



19th November, 2025

TO : The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Re : Limerick Quimper Twinning Project

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Quimper, Limerick's first twin city, lies a few miles inland from the sea in Brittany, France. The Twinning Committees in both cities have, over the years, strengthened and broadened the bonds of friendship between both cities, and this partnership was quite strong during the 1980's / early 1990's. The relationship was revitalised in 2023 when representatives from Garryowen RFC U15's Rugby travelled to Quimper to partake in their festival in April 2023 as part of the work of the Limerick Twinning Committee.

Quimper holds a Tree Festival every October – Le Temps de l'Arbre. As part of efforts to strengthen the connection between Limerick and Quimper it was decided to organise a similar series of events in the Limerick area in October this year. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the environment, nature, climate change and showcase the good work that is being done by various entities in Limerick. A tree-way international climate change summit was held between Quimper, Limerick and Ourense (Galicia, Spain) who are also twinned with Quimper.

During the Limerick Festival the following events were organised by the Committee :

- A panel discussion on mini forests with panellists from Ballyneety Golf Club, LEDP, Ballyhoura Developments and Local Roots in Kerry;
- A painting from life event organised with a collective of artists;
- Two forest bathing sessions in UL;
- A video competition for all DEIS schools in Limerick organised by LEDP in association with the Limerick Quimper Tree Festival;
- A drawing exercise organised with Monaleen School.

The Committee incurred expenses in hosting the events during the Festival e.g refreshments and insurance, and have submitted receipts which totalled €770.52. It is recommended that Limerick City and County Council reimburse these costs and such expenditure can be charged to the twinning code.

RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, approval is sought for the provision of financial assistance in the sum of €770.52 towards the cost of this twinning initiative.

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