

Lille

Location and background: Lille is the capital of the Nord-Pas de Calais region of France.

Population: 227,000 inhabitants.

Economy overview: Lille has the third largest inland port in France and is the third ranking financial city in the country. It is also the ninth city in Europe for inward investment and the second ranking medical research centre in France.

University: With three universities Lille is home to over 150,000 students.

Local government: The Mayor of Lille is Martine Aubry of the Socialist Party. Martine Aubry is the daughter of Jacques Delors, former President of the European Commission and Minister for employment under both Edith Cresson and Lionel Jospin.

Partnership with Leeds: The formal relationship between Leeds and Lille dates back to 1968, but links between the two cities' universities were already in place before the Second World War. Today there are many more links between organisations and individuals and there is ongoing contact between young people, community groups and institutions.



Get involved!

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