



Nidaros Cathedral

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# Trondheim Twinning Newsletter

## Dunfermline Trondheim Twinning Association

- Association news and events
- Plans for Trondheim visits in 2004
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Towards  
60 Years of  
Friendship

In 2005 it will be 60 years since Dunfermline young people led the way by creating a bond of friendship between Dunfermline and Trondheim. A 'bond of friendship' was sent to the young people of Trondheim towards the end of the Second World War, inviting a group from Trondheim to visit Dunfermline. This visit took place in 1946, and in the following years regular visits were made by groups from both communities. Dunfermline's Provost Kennedy said at the time that the Young People's Committee committee had initiated a movement with great potentialities. *"We (have) all come more and more to realise that a fundamental cause of wars between nations was the want of friendship and understanding of the other's point of view."* Thus started one of the earliest friendship initiatives in Scotland which in time contributed to the development of the idea of twinning as a way of promoting understanding between people.



Trondheim Wharves

Over the last two years a number of new friendship links have developed between Dunfermline and Trondheim. Groups of young people have been learning about Trondheim, groups have visited Trondheim, and visitors from Trondheim have been welcomed to Dunfermline.

***This newsletter gives news of plans for 2004, and offers interested Dunfermline people the chance to participate in the development of the link.***

To keep in touch, visit the  
Association website  
<http://www.dtta.net/>

## Recent Initiatives involving Trondheim and Dunfermline

- exchange visits involving young people from Dunfermline and Granskogen Skole in Trondheim
- a Comenius project involving Queen Anne High School, Rosenberg Skole, and a school in North Italy
- visit to Dunfermline by Trondheim's Bispehaugen Skolecorps Band for the 2003 Civic Week and Children's Gala
- visit to Dunfermline by singers and musicians for a choirs workshop and concert of Norwegian songs on 18<sup>th</sup> May
- Workshops in three primary schools to introduce pupils to Norwegian song, dance, language and culture
- Possible visit to Dunfermline by Trondheim choirs
- exploration of ideas to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the friendship link
- many friendships formed through previous visits have been maintained

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★ opportunities for Dunfermline people to visit Trondheim in 2004  
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Old Trondheim  
Street



*"to promote and foster  
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the people of  
Dunfermline and the  
people of Trondheim."*



Trondheim in the  
Winter

## Trondheim? Worth finding out about

Trondheim City is the central focal point of the mid-Norway region, attracting people from both north and south along the coast for shopping and leisure, for financial and administrative services. The city itself has a population of 145,000 plus a student population in excess of 20,000; the commuter catchment area has a population of 300,000.

The following is a message from Liv Sandven, Acting Mayor of Trondheim "Trondheim, or Nidaros as it used to be called, was the first capital of Norway. The Sagas tell us how King Olav Tryggvason of Viking fame founded the city by the mouth of the River Nidelva in 997, (not long before Dunfermline became the Medieval capital of Scotland.)

*Today Trondheim is a modern city, a centre of knowledge with a highly respected university, many popular colleges and a research community ranking among the best in Europe. You will find a wide variety of cultural and recreational activities in Trondheim, while work and education options abound. Here you can experience both the charm and intimacy of the small town and the plethora of choices of big-city life. While in Trondheim, you might want to visit Lerkendal, Trondheim's football stadium, where many a mighty European football team has fallen to the powerful perennial contender in the Champions League - Rosenborg Ballklub. You will find the people of Trondheim friendly and sociable. Trondheim is a very hospitable city, with its doors open wide to the world."*

See [www.trondheim.com/engelsk/](http://www.trondheim.com/engelsk/)

## The Dunfermline Trondheim Twinning Association

### aims:

- to continue and enhance the Bond of Friendship with the Youth of Trondheim established by the Youth of Dunfermline on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1945 and to promote and foster friendship and understanding between the people of Dunfermline and the people of Trondheim in Norway and those of other communities with which the Association may later form links, and
- to encourage visits by individuals and groups to and from linked communities,

*particularly by children and young people, and the development of personal contacts, and by so doing to broaden the mutual understanding of the cultural, recreational, educational and commercial activities of the linked communities.*

Committee members would be pleased to discuss any ideas to develop new links with Trondheim.

## Association Committee

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The Dunfermline Trondheim Twinning Association has adopted the boundaries of the old Dunfermline District, and is interested in supporting anyone in communities within these boundaries in making friendship links with people in Trondheim.

