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Frankfurt Birmingham

Celebrating 50 years in partnership

Birmingham and Frankfurt became formal partner cities in 1966. This year marks 50th anniversary of our partnership and a number of events have been planned jointly with the City of Frankfurt, Goethe Institute London and Frankfurt based organisations to celebrate it.

The anniversary programme has been designed to highlight existing areas of collaboration between the two cities, such as the Frankfurt Christmas Market and the partnership between the University of Birmingham and the Goethe University. Birmingham City Council is also working with partners to capitalise upon the anniversary to instigate new forms of co-operation. The programme ranges from civic events to business meetings and academic conferences as well as art and public involvement projects.

Date & Place	Category	Event	Partners & Funders
1 April Frankfurt	Culture	Exchange between Frankfurt's Lichter Festival and Birmingham's Flatpack film festival	Frankfurt City and Lichter Filmfest
24 April Birmingham	Culture	Exchange between Frankfurt's Lichter Festival and Birmingham's Flatpack film festival. Frankfurt "Les Turks" artists to perform in Birmingham	Goethe Institute London
23-24 April Birmingham	Culture & Community	Bournville Young Singers and Frankfurt Cathedral Choir Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 23th April - Civic reception with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham at the Council House ▪ 24th April - Bournville Young Singers 30th Anniversary Gala: Guest appearance Frankfurt Cathedral Choir 	Birmingham City Council and City of Frankfurt
1 May Birmingham	Sport	Birmingham European Capital of Running Team 10k Cup. Participating cities: Frankfurt, Leipzig and Lyon.	Birmingham City Council and City of Frankfurt
27-30 May Frankfurt	Culture & Community	Bournville Young Singers returning the visit to the Frankfurt Cathedral Choir in Germany	Goethe London and Bournville Young Singers
9 June Frankfurt	Culture	Literaturm Festival Frankfurt with guests authors from Birmingham: Prose writer Charlie Hill and poet Elisabeth-Jane Burnett	Birmingham City Council and City of Frankfurt
2-8 July Lyon	Community	Youth Sports Camp in Lyon as part of a trilateral exchange between Frankfurt, Lyon and Birmingham	ERASMUS+
1 September Frankfurt	Culture	Soweto Kinch and Argüelles Brothers concert in Frankfurt - Palmengarten	City of Frankfurt and Sponsors

8 October Birmingham	Culture	Birmingham Literature Festival with guest authors from Frankfurt.	Goethe Institute London and Writing West Midlands
7-8 November Frankfurt	Energy Policy	Innovation Festival in Frankfurt – Transition Cities event on sustainable energy and energy efficiency organised with Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC)	Transition Cities and Climate KIC
17-19 November Birmingham	Education & Community	German Week at the Library of Birmingham: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Civic event with the Mayor of Frankfurt and the Lord Mayor of Birmingham ▪ Arts, crafts, music and storytelling events for children and families ▪ German language sessions ▪ Spoken word workshop led by Frankfurt poet, Dalibor Markovic 	Birmingham City Council, Brasshouse, Europe Direct Information Centre, Goethe Institute London and the City of Frankfurt
17 November Birmingham	Culture & Arts	Hit the Ode: Spoken word performance and workshops led by Frankfurt poet Dalibor Markovic	Goethe Institute London and Apples & Snakes
17 November Birmingham	Business	Business to Business mission from Frankfurt to Birmingham – Enterprise Europe Network Frankfurt and Birmingham Chamber’s EEN	Enterprise Europe Network Frankfurt and Birmingham
17-18 November Birmingham	Universities & Policy	University of Birmingham conference “The University and the City” focusing on: Sport, Physical Activity and Engagement	University of Birmingham and Goethe University
17 November Birmingham	Business	German - British Chamber of Industry and Commerce’s lunch event with the German Ambassador to the UK as keystone speaker	German - British Chamber of Industry and Commerce
17 November Birmingham	Civic	Frankfurt Christmas Market Launch and the Anniversary Gala at the Birmingham Council House with the presence of the Mayor of Frankfurt.	Birmingham City Council and City of Frankfurt
Date tbc, Birmingham	Education	Aston Centre for Europe’s conference on German – British relationship and the role of cities in building relationship	Aston University, Birmingham City Council