
Learn a little more about our twin cities...

Caen

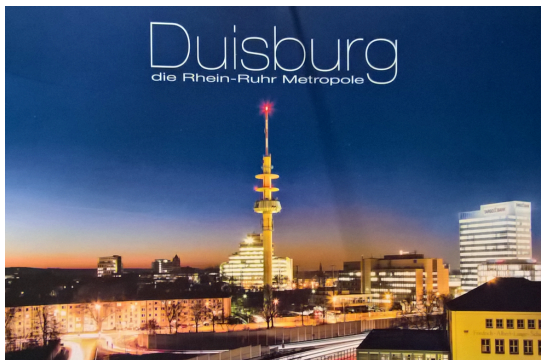
Caen is situated in Normandy, Northern France. A city of around 110,000 inhabitants with over 250,000 people living in the greater urban area known as Caen La Mer, including among other places Caen's port of Ouistreham. Up to three ferries sail directly from Portsmouth to Caen every day. As a committee we work closely with Brittany Ferries.

Caen and Portsmouth first signed the twinning agreement in 1987 shortly after the ferry route began in 1986.

Duisburg

Duisburg is a city of over 500,000 people. It is situated in the Rhine-Ruhr conurbation, close to Düsseldorf and is part of the North-Rhine Westphalia region. Its inland port is the largest in the world. The second oldest Anglo-German twinning link was signed in 1950 by the Lord and Lady Mayoress, Sir Denis and Lady Peggy Daley in Duisburg's Rathaus.

Currently it is possible to fly direct from Southampton Airport to Düsseldorf Airport. Duisburg lies on the main train line north of the Airport on the Essen/Dortmund route.



A local business? How could you benefit?

Are you interested in creating business opportunities in France and Germany? Talk to us about our links with local government in Caen and Duisburg to see if we can help with contacts and networking.

Support your local twinning committee and receive publicity for your business. We have an active online presence through which you can access wider markets both here in Portsmouth and overseas. Talk to us about how we can help.

Parlez-vous français? Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

You don't need to speak French or German to get involved in our twinning activities. You will find many of our French and German counterparts are only too happy to practise their English!

However, if you are a French or German Speaker and would like to practise and improve your language skills, you may be interested in meeting up for social events where you can meet other speakers in the Portsmouth area.

Our associated Facebook group for French Speakers can be found at tinyurl.com/portsfre and German Speakers at tinyurl.com/portge or if you'd prefer to be sent a list of upcoming socials planned each month or so you can e-mail the groups at: frenchportsmouth@gmail.com or germanportsmouth@gmail.com

Portsmouth European Cities Twinning Committee

Twinning with Caen since 1987
Twinning with Duisburg since 1950

CAEN
NORMANDIE

DÜISBURG
am Rhein

Portsmouth
the great waterfront city

Would you like to...

- * Make new friends who share your interests?
- * Learn about different cultures?
- * Improve your language skills?
- * Meet people from France and Germany?
- * Visit new friends and learn about their way of life?
- * Celebrate British culture with visitors from overseas?

...Portsmouth European Cities
Twinning Committee (ECTC)
can help you!



Caen - Hôtel de ville and Abbaye aux Hommes at Christmas

Our Website Homepages:

tinyurl.com/portcaen

tinyurl.com/duisport

Our Website News Blogs:

tinyurl.com/caenport

tinyurl.com/portduis

Who are we...?

We are volunteers who work to promote greater understanding between the residents of Caen, Duisburg and Portsmouth through shared cultural events and links.

If you want to know more and be kept in the loop you can subscribe to our blog via our website home pages for Caen and Duisburg (links below left).

If you have Facebook then join our group for ECTC (link to the right).

What we do...

Our activities and events are many and varied, some examples include:

- * social events with a European flavour in Portsmouth, such as quizzes & cheese and wine evenings.
- * welcoming visitors from our twin cities, Caen and Duisburg, including several special interest groups, such as the team from Caen who visit each year to take part in the Great South Run.
- * Organising reciprocal visits to Caen and Duisburg where you can get to know the locals and learn more about French or German culture.
- * Supporting internships for young people who want to improve their language skills and learn how to do business in a different culture.
- * Facilitating business links and networking.

Come along to any of our social events to find out more about what we do and to learn how you can become involved. You can find details on our website, Facebook pages or via our Twitter Feed.

Get Involved...

Our main web page link: tinyurl.com/portectc

Our Facebook Group for people from Portsmouth, Caen and Duisburg: tinyurl.com/portectcfb

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