

Douzelage General Meeting Programme 2024 Sherborne

Thursday 11th April

3.00 pm onwards Registration of Delegates - Digby Hall - Escort to Accommodation

5.30 pm Welcome Reception – Big School Room Sherborne School (with guests)

5.15 to 6 Pianist, 6 to 6.20 Blackrock Irish Dancers

6.20 to 6.30 Welcome Speeches 6.30 to 7.15 Town Band

7.00 for 7.30 pm Evening Meal - Sherborne School Dining Hall. (delegates)

Friday 12th April – Digby Hall

9.00 am Opening meeting - Short address by Mayor

10.30 Coffee 1.00 Lunch - School Dining Hall 2.00 Meeting continues 3.30 Tea

2.00 pm Education delegates excursion to *Forest school at Leweston School*

Youth delegates excursions to *Ryewater Nursery or Kingcombe Nature Reserve*

6.00 to 6.30 Performance by Leweston Music Scholars, Cheap Street Church

6.45 to 7.15 Sherborne Chamber Choir, Cheap Street Church

7.30 pm Evening Meal – School Dining Hall

09.00 'til 10.30 Sherbavarian Band

Saturday 13th April – Digby Hall

9.00 am Keynote Speaker on the meeting theme followed by **GM Workshops:**

1. Future projects that do not require EU funding, chaired by Mike Balfour, Sherborne

2. Future projects within CERV and Erasmus+, chaired by Agnes Lepold, Koszeg

3. "Well-being through Nature", chaired by the GM keynote speaker, Dorset Council

(Well-being through Music will be covered in Education and Youth Meeting workshops)

4. "Well-being through Open Spaces" Exchange of best practice in our towns with Mayors & Town Councillors, chaired by Councillor Jon Andrews, Sherborne Town Council

10.30 am Coffee followed by **Election of Presidency**

11.30 am Reports including Education and Youth Meetings

12.30 pm Group Photo – Abbey Green 1.00 Lunch – School Dining Hall

2.00 pm Excursions - all delegates – ‘til 6 pm

1) RSPB, Arne, 2) DWT, Bere Regis 3) DWT, Chesil Centre 4) Sherborne

7.30 pm Farewell party - School Dining Hall – ‘til 11.00 pm

Ad Hoc Orchestra between courses, 9.00 Wessex Morris, Jazz Band, social dancing

Sunday 14th April: Departures - Church Services