

Dear Lorraine Davies,

Thank you for your mail. We are very pleased that the council of Mountsorrel has given a positive opinion to our proposal of twinning between the Château de Montsoreau - Museum of Contemporary Art and the municipality of Mountsorrel.

The historical links that exist between our two villages are coupled with a semantic proximity because we share the same name.

As a Loire Valley castle, we are very proud to have given our name to an English municipality, and to share this one with you, especially since the artists of Art & Language whose works of art form the basis of the museum's permanent collection are based in Banbury, not far from Mountsorrel (56 miles).

Within the framework of our twinning, the Château de Montsoreau - Museum of Contemporary Art is committed to implementing the following actions :

- the museum has in its collections a model of the château de Montsoreau made in the 1920s. We would be pleased to offer it to the municipality of Mountsorrel so you can exhibit it to the public since it is good to remember where we come from in order to know where we are going and to build a future. If you also own a model of the Mountsorrel castle, we would be pleased to display it in one of the rooms of the museum. This exchange would shed light on the links between the two buildings, the new château de Montsoreau and the Mountsorrel castle.

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- we would be pleased to welcome a delegation of Mountsorrel representatives in Montsoreau for 2 or 3 days to make you discover the Château de Montsoreau - Museum of Contemporary Art, the village of Montsoreau and its points of interest as well as the prominent personalities of the village and the English community that settled there. We will take full responsibility for your stay on site, with the exception of airfare.

- We would also be pleased to establish a link with the young people of Mountsorrel, and to offer to schools kits of the Art & Language exhibition "Home from Home" which could be installed in classrooms or libraries.

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of art, like a puzzle. Once the works of art have been put together, simply mount them on the wall, like in a museum. The material needed for the installation is basic: a pair of scissors and tape.

- We grant free (unlimited access to the museum all year round) to the inhabitants of Montsoreau and would be happy to grant it also to the inhabitants of Mountsorrel.

In order to formalize these proposals and frame the twinning agreement between the Château de Montsoreau - Museum of contemporary art and the municipality of Mountsorrel, we propose to send you a draft cultural cooperation contract.

We look forward to hearing from you,
Sincerely,

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>> President

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>> Vice-President

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