## Trondheim Visits in 2004



### July visit for St Olav's Festival 25<sup>th</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2004

***In July there is the chance for a group of up to 16 people to visit Trondheim and attend events at the St Olav's festival. Group members will be offered home stay accommodation with a family in Trondheim. All other costs – transport, event tickets etc. – will have to be paid by group members.***

***The visit may be of particular interest to organisations and groups in Dunfermline/ West Fife that are interested in participating in future festivals in Trondheim – choirs, theatre groups, music groups, craft groups, arts groups, etc. The DTTA may be able to pay a contribution towards the cost of sending representative from such groups.***

***Anyone interested in attending the festival should contact the DTTA Secretary or any DTTA committee member as soon as possible.***

***The St Olav's festival is by far Norway's greatest religious and cultural festival rooted in the ancient life of Trondheim. The Festival in 2003 sold over 32.000 tickets, and attracted more than 170.000 visitors. It beat all the records set in the festival's 41 years of existence.***

***Further information can be found at [www.olavsfestdagene.no](http://www.olavsfestdagene.no).***

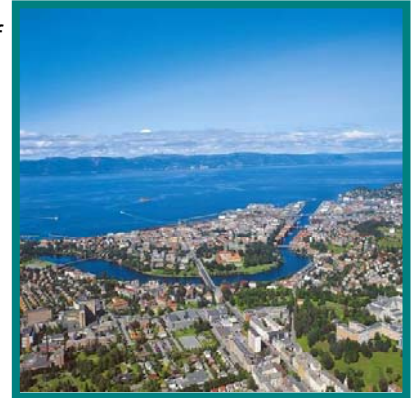
The programme for 2004 will include a wide variety of events in venues throughout Trondheim. Acclaimed and popular international and Norwegian artists will fill the Nidaros Cathedral, the Archbishop's Courtyard, the concert hall Olavshallen, the Masonic lodge, the Ringve Museum and Our Lady's Church. You will have the opportunity to experience solo artists, actors and choirs develop chamber works and large oratorios in many constellations and styles. National and

international artists will perform on the unique outdoor stage in the Courtyard of the Archbishop's Palace.

The St. Olav Festival - known locally as Olsok - includes a Historical Fair recreating the Middle Ages in the Archbishop's Palace Courtyard. This includes theatre performances, games, comedians and trading. Children are offered exciting experiences like a Treasure hunt. A jousting tournament and a theatrical performance will take place in the Outer Courtyard.

Those who want to end an eventful festival day in an informal setting, can attend "Jazzvaka" - "The Jazz Wake" -, in which world-famous jazz musicians perform at the festival pub "Kjeller'n" in the Clarion Grand Olav Hotel.

Celebrating Olsok is a deeply rooted tradition in Norway, dating back to 1031 when St. Olav was declared a martyr and canonised. During the Olsok celebration, people would travel from distant places to Nidaros in order to atone for their sins, and also to exchange and sell goods. They also exchanged news, and jugglers, travellers and actors provided a rich and varied entertainment. People played dice and got involved in arguments and fights. All in all, the atmosphere was buzzing and lively!



*Central Trondheim at the mouth of the Nid*

### September/October 2004 Pathfinding Visit

This week long visit will aim to provide opportunities for people representing different interests in Dunfermline/West Fife to meet people with similar interests in Trondheim and explore possible joint/ exchange activities. Places will also be available for those wishing to visit Trondheim to make or renew friendships.

Assistance will be given by the Dunfermline Trondheim Twinning Association and the Association in Trondheim to establish appropriate contacts and plan meetings etc during the visit. Limited financial assistance may also be available to assist in meeting costs for the participation of group representatives, and it is possible that Fife Council and/or European funds could be obtained. The Association will place priority on those representing the interests of young people. Expressions of interest are invited from people of all ages.



## Funding for Trondheim visits



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Abbot of Dunfermline  
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*"EC programmes  
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other countries"*

A number of EC programmes provide support for those wishing to visit and learn about life in other countries. The Socrates programme supports educational visits - [www.socrates-uk.net](http://www.socrates-uk.net) - and includes programmes to support groups of all ages to include visits to other countries in their plans. Further funding opportunities may be available, and these can be checked out by contacting Dominique Robertson in Fife Council on 01592 413291.

Funds for **youth visits** to Trondheim can be obtained through **Connect Youth**, a department of the British Council which promotes non-formal exchanges of young people between the United Kingdom and other countries. They run programmes that give young people an

international experience ranging from group exchanges to individual voluntary service. They also provide funding to help all those working in the youth field to develop skills and establish contacts necessary to do their work better. Activities are supported by funds from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Department for Education and Skills, and the European Commission.

<http://www.britcoun.org/education/connectyouth/>. **Connect Youth** provided part of the funding for the last Dunfermline party to visit Trondheim. Anyone wishing further information, or assistance in applying for youth funding should contact Calum Farquhar in Fife Council on 01592 416169, or discuss this with the Secretary of the Association.

## International Enterprise for Schools

Primary and Secondary Schools and colleges could be offering opportunities for pupils to learn about international enterprise by becoming involved in Achievers International. The Association can provide contacts in Trondheim for any schools that are interested. Achievers International is a recognised Scottish Charity, which operates a

unique entrepreneurial import/export programme that links school and college students to similar foreign partner groups. Each group then forms a company and works with their partner group to trade locally sourced products. See [www.achieversinternational.org](http://www.achieversinternational.org) or phone Achievers International on 01292 281818 for further information.



*Trondheim's Bispehaugen Skolecorps Band march on Trondheim Parkway*