



Świat Rozpędu Foundation

Strengthening the Lancaster–Lublin Twin City Partnership through Erasmus+ and Community Cooperation

Dear Potential partner,

We are pleased to introduce **Świat Rozpędu Foundation**, a youth and community organisation based in **Lublin, Poland**, dedicated to empowering young people, strengthening communities and creating opportunities for international learning and cooperation.

As **Lublin is a twin city of Lancaster**, we are passionate about developing meaningful connections between our two communities and creating new opportunities for young people, organisations and residents to meet, learn and collaborate. We believe the Lancaster–Lublin partnership has great potential to grow through education, culture, youth work and community action.

Founded in 2022, Świat Rozpędu works across **youth work, education, culture, social inclusion and community development**. Our mission is to create spaces and opportunities where people can learn, connect, express themselves and actively shape their communities.

Our main areas of work include:

- Youth empowerment and leadership development
- Storytelling, creativity and cultural education
- Social inclusion and support for young people with fewer opportunities
- Intercultural dialogue and international cooperation
- Sport, wellbeing and mental health
- Sustainability and environmental awareness
- Employability and personal development
- Community participation and active citizenship

We are an active **Erasmus+ organisation**, delivering youth exchanges, training courses and international cooperation projects with partners across Europe. Our approach combines non-formal education, creativity, storytelling and participation, helping people develop skills, confidence and connections.

Cegielnia – Building Community, Brick by Brick

One of our flagship initiatives is **Cegielnia ("The BrickYard")**, a new community and youth space being developed in the Czechów district of Lublin.

Located on the site of a former brickworks, Cegielnia is being transformed into a welcoming space where young people, residents, educators, artists and community members can meet, create and build connections.

Inspired by the symbolism of bricks, Cegielnia is built around six values:

Belonging • Respect • Creativity • Curiosity • Participation • Courage

We believe that, just like bricks create stronger buildings, people create stronger communities through cooperation, trust and shared action.

Looking for Lancaster Partners

Through the Lancaster–Lublin Twin City Partnership, we are looking to connect with organisations interested in developing cooperation through:

Erasmus+ Projects

- Youth exchanges and mobility projects
- Youth worker training and capacity building
- Storytelling and heritage education
- Arts, creativity and culture
- Mental health and wellbeing (including Sports)
- Sustainability and environmental education
- Active citizenship and democracy
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities
- Digital youth work and innovation



Community and Town Twinning Cooperation

- Youth and cultural exchanges
- School and educational partnerships
- NGO collaboration
- Community projects and volunteering
- Sharing good practices between organisations and local authorities

About Me

I am the founder and President of **Świat Rozpędu Foundation**. I am a youth worker, trainer and facilitator with over 20 years of experience working with young people, communities and international educational projects.

Originally from Blackpool - I worked in the UK youth sector before moving to Poland in 2018. Throughout my career, I have specialised in non-formal education, youth participation, storytelling, community development and international cooperation.

My connection with Lancaster is both professional and personal. I studied at **St Martin's College in Lancaster** and have family and long-standing connections in the area. This has given me a deep appreciation for the city and its community, and a strong desire to strengthen the relationship between Lancaster and Lublin.

Living between British and Polish contexts has given me a unique perspective on the importance of building connections between communities. I am passionate about strengthening the relationship between Lancaster and Lublin and creating opportunities for people from both cities to learn from each other, share experiences and build lasting relationships.

I would welcome the opportunity to connect with organisations, schools, universities, charities, cultural institutions and community groups in Lancaster to explore future cooperation through Erasmus+, youth work and community initiatives.

Together, we can continue building bridges between Lancaster and Lublin — one connection, one story and one shared experience at a time.

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"Building communities. Creating opportunities. Connecting people."