

## Swansea

Population: 247,000

Bay of Mumbles, Wales

[www.swansea.gov.uk](http://www.swansea.gov.uk)

Lord Mayor: Clr. Mark Child

In 1991 Cork City Council approved the twinning of Cork City with the city of Swansea in Wales. The formal Swansea twinning ceremonies took place in 1992 and the formal Cork twinning ceremony took place in September 1994 with signatories then Lord Mayor of Cork Councillor Tim Falvey and the Lord Mayor of Swansea, Bob Davis.

Because of the close cultural ties between the two cities the City Council endeavours each year to promote these ties. Some of the recent activities that have taken place include:

- Athletes from Swansea have been travelling to Cork for several years to take part in the Cork City Marathon or half marathon.
- The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Swansea visited Cork for the UNESCO Learning Cities Conference which took place in City Hall from September 17th to September 20th 2017.
- The Morrision Ladies Choir Swansea, comprising of more than 40 individuals visited Cork to participate in a concert organised by Soroptimist International Cork on July 26th. The group paid a courtesy visit to City Hall and were met by Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr. P.J. Hourican and some members of the International Relations committee.
- Togher Boxing Club organised a boxing tournament with the Gwent Boxing Club from Swansea in Cork. 18 participated in the event. As well as the boxing tournament, the group paid a courtesy visit to the Lord Mayor of Swansea in the Guild Hall where the group presented a letter of greeting from Cork's Lord Mayor. The visit of the Togher boxing club was assisted under the Twinning Grant Scheme.
- The Mission Gallery Swansea showcased the work of a number of Cork artists. In addition a showreel of 120 Cork based makers was prepared for showing in the Gallery during the exhibition which gave maximum exposure to the wider membership of Cork Craft and Design. This exchange was assisted under the Twinning grant scheme.