



Urban Diplomacy Exchange Partnership Conference Germany – United Kingdom

City partnerships for an inclusive and sustainable future

19-21 June 2023 | Leeds, UK

Duration:	2.5 days
Venue:	Leeds Civic Hall, Calverley Street, Leeds, Yorkshire, United Kingdom, LS1 1UR
	On 19 and 20 June: Access via the Courtyard
	On 21 June: Access via the Portland Crescent entrance
	 Delegates with mobility issues are advised to use the Portland
	Crescent entrance on all days.
Accommodation	Hotel: Ibis Styles Leeds, Wade Lane, Leeds, Yorkshire, UK, LS2 8NJ
Main target group:	City representatives from British and German partner cities
	(Mayors, municipal staff from relevant city departments)
Responsible for the	Livia Pichorner and Ayan Huseynova
UDE project:	
Moderator:	Merle Becker

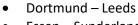
Day 1: Monday, 19 June 2023

13:00	Arrival, registration and welcome lunch
14:00	Introduction remarks and setting the scene
	Miguel Berger, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Kingdom

14:20 Welcoming remarks

- Host City Leeds
 James Lewis, Leader of the Council and the Lord Mayor Al Garthwaite
- Association of German Cities
 Lina Furch, Head of the Europe and International Affairs Department and Head of the Brussels Office
- Engagement Global with its Service Agency Communities in One World
 Alexander Wagner, Deputy Head of the Department for Thematic Partnerships
 and International Expert Dialogue
- 14:40 Presentation of the conference program

	14:50 Coffee break
15:15	An excursus into the Urban Diplomacy Exchange Project Livia Pichorner, Head of Urban Diplomacy Exchange Project
15:30	Partnerships pitch (Part 1) – 6 min per partnership Bonn – Oxford Darmstadt – Chesterfield



Essen – Sunderland

Leipzig – Birmingham

Ludwigsburg – Caerphilly















16:30	Intervention by <i>Tom Riordan Chief Executive, Leeds City Council</i> on the importance of city diplomacy and partnerships
16:35	 Partnerships pitch (Part 2) – 6 min per partnership Mannheim – Bristol Stuttgart – Cardiff / St. Helens Tübingen (with County Wesel) – Durham
17:10	Closing of Day 1 in plenary and overview of Day 2
17:30	Free time

18:30 Reception by The German Ambassador, Miguel Berger,
The Leader of Leeds City Council, James Lewis and
The Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin

at the Tiled Hall Café (The Headrow, Leeds LS1 3AA)

Reception ends at 21:00

Day 2: Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Simultaneous interpretation (EN<>DE) in plenary sessions (Civic Hall)

08:30 Arrival and registration

09:00 Mayors Roundtable (panel in plenary): Keeping societies together – The role of cities in challenging times.

50 min. discussion on 2-3 thematic blocks + open discussion with the plenary audience

- Birmingham: Councillor Elizabeth ClementsBonn: Deputy Mayor Dr. Ursula Sautter
- Bristol: Councillor Kye Dudd
- Caerphilly: Councillor Elizabeth Aldworth
- Cardiff: Councillor Caro Wild
- Durham: Councillor Mark Wilkes
- Leeds: Deputy Leader of the Council Debra Coupar
- Ludwigsburg: Lord Mayor Dr. Mathias Knecht
- Oxford: Deputy Leader of the Council Edward Turner

10:30 Coffee break















11:00 Cities sharing knowledge (multilateral)

Thematic exchange in group sessions

In these two slots, cities are invited to share current projects and learning experiences from their cities.

Group session 1 (in: The Carriageworks): Urban Diplomacy for social sustainability Diversity, social inclusion and health, the challenges and opportunities of migration, managing multiculturalism etc.

- Managing multiculturalism challenges and opportunities for the municipal health care sector
 - City of Leipzig, Constanze Anders, Head of Public Health Department
- From multiculturalism to interculturalism social cohesion and challenges of far-right extremism
 - City of Leeds, Nadeem Siddique, Head of Service Community Relations & Cohesion
- Adult education for social inclusion and integration
 City of Rochdale, Helen Chicot, Reform and Prevention Lead

Group session 2 (in: Civic Hall): Urban Diplomacy for ecological sustainability

Sustainable urban transformation, sustainable mobility, biodiversity and climate adaptation etc.

Climate adaptation:

- Greening the city: Horizon 2020 Food Trails Project
 City of Birmingham, Heather Law, European Affairs Manager
- Ecological Sustainability in the Cities of Dortmund and Leeds
 City of Dortmund, Heiko Just, Head of the Parks Department with City of Leeds, Polly Cook, Chief Officer Climate, Energy & Green Spaces

Sustainable mobility:

- Electric vehicle infrastructure
 City of Oxford, Sarah Hassenpflug, Sustainable Innovation Manager
- Projects to promote environmental-friendly mobility
 City of Tübingen, Bernd Schott, Environmental and Climate Protection Officer

12:30 -13:30 Lunch break

13:30 Intervention: Role of civil society in city-to-city partnerships

Oliver St. John, Strategic Partnerships Executive, British-German Association

13:45 Exchange in Partnerships I (vision + actors) (bilateral) on the vision of the partnerships and stakeholder analysis

6 Partnerships in Civic Hall 3 Partnerships in The Carriageworks















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Day 3: Wednesday, 21 June 2023

Lord Mayor Dr. Mathias Knecht, City of Ludwigsburg

08:30	Arrival and registration
09:00	Panel discussion: Urban diplomacy for social and ecological justice
	 Tom Riordan, Chief Executive, Leeds City Council Deputy Mayor Dr. Ursula Sautter, City of Bonn

	10:00 Coffee break
10:30	Introduction to the group sessions and room division
10:45	Exchange in Partnerships II - next steps + communication (bilateral)
	next steps together and which communications is the most effective for us
	6 Partnerships in Civic Hall 3 Partnerships in The Carriageworks
11:45	Key take-aways of partnership exchange in plenary
12:15	Reflection with key-takeaways
	Closing remarks and impulses
	12:45 Lunch break

14:00 -17:30 Site-visits in Leeds:

- 1. Zero Carbon Housing (CITU)
- 2. A sustainable approach to major regeneration (Aire Park)
- 3. Leeds Anchors Inclusive growth (Leeds Anchor Network)
- 4. Cohesion and communities (LS14 Trust and CATCH) maximum 10 participants (first come first served basis)

Click here for more information about site visits.









