from the Kreis Wesel at the Ruhr Games International Youth Camp.

https://m.facebook.com/ConsettAcademy/posts/1127811284089101?locale2=hi_IN

Tanfield Primary School worked with Grundschule am Hechinger Eck to share approaches to Christmas. Pupils from the primary school, accompanied by older mentors from Tanfield School travelled to Germany to experience the Christmas market as part of the UK-German Connection's Magical Christmas Project.

<https://ukgermanconnection.org/pp/a-christmas-trip-from-tanfield-to-tubingen/>

The County Durham Big Band was guest of honour at the anniversary celebrations in Tübingen and our music service hosted the Tübingen Musikschule in return.

Eva Zeller, a Tübingen poet gave readings at Durham Johnston School and the Tübinger Saxophon Ensemble gave a masterclass to our aspiring musicians.

Whether art, language, music, humanities or vocational studies, we will work with our schools to establish meaningful and sustainable partnerships and harness the valuable support of partner agencies.

We also work with colleagues at local universities to offer taster sessions, languages and employability events and create cultural programmes.

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6. International Newcastle activities and support



[International Newcastle](#) (IN) is a Community Interest Company (not for profit), which facilitates partnership working in the city, across the North East England region and with national and international partners to support a more coherent, collaborative approach to internationalism.

International Newcastle leads on [Our Newcastle Our World](#) – an international relations city plan and framework for action. Priority activities focus on our vision of [Newcastle as an international city for our children and young people to be active and confident global citizens](#).

Our Newcastle Our World - Vision



WE ARE A WELCOMING, FRIENDLY CITY TO VISIT, LIVE AND WORK IN



WE ARE OUTWARD LOOKING AND ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION



