

Erasmus + project “Memories will keep us together”

Poland 8. 04. – 14.04.2018.

Our group of five people participated in a project meeting in Poland: teachers Martins Driksna and Liga Gaiķe, students Emilija Pudova, Rinalds Rozenfelds, Eduards Putnins.

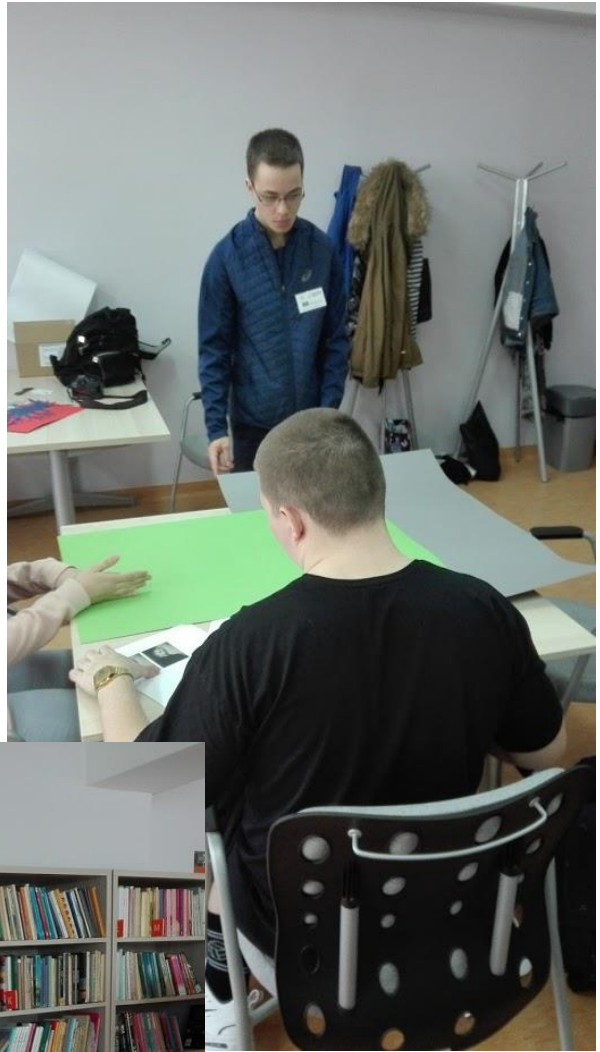
We arrived in Wolow in the evening of April 8, where project pupils and their parents welcomed us and soon afterwards We were taken to our accommodations.

On April 9, the first meeting with project participants was held at the project school - ZESPOL SZKOL SPOLECZNYCH W WOLOWIE. Project participants presented presentations about their schools and their hometowns.

After the first meeting we went on a trip to Auschwitz - Birkenau concentration camp memorial. We had a guided tour where we could listen to the information in English. The pupils gained unforgettable impressions of the events that took place in there many years ago. Young people asked the guide a variety of questions and were interested in the story.



On Tuesday, April 10, at the Wolow City Library, a practical part of the project took place, in which the pupils produced Family trees. The presentation of the trees had to be made on posters, which were the same size for everyone, but the content and design was the choice of each young person. Students had already found information about the roots of their family at home and then creatively formed a visual presentation.



On the first working day, the students did not complete their work, so it was necessary to continue their work the next day.

Students spent the evening (10.04) with the families they lived in during the project. Teachers went on an excursion to the historic monastery - LUBIAZ MONASTERY. A large part of the monastery's space is waiting for its restoration, but some parts are beautifully restored.





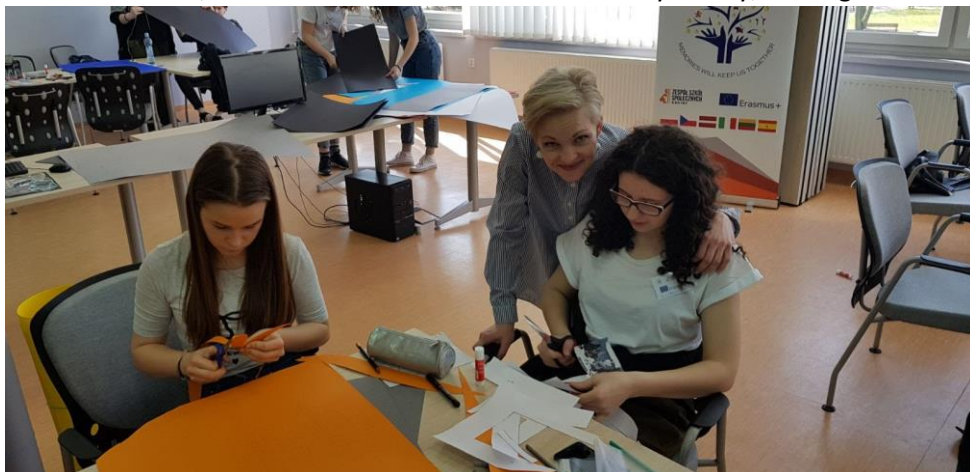
After a tour of the monastery, we were invited to dinner with the project teachers. We were pleased to meet the teachers who visited us here in Latvia.



On April 11th, our group visited Wolow Town Hall, where the mayor of the city welcomed us. He introduced the project participants to the city's infrastructure, the work of educational institutions and many other things, also answered some interesting questions. All guests received souvenirs with a logo of the city.



In the afternoon, students continued to work in the city library, making FAMILY TREES.



On Thursday, April 12, our group travelled to Wroclaw by train.

The first attraction was the Panorama Museum, which houses an unusually large painted exhibition. The painting was created in the style of realism and brings together real, living, natural objects combined with the painting itself. It features war scenes and was complemented by the guide's narrative. This theme is related to the theme of the project - the memories that unite us.





After the guided tours, we were able to see other important places in Wroclaw. Unique sightseeing place was the 12th century's St. Elizabeth Church. We walked up the church to have a look from the tower, which is equivalent to a 30-story building. From the high viewing platform, we could enjoy the panorama of the city.



The old town of Wrocław is very similar to the Old Town of Riga, our capital. An old, beautiful architecture is the object of attraction for many tourists.



Wrocław Central Train Station.



There are many beautiful churches in the city.



The Old Town, further in the background St. Elizabeth's church tower, where we were.

In the evening, all participants of the project were invited to a picnic in the Wolow's countryside. The event took place in a nice atmosphere near the bonfire. The school principal and teachers warmly welcomed the project participants and took care of the guests. Each group of participants also gave their hosts souvenirs as a thank you for the wonderful visit.

On Friday, April 13, a meeting of project participants took place at the school, where students presented school and city presentations to elderly group of students - senior people who are learning at universities, despite their respectable age.

Subsequently, a project teacher meeting was held, we discussed future project activities. Czech and Italian colleagues introduced their project's tasks.

In the afternoon, all participants of the project participated in the symbolic tree planting process. We have chosen a magnolia plant to be planted. As a memorial sign, a time capsule was inserted into the pit of each bush, in which we recorded a message for future generations. Our youngster - Eduards proved himself to be an expert in the garden work!

On Saturday, April 14th, we successfully returned to Riga.

Thank you Polish colleagues for the perfectly arranged and planned project!

