



Twin Town Agreement **between the municipalities** **Ishøj in Denmark and Waalre in Holland**

The Twin Town Agreement between the municipalities; Ishøj in Denmark and Waalre in Holland signed of May 9th 2016 on Waalre Town Hall.

Representatives from Waalre Municipality:

Mr. Jan Brenninkmeijer, Mayor

Mr. Freek Compagne, Chief Executive

City Council Members: Mrs. Christine Eeken

Mr. Kees de Zeeuw, Mr. Peter Oolbekkink and Mr. Tony Liebrechts

Representatives from Ishøj Municipality:

Mr. Ole Bjørstorp, Mayor

Mr. Anders Hvid Jensen, Chief Executive

City Council Members: Mr. Henrik Olsen,

Mr. Rikardt Poul Jørgensen and Mrs. Sengül Deniz

The Twin Town Agreement is hereby signed by:

Ishøj Municipality 9/5-2016

Waalre Municipality 9/5-2016

Ole Bjørstorp
Mayor of Ishøj

Jan Brenninkmeijer
Mayor of Waalre

The objectives of corporation and topics in our twinning contract are:

The purpose of a Twinning Agreement is to strengthen the bond between us and give our citizens, our employees, our associations and sports clubs the opportunity to visit and make friends with each other and exchange ideas and knowledge.

Associations and clubs

A twinning between our cities will provide great opportunity for our sports and cultural associations to visit one another and exchange experiences and thereby enrich the association and leisure life.

Ishøj and Waalre will encourage our associations and clubs to participate actively in the exchange experiences as we provide support to transportation costs when travelling. We also offer financial support to visiting clubs from our twin towns, as we cover the costs for food and accommodation.

CUP Denmark in Ishøj

Ishøj would like to invite Waalre to the annual football event CUP Denmark in July. Ishøj will pay for accommodation. Ishøj will send the invitations and coordinate with the organizers "Here We Go".

Exchange visits for schools

Ishøj and Waalre encourage our schools to visit our friendship towns. The exchange gives the youth insights into culture and ways of living in other countries. We will focus on the older classes where the students have a minimum level of English proficiency. We provide our schools with financial support to travel.

Tourism

Ishøj Tourist Office will raise awareness and publicize our friendship city Waalre on the municipality's website and in the bureau, in order to increase interest about Waalre and make people aware of the opportunity to make exchange visits.

Twin Town Meetings in Ishøj

Ishøj Municipality organizes Twin Town Meetings for all twin towns under different themes. Participants can be both politicians, administrative staff, officials and citizens, depending on the theme of the Twin Town Meeting.

Exchange visits for administration

We also believe that we can benefit from each others' expertise and ways of working through exchange visits on various levels, for example by exchange visits between employees in the administrations as well as study tours for the political level.

Plan

Every year we'll make a program together (within the available budget) in which we try to incorporate the elements as mentioned above as much as possible.

Topics for future exchange could include:

Sustainability

- *Environmental issues and sustainable living*: how to deal with energy conservation, water separation, recycling.

Governance

- *Efficient public service*: working cross municipal boarders and how we make it work.

Economic Development

- *Labour market issues*: How to get the most vulnerable citizens into the labour market or to start education?

- *Business and start-up*: How do we support the growth of small and emerging businesses?

Quality of Life and Care

- *Healthcare*: how to optimize efforts in health care issues?

- *Elder care*: Exchange of knowledge and best practises. We would like to inspire and get inspired by new ways of thinking in relation to the design of senior housing, nursing homes and the care for elderly people.