WE VALUE DIFFERENCE AND EMBRACE DIVERSITY ACROSS ALL OUR COMMUNITIES



WE CREATE INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND NURTURE SKILLS, TALENT AND GROWTH



WE SHARE OUR EXPERTISE AND STRENGTHS INTERNATIONALLY AND LEARN FROM OTHERS



WE ENGAGE LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY TO ADDRESS URBAN CHALLENGES AND REDUCE INEQUALITIES

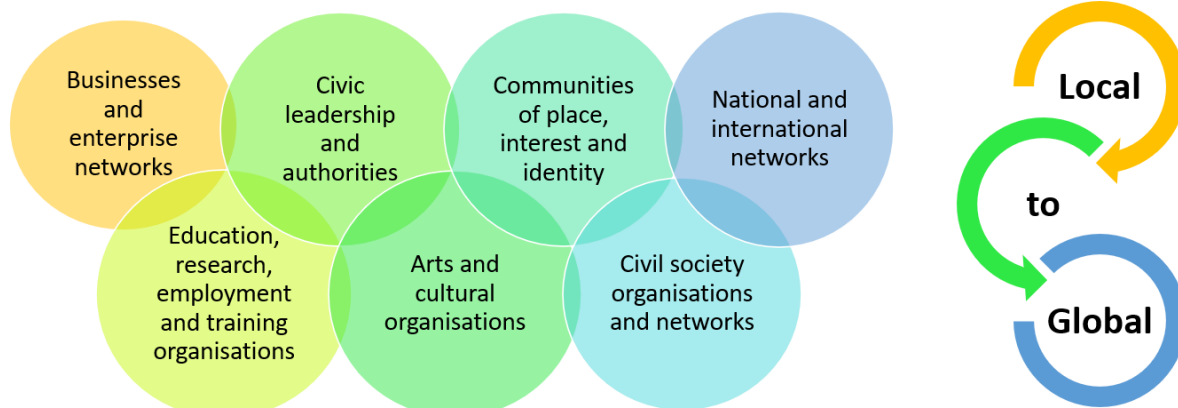


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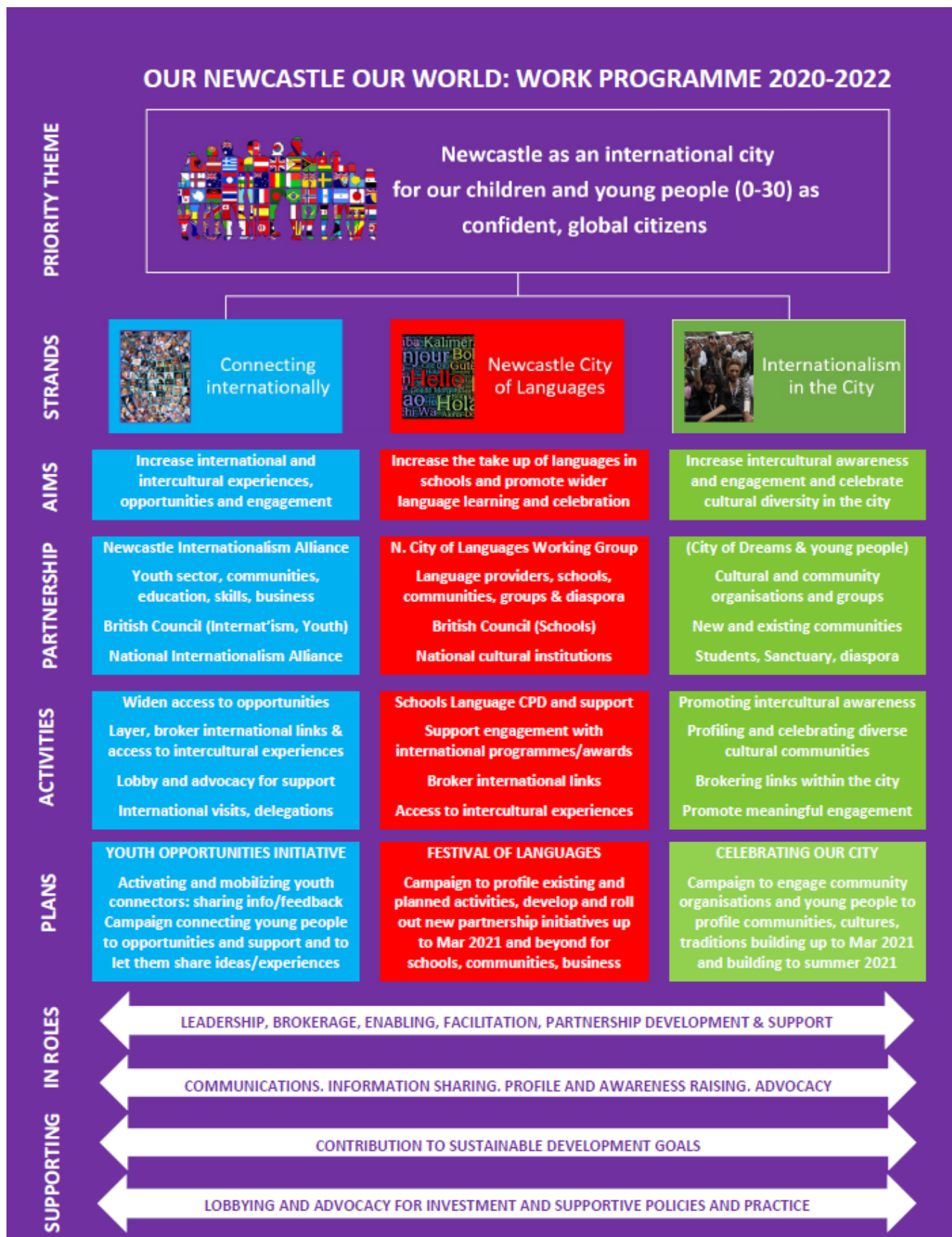
WE WILL ADDRESS THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACROSS ALL OUR ACTIVITIES

Our partnership approach



There are three strands in the work programme for Our Newcastle Our World, with key aims and partnerships developing around each of these interlinked strands. [Download the work programme here.](#)

Relevant links for schools are overleaf – including support to develop partnerships with schools in Germany, as well as language learning and teaching resources and support, events and activities and wider opportunities.



Support for Newcastle schools

School and youth partnerships with Gelsenkirchen



International Newcastle is working with Newcastle City Council and the administration of our twin city of Gelsenkirchen in Germany to provide opportunities for schools to develop relationships, as well as links and activities involving youth groups or clusters of schools, including vocational training. This could involve the whole school, does not have to include language teaching or learning, but could bring a wide range of benefits and help achieve a wide range of curriculum and personal development outcomes, as well as longer term employability skills.

We can also connect schools to the support from our partners, such as UK German Connection to help grow and build your relationships, as well as British Council (including Schools Ambassadors and links to opportunities and support) and the Goethe Institut, Association for Language Learning NE and our own Newcastle Modern Foreign Language Network to help support language teaching and learning.

