

Grußwort von Landrat Ingo Brohl zum Begrüßungsdinner der Delegationsreise

2023 am Montag, 24. September 2023

Es gilt das gesprochene Wort!

Dear Chairwoman Nicholson

Dear Leader of the Council Hopgood,

Dear Councillor Bell,

Dear Councillor Wilkes,

thank you so much for having us here in County Durham, and especially in this wonderful cathedral for this extraordinary event! It is an honour and we appreciate it very much.

A few years ago, we thought that Brexit would be the biggest challenge we had to face and overcome in Europe. But there were and are bigger issues we all have to face. First, the corona pandemic and then the Russian war on Ukraine have changed the world.

In such challenging times, it is imperative to cherish a partnership as ours—a partnership and friendship built as a peaceful and human consequence after the horrors of the Second World War.

Through mutual visits we can strengthen our partnership, learn from each other and work together on the future of our relationship.

At the request of the delegation from Durham, the main topic of the visit in October 2022 was climate protection and adaptation to climate change. We eagerly anticipate learning about the projects and processes in County Durham and discussing ideas with on-site experts.

The topics of climate protection, energy crisis and adaptation to climate change are the defining issues of the future that administrations will have to deal with.

I greatly look forward to our mutual exchange of experiences, knowledge, and expertise. And now I look forward to a wonderful first evening together with you!