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0.00-0.05	<i>Did you know that Coventry is twinned with 26 cities around the world?</i>
0.05-0.28	Coventry a city of peace and reconciliation is a pioneer of twinning. It all began during the second world war. The city of Stalingrad, (which is now called Volgograd) had been destroyed during a siege by the German Army. Women in Coventry donated six pence to sign their names on a tablecloth to raise money for medical provisions for the people of Stalingrad. You can now view this famous tablecloth in the panoramic museum in Volgograd.
0.28-0.48	After the second world war Coventry twinned with other cities that had been destroyed, Warsaw, Dresden and Kiel to name but a few. Over the years Coventry twinned with its namesakes, Coventry in Connecticut USA and Coventry Rhode Island, and Coventry's West Indian community chose to be twinned with Kingston in Jamaica.
0.48-1.06	To celebrate these twinings, cities often build monuments, artworks, or rename places. Coventry has Volgograd place in the city centre and the Madonna of Stalingrad in the Cathedral. In Dresden there is Coventrystraße and in Parkes Australia a Coventry community hall.
1.06-1.07	<i>So what happens when you are twinned?</i>
1.07-1.40	Sometimes there are official visits but the focus is much more on grassroot exchanges between voluntary groups such as artists, musicians, theatre groups, as well as faith groups, business organisations and schools. Coventry students have exchanged visits with students from all over the world, places like Jinan China, Dresden and Kiel in Germany and Volgograd in Russia, visiting their schools and homes. It is through these exchanges students learn how other young people live and how growing up in these places is similar but also different from Coventry. Of course, nowadays you don't have to visit face-to-face you can carry out exchanges using social media.
1.47-1.48	<i>Does twinning matter?</i>
1.48-2.12	Twinning broadens people's horizons, creating enduring links between people places even when national politics become fractured. But you don't need to travel to understand twinning, Coventry is an international city and many communities have links with India, Pakistan, Ireland and Poland and many more countries besides!
2.12-2.20	Twinning is about international understanding and friendship so why not find out more?