



Promoting and supporting people based international relations



European Funding Opportunities

Following the great success of our New Opportunities in Europe event in February (<http://www.internationalnewcastle.org.uk/news/new-opportunities-in-europe>) the IN team have been working with a number of partner organisations to help them to develop funding bids. For example, 'Making a Connection' is a 3 million euro bid to the Horizon 2020 programme we are helping the City Council to compile. Its aim is to develop innovative new ways to engage young people in public authorities and civic activities. Project partners will come from Austria, Denmark, Latvia, Poland, Spain, South Africa and Turkey. Another example is a project with Isis Arts <http://www.isisarts.org.uk/> and other partners to develop the links between culture and people's wellbeing through a programme of varied activities. If you want advice or support on EU funding; contact Simon Underwood simon@internationalnewcastle.org.uk



IN Partnership Scheme is now open

IN's new partnership scheme is now open to organisations from all sectors. Learn how you can benefit from privileged opportunities to advertise, gain information, make contacts and boost your business. And if you wish, you can become more closely involved in the work of IN. Don't miss out, be one of the first 25 organisations to sign up and receive a special prize. Contact simon@internationalnewcastle.org.uk for details.

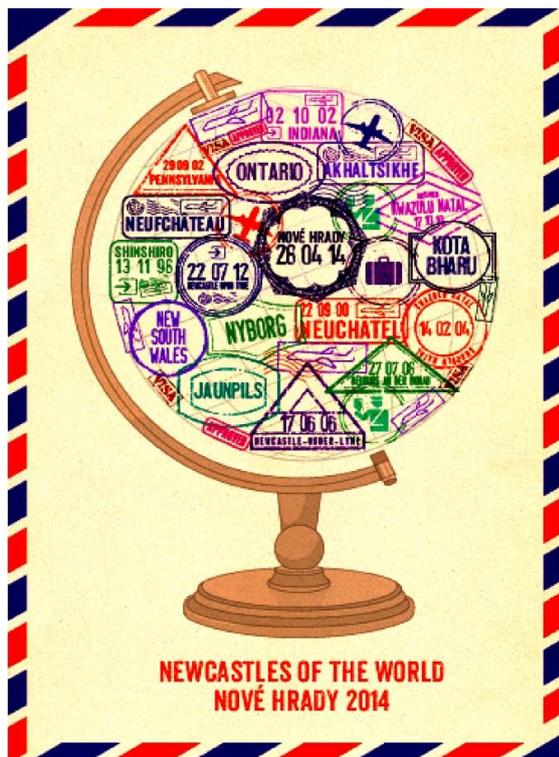


It's kind of crazy but it works!

Our Director, Simon Underwood joined the Newcastle delegation to the biannual conference of the Newcastles of the World –NOTW network which this year was held in the town of Nove Hradky in the Czech Republic. 'Like most people when I first heard about NOTW, I wondered how it could have value for our Newcastle. But having seen the enthusiasm and commitment first hand when over 60 delegates, including a good number of young people, came together to compare

notes and make plans on a range of subjects, I can see how it can work. We discussed all sorts of things including, tourism development, heritage buildings, business connections, cultural exchanges, sources of funding and issues of community cohesion. For me the great potential of the network is that it can provide contact points all over the world for individuals, community groups, schools and businesses. I now feel that I could contact any one of a dozen or more people from various parts of Europe to South Africa to Japan and to Canada and they would make me welcome and help me to develop ideas and links. And what other UK city can say that it has its own worldwide network?’ For more information see

<http://newcastlesoftheworld.com/>



Välkommen till Newcastle – and enjoy a Better Visit

As part of our new ‘Better Visits’ service, International Newcastle recently organised and hosted a successful visit for visitors from the Council of the Region of Västra Götaland, Sweden. The group was interested to learn about the economic and cultural regeneration of Newcastle. They also explored policies on healthcare, with a particular focus on the ageing population.

As well as the day-time presentations, visits and discussions, we also organised an evening and weekend social programme, which supported and reinforced learning. The delegates thoroughly enjoyed our world-class attractions and local culture and gave International Newcastle a great testimonial: “You have raised the bar for this type of international study visit by one hundred, no two hundred per cent!”

For further information on International Newcastle’s international visit and local hosting ‘Better Visits’ service, please contact: Zélie Guérin, zelie@internationalnewcastle.org.uk and follow this link to our website. <http://www.internationalnewcastle.org.uk/visit-support>

International Futures Project

Scott Dunn, a student on placement with IN from Northumbria University has now completed his report on the design and feasibility of the project that we are developing with employment agency Newcastle Futures.

<http://www.newcastlefutures.co.uk/> We are now moving into the development stage and a key issue is identifying appropriate sources of funding and partners.

Work Experience

Following an approach last year to the City Council, by a vocational training school in Montpellier, IN organised and hosted a visit to Newcastle and began to develop an effective partnership. The school was keen to secure work experience for its retail management students and had attempted to organise placements in England previously, without success.

We succeeded in securing placements for eight retail management students in a major department store in Newcastle, as well as organising accommodation and providing support during the month-long stay. The department store provided a first-class work experience programme. It was the EU's Leonardo funding programme that enabled the students to have work experience in another country. The school was delighted and the students benefited enormously from the experience in terms of receiving an excellent work experience opportunity as well as interpersonal skills, language and cultural skills development. The school said: "We would like to commend you for the excellent work you have done. The work experience could never have taken place without International Newcastle's involvement."

Upcoming events

For more details contact IN –

6-22 June – ¡Vamos! festival
www.vamosfestival.com

7-9 July - Visit by a delegation from Newcastle's twin city of Nancy, France to commemorate 60 of the partnership.

23-29 July – Visit by group of students from Newcastle partner city of Little Rock, Arkansas, USA

20-22 October – Newcastle to host the Social Affairs Forum of the Eurocities network

Get INVolved - OPPORTUNITIES

American visitors - Are there any organisations or community groups out there who would like to meet or host a group of young people from Little Rock USA this summer? We have about 20 young people coming in July ... for more information contact
simon@internationalnewcastle.org.uk

Mongolia - anyone interested in a little known area of the world? We have been contacted to see if anyone in Newcastle would like to support a visiting cultural exhibition from Mongolia in 2015 or 2016.