



36th Douzelage Conference in Granville 26th May – 29th May 2011

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The municipality of Granville and the Douzelage Committee are proud to host the 36th Douzelage Conference, which will take place in Granville from **May 26th to 29th 2011**. The Granville Douzelage Committee will do everything in its power to give you the best possible welcome.

Delegation Co-ordinators

The contact person in Granville for the Conference is **André Gendre**

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If you have not yet done so, please name a person as a co-ordinator for your Douzelage town by 1st November 2010.

Delegations

We are inviting a group of five people from each member town as the official delegation:

- one person for the General Meeting
- one person for the Education Meeting
- one person for the European Market
- two youth delegates aged 16 plus to participate in the Youth Workshop. If a participant is under 18 an adult delegate must be appointed to be responsible for him or her.

Other guests are welcome. They will contribute to the costs of their stay (details in a future Newsletter). We hope to accommodate all participants in hotels and guest houses. Please state A or B (according to the price – A being the best). We will also try to find suitable families for any delegates who would prefer to stay with a local family.

The main theme

This will be volunteering which is the main theme for the EU in 2011. It is a recognition of all the work done by ordinary citizens in all areas of active life, especially for all people who are involved in the Douzelage.

The Theme of the Education Meeting

Part 1 : Dealing with difficult behaviour in schools -

Part 2 : Youth and education projects – from an idea to final report.

Each delegation is asked to prepare :

- presentation about dealing with difficult students' behaviour in your schools,
- a presentation of a Comenius or Youth in action project which was organized in your town,
- if it is possible – an idea of a new project

The Theme of the Youth Workshop

Youth involvement in the life of community. How to take an active part.

Each delegation is asked to have a presentation on this topic about the experience in their region (country).



Transport

The nearest airport is in Rennes (100 km from Granville). Participants will be brought to Granville by bus (details of costs in a future Newsletter).

And of course there is a direct train from Paris Vaugirard station to Granville.

Delegations are asked to contribute to the European Market which will take place on Saturday. It has always been very successful and we hope that next year it will be as successful as the previous years.

Of course we will celebrate the twentieth anniversary (more details in the next newsletter) but we will need the presence of the Mayor or Vice-Mayor of your town to sign the Codicil. The Presidency of Douzelage, the Mayor of Granville and Granville Douzelage Committee will send them formal invitations.

We intend to give to all delegations a book with photos to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Douzelage. Some towns haven't sent photos yet. Let us know if you have a problem.

Important

Due to a delay in sending the grant application to Brussels we are very sorry to have to tell you that our request was not successful. We are studying a way of providing assistance with travel costs for a maximum of 6 towns. Please tell us as soon as possible if you want to apply for this help.

Looking forward to hear from you

André Gendre

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