

German-British UDE Partnership Conference

City in Your Hands: Empowering Youth and Strengthening Local Policies through Municipal Partnerships

November 28th + 29th, 2024 | Edinburgh, UK

Venue:	Institut Français, West Parliament Square Edinburgh EH1 1RF (Entrance via: George IV Bridge), Edinburgh (UK)
Accommodation:	Travelodge, 33 St. Mary's Street, EH1 1TA Edinburgh (UK)
Main target group:	City representatives from British and German partner cities (Mayors, municipal officers from city departments, young city representatives)
Responsible for the UDE project:	Livia Pichorner and Christina Bohn
Moderator:	Alexander Thamm

Informal dinner on November 27th, at 6:30 pm at

[Libanese restaurant Beirut](#)

24 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh EH8 9BX

Conference Day 1: Thursday, November 28th, 2024

- 08:30 Arrival and registration
- 09:00 **Introduction remarks and setting the scene**
Christiane Hullmann
The Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Edinburgh
- 09:10 **Welcoming remarks**

Lyudmyla Dvorkina
Association of German Cities

Jessica Baier
Engagement Global with its Service Agency Communities in One World
- 09:20 Overview of the Conference
- 09:30 The project "Urban Diplomacy Exchange"
- 09:40 **NETWORKING COMPONENT:** Partnerships pitch (Part 1) – 6 min per partnership

Glasgow	Nürnberg
Perth and Kinross	Aschaffenburg
Middlesbrough	Oberhausen
Dunfermline	Wilhelmshaven
Caerphilly	Ludwigsburg
St. Helens, Cardiff	Stuttgart
Birmingham	Leipzig

09:55

Group photo

10:00 *Tea + Coffee break*

10:15 **NETWORKING COMPONENT:** Partnerships pitch (Part 2) – 6 min per partnership

11:00 **GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY COMPONENT: UN Sustainable Development Goals in Action**

Dr. Mark Charlton

Associate Professor of Sustainable Development
& Associate Director of DMU United Nations Academic Impact SDG Hub
DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

12:00

Lunch

13:00 **POLITICAL COMPONENT: Roundtable with Local Policy Representatives (in plenary)**

14:30 MULTILATERAL COMPONENT: Cities sharing knowledge

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

Thematic exchange in group sessions - 10-15 min Input + 15 min. discussion

Room:

Galerie Jacques Tati

Playground 1: Urban Diplomacy for Social cohesion and International Relations

Diversity, social inclusion and health, the challenges and opportunities of migration, managing multiculturalism etc.

- City of Nuremberg: Inclusion in and with the city of Nuremberg
- City of Dunfermline: Engagement, Exchange and Empowerment: Community Planning and Community Development in Dunfermline
- City Partnership Birmingham-Leipzig

Plenary

Playground 2: Urban Diplomacy for Ecological Sustainability

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

- City of Coburg: Green Deal Coburg 2030
- City of Middlesbrough: Boho X
- City of Wilhelmshaven: Opportunities and challenge for a sustainable energy supply – ENERGY HUB Port of Wilhelmshaven

Tea + Coffee break between approximately 15:00 and 15:30 (15-20 min.)

16:30 Wrap up of multilateral Component

18:00 Reception at Greyfriars Hall (*Greyfriars Hall, 2 Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1JR*)
on behalf of Christiane Hullmann
The Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Edinburgh
and Urban Diplomacy Exchange

Day 2: Friday, November 29th, 2024

08:30 Arrival and registration

09:00 **Wrap-up Day 1**

09:15 **Panel: Role of Cities in Urban Diplomacy**

- **Matthew Brannen**
Senior Policy Adviser, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government
- **Will Mappleback**
Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Manager at Core Cities UK, Core Cities
- **Jessica Baier**
Head of Department Thematic Partnerships and International Expert Dialogue at the Local Level at Service Agency Communities in One World, Engagement Global

10:45 **BILATERAL COMPONENT: Partnerships in Exchange**

Introduction to the bilateral exchanges

10:50 Tea + Coffee break

Vision | Actors | Next steps | Communication

- on the vision of the partnerships and stakeholder analysis
- next steps together and which communication is the most effective for us

Room Salle Philippe Kieffer:

Aschaffenburg
Oberhausen

Perth and Kinross Scotland
Middlesbrough

Room Galerie Jacques Tati:

Karlsruhe
Nuremberg
Stuttgart

Nottingham
Glasgow
St. Helens + Cardiff

Room Salle Duchesse d'Angoulême:

Wilhelmshaven
Ludwigsburg
Leipzig

Dunfermline
Caerphilly
Birmingham

Plenary

Coburg
Kirkcaldy
Wilsdruff
Munich

12:45 Key take-aways of “partnerships in exchange” in plenary

12:55 Closing remarks and impulses and end of event

13:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 **Optional site-visit:**

1 - Option Underground:

1hr 15-minute [Historic Underground](#) tours

The meeting point for the tours is the **Mercat Cross Monument at 14:45**, an octagonal stone monument on the Royal Mile, opposite the City Chambers (postcode EH1 1RF). **Start at 15:00 sharp.**

2 – Option Green:

Starting at 14:00

Project at Orchard Park in Edinburgh:

It is a sustainable drainage project which is currently being constructed, which also contributes to city wide programmes such as our Green Blue Network.