

Cornwall forge links with Germany

In 2009, Cornwall Branch teamed up with the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Basic Command Unit to send five serving police officers to the IPA conference centre at Gimborn near Cologne.



From left to right: Richard Hockin, Alistair Cuthbert, Paul Jones, Rich Smith, John Capp and Elaine Marshall

Richard Hockin, who is the Vice Chairman of the Cornwall Branch, co-ordinated this project.

"I have attended Gimborn myself and thoroughly enjoyed the week that I spent there. I wanted to give others the same opportunity and help open their eyes to the IPA world".

Region 7 and Cornwall Branch agreed to assist with funding the course fees and accommodation costs. Cornwall & IOS Police Commander Chief Supt Elaine Marshall very kindly contributed the travel costs for her officers. She told the IPA *'There are clear benefits here for both personal career development and in increasing the capability of this Basic Command Unit'.*

Paul Jones from Camelford Police Station, attended the Youth Crime course last summer.

"This course gave me the opportunity to see what issues our colleagues from across Europe face in relation to youth crime and the differing approaches that they take".

Paul went on to say that it quickly became apparent that we in the UK are far more advanced in tackling youth crime in partnership with other agencies. West Midlands Police gave an input on this course and Paul found this extremely beneficial and has brought some of their working practices home to utilise in Cornwall. As well as the learning that Paul has gained he also says,

"The real bonus of the course was gaining a network of policing contacts from around Europe which will be of great benefit for many years to come".

Richard Smith from Falmouth Police Station attended the Demographic Change course that was run last autumn. He has learnt that across most of Europe there are more older people than young, due to the average size of families decreasing since 1945. This has seen an impact on the various demands on the State budget and has altered crime trends. The larger vulnerable elderly communities can prove easy targets for criminals across Europe. Richard added that *"this course was of great benefit as it has broadened my views of policing and given me some strategic awareness as well as helping me to develop my approach to dealing with elderly people on a local basis".*

This project has been deemed a great success by all involved and funding has been secured to send three more officers to Germany in 2010. In fact the first to attend this year was Lisa Coston, also from Falmouth Police Station.

Lisa has only just returned safely home following some logistical challenges presented by the Icelandic volcanic eruption!

Richard Hockin has forged strong links with Klaus Neider, Director of Gimborn.

"Klaus and his team always ensure that our officers are well looked after and Klaus has said that the officers from Cornwall are excellent course participants and always most welcome".

If any would like to find out more about our Gimborn experience then contact:

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Note!

Arthur Troop Scholarship 2011 - Applications are invited for a bursary that is to be used for a seminar at the International Conference Centre Gimborn or a comparable institution. All applicants wishing to be considered for the Arthur Troop Scholarship 2011 must complete the application form and send it to Secretary General Tom Crozier by 25 September, 2010. To find out more about the scholarship and to download the application form visit: www.ipa-uk.org/News/Scholarship

Section UK is offering a prize to two non members per year.

The prize comprises of free membership to Section UK plus free participation at a Gimborn Seminar during the year of enrolment. There are just two prizes on offer each year. The winners will have to attend either the summer or autumn seminar and will be selected on receipt of a completed application form/direct debit to become an IPA member, plus a 200 word piece on how they felt the seminar would benefit them in the workplace.

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