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50 Years of Town Twinning Leverkusen - Oulu



Dear citizens and friends in Finland,

our two cities, **Leverkusen and Oulu**, are proud to celebrate our **50th anniversary in 2018**.

The **partnership with northern Finland's Oulu** is the oldest of Leverkusen's **nine town twinning partnerships**. All serve the common purpose of bringing people together in **friendship** across all borders and thus making an important **contribution to peaceful coexistence** in our one world.

These efforts are best supported by **partnership associations** on both sides, in which people get involved: the **Finnish-German Association Oulu** and the **German-Finnish Society Leverkusen**.

There have been countless encounters in these 50 years between Leverkusen and Oulu ... for example in youth areas, in cultural areas such as choir singing, orchestras and art exhibitions, in sports or on citizen's travels.

Many friendships have arisen, on a local level but especially on a very personal level.

Leverkusen - City of Science and Research

We will conclude our jubilee year with the **scientific conference „STEPsCON 2018“ from 6 to 8 December 2018 at Forum Leverkusen**,



STEPsCON 2018

which will be hosted by the **City of Leverkusen** in cooperation with the **University of Applied Sciences Cologne (TH Köln)** and the **STEPs research institute**.

We are very pleased to announce

that the renowned **University of Oulu** has become an important strategic partner for this conference. Our **City of Leverkusen**, location of the **"Campus Leverkusen"** - Faculty of Applied Natural Sciences (F 11) of the University of Applied Sciences Cologne (TH Köln) - thus also meets the requirements of a **university city** in terms of content.

Our citizens will be able to participate directly in this final event of the festive year ... for example, on the big public **"Festive Evening on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Town Twinning Leverkusen - Oulu"** on **December 6, 2018** (Independence Day of Finland) and in a **public citizens' forum "Meet the Scientist"** on **December 8, 2018**, where the results of the conference will be presented and discussed in German in "comprehensible language".

Welcome to Leverkusen. Tervetuloa Leverkuseniin.

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STEPs

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Sustainable Technologies
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Technology
Arts Sciences

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