Contact: sarah.edgar@newcastle.gov.uk

[Web article about Warum? Germany webinar and schools' links](#)
[Newcastle Services for Schools webpages \(for updated info and links\)](#)



Our Newcastle Our World internationalism alliance: Our first alliance meeting to support internationalism was in May 2020. We are building relationships and partnerships across our activities and will be launching an online platform to enable all partners in the city and beyond with an interest in supporting internationalism to engage, share ideas and resources and develop or enhance opportunities



Newcastle City of Languages



Resources



Events and activities

Newcastle City of Languages is an ambitious initiative promoting, supporting and celebrating cultures and languages across the city, with a strong local, regional and national partnership. We launched our [Newcastle Schools' Modern Foreign Language Network](#) in January 2021 and are launching a Festival of Languages for Feb/March

There are a wide range of language and cultural [Resources](#) available online (for anyone), with particular sections on [Resources for Schools](#), as well as [Online Resources](#) (regularly updated) and [Wider Resources](#) (which include things like Linguacuisine, e.g. cooking in German)

International Newcastle and its partners develop and advertise a range of current [events and activities](#) relating to international support and opportunities, as well as training/support for language teaching. We plan for and respond to the needs of partners, including schools.



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SUPPORT FOR LANGUAGES, CULTURAL, EMPLOYABILITY, YOUTH AND INTERNATIONAL LINKS



7. Goethe Institut primary and secondary schools' support

GERMAN IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

READY-TO-USE MATERIAL FOR NON-SPECIALISTS AND SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY THE GOETHE-INSTITUT

The Goethe-Institut is the official cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany and supports school leaders, teachers and learners of German to achieve their aims and helps facilitate and strengthen the teaching of German.



SERVICES FOR INTRODUCING GERMAN AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS

- ❖ [Headteacher brochure](#) which points out the advantages of teaching and learning German in the UK and shows the attainment targets in the first year of German achievable with the Goethe-Institut's scheme of work.
- ❖ Provision of [teaching materials Felix and Franzl](#)
 - German with Felix and Franzl
 - German for Children
 - Developed by the Goethe-Institut for UK primary school teachers, who have little or no initial German
- ❖ [Upskilling courses](#) to help you get started and to equip non-specialist language teachers with a basic knowledge of German
- ❖ Film [The Smart Choice: German at Primary Schools in the UK](#). Watch online or order your free copy at the Goethe-Institut London.
- ❖ *German at Primary Schools in the UK* booklet as a great tool to make the case for German on parent evenings and language days
- ❖ [Further training events in the UK](#) as well as [scholarships for courses in Germany and Austria](#) (culture, methodology and didactics, language courses)
- ❖ [Library service](#) (extensive choice of current and inspiring books and resources for primary schools)
- ❖ Support in **organising school projects and offering cultural events**
- ❖ [Film screenings](#) at the Goethe-Institut
- ❖ [THE LANGUAGE MAGICIAN](#) is a free assessment tool in the form of a videogame to be used at primary school level



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SERVICES FOR INTRODUCING GERMAN AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- ❖ Promotional materials and resources are available at our [Webshop](#).
- ❖ [Sign up here](#) to receive our e-newsletter for teachers which features our latest news, events and competitions.
- ❖ We have a number of digital apps and resources on offer. These include: [THE LANGUAGE MAGICIAN](#) - a free assessment tool in the form of a videogame which can be used with year 7 students and the [German Quiz Challenge](#), a free app that tests the pupils' knowledge and their ability to use the language and track their progress without the stress of a traditional test.
- ❖ Our [work shadowing programme to Schwäbisch Hall](#) allows pupils with a GCSE in German to experience working life first hand in Germany whilst partaking in a cultural programme.
- ❖ [Speak Up German](#) is an initiative that helps students to develop their speaking and presentation skills whilst meeting young people from all over the UK and our [Debating Competition](#) offers a great chance to actively use the German language in an authentic setting and at the same time to get to know other secondary school students from across the United Kingdom.
- ❖ [Double Club German](#): a program of the Arsenal football club in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut London to combine language lessons with football to encourage pupils to learn a language and continue with it until the end of school.
- ❖ [Further training events in the UK](#) as well as [scholarships for courses in Germany and Austria](#) (culture, methodology and didactics, language courses)
- ❖ [Library service](#) (extensive choice of current and inspiring books and resources for secondary schools) and our online digital library, [Onleihe](#)
- ❖ [Film screenings](#) at the Goethe-Institut London
- ❖ [Netzagenten](#) – a game, inspired by escape rooms, to encourage pupils to use their German while boosting detective and teamwork skills.

