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German-British Society celebrates "80 years of friendship between North Rhine-Westphalia and the UK"

A talk with light refreshments and drinks at the Appendix of the LernWerk Bocholt on Thursday, 1 October 2026 // The German-British Society Bocholt e.V. and EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt invite you to attend

NRW is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. At the same time, the German-British Society is marking the "80 years of friendship between North Rhine-Westphalia and the United Kingdom. Dr Birgit Bujard will provide a historical context and look ahead at the LernWerk. The event, which includes refreshments, is free of charge. Please register with the German-British Society or EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt.

The focus of the evening will be on how relations between North Rhine-Westphalia and the United Kingdom have developed since the end of the Second World War - and what significance they hold for Europe today, ten years after the Brexit referendum.

The speaker, Dr Birgit Bujard, combines historical perspectives with current political and social insights into German-British cooperation. She will examine the UK's role in Europe following Brexit, as well as the prospects for a continued close partnership between Germany - specifically North Rhine-Westphalia - and the UK.

Drawing on her wealth of experience and specialist knowledge, the expert will be happy to answer any questions from the audience and will be available for a discussion.

The Lancashire Hotpot being served is a tribute to Bocholt's twin town, Rossendale, which is situated in the county of Lancashire. An interesting fact to note is that in 2027, Bocholt will celebrate "75 years of friendship with Rossendale%\$.

Registration

The German-British Society is accepting registrations on (02871) 181120. Those interested can also register by emailing [europe-direct\(at\)bocholt\(dot\)de](mailto:europe-direct(at)bocholt(dot)de) or via this [link](#) .

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The event "80 Years of Friendship between North Rhine-Westphalia and the UK in the 10th Year of Brexit" is supported by the 'Europa-Schecks' state initiative of the Minister for Federal and European Affairs, International Affairs and Media, and Head of the State Chancellery of North Rhine-Westphalia. "The state initiative "Europa-Schecks" supports outstanding projects promoting European engagement which, in a variety of ways, champion European values in North Rhine-Westphalia, strengthen the European ideal within civil society and local communities, and bring people closer to the various facets of a vibrant democracy." (State of North Rhine-Westphalia)

About EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt

EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt is part of the Mayor's Office of the City of Bocholt and serves as the local point of contact for questions relating to the European Union. Its role is to provide local residents with information, advice, assistance and answers to questions about Europe. Furthermore, EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt aims to promote engagement with European affairs and to provide information on current developments in European politics.



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