

The mayor of Villecresnes eliminates the Twinning Committee with a stroke of the pen

By a letter of September 4, hand delivered the same day, to its President, the Mayor has decided to put an end to the mission that the **twinning Committee**, exercised for 6 years.

Worse, 48 hours from the holding of the forum of associations, he has deleted the stand allocated to the Twinning Committee by municipal services, for, in particular, the registration of language courses.

What insult and what contempt towards the volunteers who had worked on the preparation of the event. What lack of respect for all persons wishing to register.

Created by a **vote of the City Council** on June 9, 2008, the twinning Committee had for mission to facilitate the development of relations between the inhabitants of Villecresnes and the one of cities twin or friend, raise awareness of other cultures, and to share information about the reality of European integration.

Concretely its action took several forms:

- Organization of events and meetings with cultural, sports, educational or tourist vocation. Let us remember ourselves the presence, appreciated by the visitors, of our Italian and German friends at the "salon d'Automne". **This year, they are thrown out of it.**
- Logistics management of reception and travel
- Implementation and management of language courses

Have the twinning Committee volunteers failed in their mission? Did they prove unworthy?

We can, on the contrary, assert that the work made by all its members contributed mostly to the success of the twinings, to its appropriation by our associations and many of our citizens.

So why ?

Why the new mayor took this decision, moreover in a manner not reflected, precipitated? This is not the reading of his letter that will give us the answer, so much his writing gives the feeling of a "fait du Prince".

Two reasons could explain his decision :

First, his original opposition to the twinings, which he never understood the need. On June 9, 2008, he had already voted against the creation of the Twinning Committee. Moreover, the chapter devoted to this issue in his program shows that he considers this international opening above all as a constraint.

The **second** is undoubtedly related to the fact that the former Mayor and former Councillor delegate to the twinings are now members of the Board of the association. If so, it is good to remind that we wanted these twinings, we put them in our program in 2007 and realized by 2010. Is it not normal that we wish to continue to work on it ?

The decision taken by the Mayor, without preliminary consultation with the members board of the association concerned, is firstly **unjust and brutal** against those who gave time and energy without counting for 6 years. It is also **coward** as demonstrated by the cancellation of the stand. It is finally **stupid** because a single municipal agent will not be able to do the work done by 11 motivated volunteers.

We are entitled to wonder if Mr GUILLE did not choose this way to end this European opening in which, he and his team, do not obviously believe.