

City of New Brunswick International Programs

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Brief summary of New Brunswick Sister Cities Programs

What is Sister Cities?

The Sister Cities International program was started in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower. He called for exchanges between Americans and people of other nations to encourage the development of long term relationships that create mutual understanding, respect for other cultures, their history, language, and customs.

What is the New Brunswick Program?

New Brunswick has four Sister Cities. Agreements were signed with Tsuruoka, Japan in 1960, Fukui, Japan in 1982. Debrecen, Hungary in 1990, and with Limerick, Ireland in 1999. The International Programs are located in the Department of Planning, Community, and Economic Development. New Brunswick Sister Cities Association, Inc. (NBSC) is a registered 501-C-3 non-profit that helps support these programs. NBSC is a membership organization that meets monthly. A benefit of membership is participation in exchanges.

What we do?

Develop and manage programs that bring reciprocal benefits, establish friendships and provide enriching experiences through education (with a focus on student exchanges, our first New Brunswick Public Schools exchange was in 1986), health care, arts and culture, sports and other exchanges.

How do we do it?

Over the years, NBSC, through membership and community donations, help raise funds to support student exchanges. For each student selected, NBSC raises 1/3 of the exchange cost, not to exceed \$750.00. All students and chaperones have home-stays during the exchange program. School chaperone's travel cost is paid on a one-time basis. A chaperone who applies again will be responsible for paying his/her own way. Adults participating in any exchange pay their own way.