

## **Some history of the twinning between Corte Franca ( Italy ) and Aberdour ( Scotland )**

The twinning with the Scottish community of Aberdour was passed by a council resolution of the Corte Franca municipality. The regulation for the establishment and the functioning of the Twinning Committee was passed by the same resolution. The twinning committee was officially approved by the mayor Pelli's regulation number 12175 of November 28<sup>th</sup> 2003 and it promotes, coordinates, plans the exchanges between the administrative, economic representatives and the associations ones which work inside the two communities.

In May 2004, a Scottish delegation was hosted by some families that agreed ( on their own free will and for free ) to make as pleasant as possible the stay of the Scottish delegation.

At the end of July 2004, a Corte Franca delegation, leaded by the town councillor Campana, as a representative of the Municipality, was hosted by some Aberdour families and the twinning was formalized during a picturesque ceremony at Black Sands Beach.

The new management leaded by the mayor Fogazzi, estimating good and positive the twinning experience, decided to carry on and to contribute to keep in touch with Aberdour, helped by the town councillor for Education and Youth Policy Bonardi. The Committee has realized several projects to intensify the acquaintance between the two communities.

In July 2006 some Scottish families were hosted and their kids took part to the summer campus organized by the Municipality.

In July 2007 some Corte Franca families stayed in Aberdour during the Festival and they took part to the Festival activities.

In July 2008 some Aberdour families were hosted and the Scottish kids attended the Corte Franca summer campus and the Corte Franca bagpipes group and their families stayed in Aberdour during the 25<sup>th</sup> Festival edition and the played during some events.

In September 2008 during the celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Corte Franca, some Aberdour authorities came.

The twinning committee is made of volunteers who keep the contacts the two villages.

We would like to create around this committee a wider group of people willing to help us with these projects.

2008 was the European year of intercultural relationship. This could be a chance and an incentive to help (for example you could agree to host our Scottish friends when they come here to Corte Franca). This experience is enriching because of the contact with different cultures, languages, way of thinking.