

## Publishable summary report

Project Title	Arts, Language and Cultural Identity
Partnership reference number	2009 -1 –GB1 –COM13-03668
Partner Regio 1	
Coordinator organisation:	Warrington Borough Council
Partner organisations:	Warrington Schools' Arts and Culture Service Warrington Museum and Art Gallery Birchwood Community High School and William Beamont Community High School
Partner Regio 2	
Coordinator organisation:	Stadtverwaltung Hilden
Partner organisations:	Hilden Musikschule Wilhelm-Fabry Museum Wilhelmine-FlieBner Realschule und Wilhelm-Fabry Realschule

### Objectives of the project:

- To strengthen links between Warrington and Hilden with regard to Arts Language and cultural identity.
- To address the issue of cultural identity with young people from both towns.
- To strengthen the meaning of our 'Twin Town' status with students in both regions

### Main results and conclusions:

Each partner highlighted individual targets for this project. After visiting each other, it was decided to merge ideas so that output and opportunities for colleagues and students would be maximised. This has strengthened working partnerships within individual towns and between Warrington and Hilden.

The project has given the opportunity for meaningful cultural exchange between teachers and provided a valuable insight into working practices which will ultimately benefit students.

### Impact and use:

Additional outcomes will be evident at the end of the project which were not originally highlighted in the project bid. We view this as being very positive. This has occurred as a result of observing inspirational teaching. For example, Warrington has implemented an Early Years Music and Dance Project in 6 schools in addition to the focus on the development of Schemes of Work for Polish Children. This is due to the inspirational work observed in the Hilden Kindergarten.

Hilden Musikschule has employed a new teacher of Gospel Singing and will adopt Warrington's practices in order to develop a sustainable project in secondary schools. They will also adapt our whole class Keyboard teaching model for use in their Family Learning Classes and we are looking for additional opportunities to support this training programme in the future

Warrington Museum and Art Gallery has worked extensively with Warrington secondary schools which has given a greater depth to the planned project, 'Das bin Ich' (That's Me). This is a photography project where students think about their views, ideas and feelings as a teenager. An exhibition of photographs in both Warrington and Hilden opened in June and

was shared with the wider community. Each photograph was accompanied by a short narrative in both English and German.

This project has impacted upon the working practices of a significant number of colleagues and students and has been valued as a mechanism for cultural and artistic development which will hopefully be sustained beyond 2011.

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