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8. UK German Connection: Opportunities and support



Opportunities for schools and pupils

UK-German Connection is dedicated to increasing contacts and understanding between young people in the UK and Germany.

Our offer in a nutshell:

- Programmes, seminars and trips for pupils, teachers and schools
- Networks for young people and teachers
- Funding for schools and youth groups to run joint activities, projects and trips
- Advice, practical examples and support for school and youth partnerships

While face-to-face opportunities aren't possible, we're offering virtual, digital and hybrid options to help young people, schools and teachers keep connected with Germany.

Funding for schools, colleges and youth groups

We offer a range of funding programmes to support UK-German partnership projects and visits, as well as virtual activities between partner schools and groups.

- **Partnership Visit Fund:** staff planning visits between partner schools and youth groups
- **Instant Impact:** first-time taster trips to a partner school or youth group
- **Flexible Funding Scheme:** small- and large-scale thematic partnership projects and visits
- **School partnership bursaries:** to help schools maintain existing links

Our funding programmes are currently being redeveloped.

More information: www.ukgermanconnection.org/funding

Programmes for primary schools

UK-German Bears Project: Pair up with a primary school from Germany and introduce your primary pupils to the German culture and language with Alex and Ben, the UK-German bears. www.ukgermanconnection.org/bears

Magical Christmas Trips: Apply for **funding** to visit your partner school at Christmas time and get involved in some **seasonal intercultural activity** together! www.ukgermanconnection.org/magicalchristmas

Opportunities for teachers

Host a Teacher from Germany: This free programme supports language learning and professional development, and adds to the intercultural dimension in your classroom by providing pupils with a real-life learning context for German language and culture. *Coming soon: new digital hosting options.* www.ukgermanconnection.org/hostateacher

German Pupil Course Group Leaders: Paid professional development opportunity for UK German teachers to develop leadership training, language immersion and first-hand *Landeskunde* experience.

www.ukgermanconnection.org/gpc-leaders

Opportunities for secondary pupils

German Pupil Courses and German Scholarships Programme: Part- and fully-funded language and culture summer courses in various locations throughout Germany.

www.ukgermanconnection.org/gpc

<https://ukgermanconnection.org/scholarships>

Youth events: UK-German events, competitions and initiatives - both face-to-face and virtual - for young people to exchange on and learn about different themes whilst also exploring the other culture and language through joint activities.

www.ukgermanconnection.org/get-involved

Networks: Language assistants and young people can join our ambassador networks to run bilateral projects in school, e.g. Cultural Exchange Ambassadors.

www.ukgermanconnection.org/networks

Register your interest: Young people can register their interest to be kept up-to-date with upcoming opportunities.

<https://ukgermanconnection.org/>

Online resources

Still and Sparkling: Read, subscribe and contribute to our newsletter by young people for young people - with UK-German stories, interviews, and opportunities.

www.ukgermanconnection.org/still-and-sparkling

Get inspired: Stories, case-studies and tips from other schools and groups.

www.ukgermanconnection.org/showcase

Voyage Kids and Voyage: Websites for children and young people with intercultural and language learning resources.

www.ukgermanconnection.org/kids-uk

<https://ukgermanconnection.org/yp/>

Opportunities database: Upcoming programmes and events for schools, teachers and young people:

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9. German Embassy London



Germany Embassy London: Culture and Education and Opportunities in the UK

Together with their partners the Goethe-Institut, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and UK-German Connection (UKGC), the Culture and Education section of the German Embassy London provide the following opportunities for schools, teachers and pupils in the UK.

German Teacher Award



- honours the best teachers of German across the UK.
- helps to create visibility for German at schools.
- head teachers nominate a deserving teacher of German.
- award is usually presented at the German Ambassador's Residence at the *Sommerfest der deutschen Sprache*.
- partners include the Austrian Cultural Forum, the Embassy of Switzerland, the Goethe-Institut London, the German School London, the Department of Education in England and Wales, Education Scotland and the Association for Language Learning.
- 2021, the award will be running in its 18th year.
- winners receive a prize of £750 each.

