

Alsdorf -- For Movie Fans And European Culture Enthusiasts

Alsdorf is located in the center of Germany's historic coal-mining district and the town has received commendation for its efforts in reclaiming some of the landfill waste dumps left from the operation of the Anna Mine.

A large area in the center of town has been re-cultivated and turned into a beautiful park. Contaminated ground was treated thermally and the area was then covered with usable topsoil. Now the town can boast about its shopping center, playground, mining museum, and commercial properties that add much to the lives of its citizens.

Located near the border of three countries (Germany, Belgium, Netherlands), Alsdorf is also the host town for a European Festival held each September. This event is a celebration of the partnership and cooperation of the people from different nations that provides fun and entertainment for all age groups.

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Art exhibits, book fairs and sales, historical lectures, tours, and other special activities take place over the course of four days. The whole experience culminates with a musical fireworks display in the town square. Throughout the festival, there are carnival rides and other attractions especially designed to please children, teens, and the young at heart, as well.

Movie lovers will not want to miss a visit to the Cinetower Kinopark in Alsdorf. Before each feature film begins, audiences are treated to a multimedia light and sound show like no other. Surround-sound and pyrotechnic-like lighting produce a ten-minute display that is sure to impress moviegoers.

The Stadthalle Alsdorf (a Town Hall) is a new structure that gives testament to the importance of cultural events to the town. The versatile location can be configured in several different ways to make it suitable for dramatic productions, conventions, lectures, art exhibits, and concerts. The building also contains a restaurant and bowling alley, and is the pride of its citizens.