German Embassy Career Fair

- annual event organised by the German Embassy in partnership with the German-British Chamber of Industry and Commerce to showcase career options with German language skills.
- German, British and international companies and organisations represented on the day.
- Career Fair 2019 attracted 850 registrations from schools, students and graduates and over 600 visitors on the day.
- At the Fair visitors have the opportunity to: meet representatives of German as well as British companies with important business links to German speaking countries; discuss employment opportunities at these companies; hear about the



importance of German language skills in a career context and practice their language skills in a professional context (coaching, training ...).

- The next Career Fair is planned for autumn/winter 2021.

Think German Networks Initiative



- interconnects academic institutions, schools, cultural organisations and businesses with the aim of increasing the visibility for German and Germany across the UK.

- promotes the German language and culture of German speaking countries.

- currently includes around 11 Think German Networks across the UK.

- The individual networks are run by the respective universities.

- This initiative is spearheaded by the German Embassy. Partners include Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, British Council Embassy of Switzerland, Austrian Embassy, Austrian Cultural Forum London, Goethe-Institut London, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to name a few.

- To connect with the network in your area, go to: www.thinkgerman.org.uk



+ Cambridge Online German for Schools (COGS)
+ Kent German Network
+ London German Network
+ The Midlands German Network
+ Oxford German Network
+ North East German Network
+ North West German Network
+ Wales German Network
+ Yorkshire German Network
+ Southampton German Network
+ UEA Think German Network

Contact:

- For further information please visit the German Embassy's website: www.uk.diplo.de

- If you would like to receive updates from the German Embassy on offers and activities (related to schools and pupils), then please contact us via this contact form: <https://uk.diplo.de/uk-en/tgn>

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10. British Council support and resources



We build connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and other countries through arts and culture, education and the English language.

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/>

Bring the world into your classroom

Choose from a wide range of resources to give your class a glimpse into other cultures and provide a base to develop international partnerships. With the British Council's classroom resources, you will be able to enhance the classroom experience, explore different cultures, discuss international issues and carry out joint projects. These resources are easily accessible and tailored to meet your needs.

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>

Modern Language Assistants

UK schools, colleges and universities can benefit from a language assistant. They can help enrich classroom activities and bring fresh perspectives to language learning, helping to boost results.

Our language assistants are speakers of French, Spanish, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese and Irish, coming from 14 partner countries across the world. They are keen to bring knowledge of their culture and language into your classroom, helping to make your students more socially conscious

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/employ-language-assistant/why>

International School Award

Celebrate your school's efforts to include international work as part of your curriculum and helping embed it within your school's culture. The programme supports schools in fostering an international ethos throughout the school and embedding it within the curriculum

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/accreditation/international-school-award>

Keep up to date with opportunities and activities



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britishcouncil.org/school-resources/newsletter



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11. British-German Association – Youthbridge



Youthbridge

Youthbridge is a charity of the [British-German Association](https://www.britishgermanassociation.org/). Our purpose is to support and encourage the teaching of German in UK schools, mainly in the secondary sector. One of the ways we do so is through the **Youthbridge Awards** scheme, which provides cash prizes and certificates for in-school projects which schools are encouraged to run at option times to build enthusiasm and interest. Details and examples of these can be found on the BGA website.

Of course, Youthbridge is not only about the Awards; we also support German teaching in schools in a variety of practical and financial ways. The help we provide can be tailored to meet the needs of individual schools. In recent years our support has included:

- Subsidising language study visits or exchanges for groups of students to Germany.
- Helping to organise, and subsidising, visits to German companies in the UK, such as the Mini plant in Oxford.
- Subsidising “German in London” days, for instance to the Siemens’ “Crystal” exhibition on sustainable cities, the Goethe Institut, or the German Embassy.
- Funding teachers or 6th form students to visit feeder schools to encourage them to take up or continue with German.
- Subsidising German days or masterclasses in schools – such as travel for participants and speakers and related costs.
- Helping to provide contacts in business, industry and the media who can bring home to pupils the vital importance of a knowledge of German in today’s world.
- Advising and supporting schools to make the case for the teaching of German, or to recruit students.
- Pupils from Youthbridge-affiliated schools can also apply for Dresden Trust Scholarships (UK), which provide 100% funding to study for three or four weeks at a school in Dresden. The Dresden Trust also offers Youthbridge school groups financial support to visit Dresden.

There is no joining or membership fee for Youthbridge – schools simply ask to be placed on the mailing list.

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