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DAUGAVPILS UNIVERSITY LIFELONG LEARNING, CULTURE, AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION SOCIETY

“PARK OF INTELLECT”

DAUGAVPILS UNIVERSITĀTES MŪŽIZGLĪTĪBAS, KULTŪRAS UN ZINĀTNES KOMUNIKĀCIJAS BIEDRĪBA “INTELEKTA PARKS”

Where academic expertise meets lifelong learning and community engagement

Intelekta parks



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WHO WE ARE

“Park of Intellect” is the Lifelong Learning, Culture and Science Communication Society operating under the umbrella of Daugavpils University in Latvia. Our journey started in 2011. We bring together academic expertise, education, innovation and community engagement to create meaningful learning opportunities and respond to current social challenges.

Our work connects research and practice. In cooperation with experts, educators, project professionals and community partners, we develop and implement educational and social initiatives for people of different ages and backgrounds. Our activities range from lifelong learning and non-formal education to integration, intercultural dialogue, digital transformation, culture and civic participation.

A major focus of our work is dedicated to social inclusion and equal access to learning. Through language learning, cultural orientation, digital and AI literacy, creative activities and community-based education, we help people develop skills, confidence and stronger connections with society.



MISSION AND VISION

Mission

To connect knowledge, education and innovation to create accessible lifelong learning opportunities, strengthen social inclusion and integration, and contribute to the development of an informed, engaged and resilient society.





Vision

A society where knowledge is accessible throughout life, diversity strengthens communities, and cooperation between academia, technology, culture and society creates meaningful opportunities for everyone.

AREAS OF ACTION

Lifelong Learning and Educational Innovation

Creating accessible and inclusive lifelong learning opportunities for people of different ages and backgrounds.

Language, Integration and Civic Participation

Supporting Latvian language learning, cultural orientation and a sense of belonging among local communities, diaspora, migrants, refugees and newcomers.

Intergenerational Learning and Skills Development

Connecting children, young people, adults and seniors through knowledge and experience exchange. We help different generations develop the skills needed to adapt to technological, social and cultural change.

Intercultural Dialogue and Social Inclusion

Creating inclusive learning environments that encourage tolerance, cooperation and mutual understanding among different national, ethnic and social groups.





WHO WE WORK WITH

At “Park of Intellect”, diversity is at the heart of how we work. We bring together different generations, experiences and perspectives, creating opportunities to learn from one another, exchange knowledge and build meaningful connections across communities.

- Children and Youth
- Adults
- Seniors
- Migrants, Refugees and Newcomers
- Educators and Professionals
- Communities and Partner Organisations

PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

Our experience is built through practice. “Park of Intellect” has been involved in more than 47 projects, turning ideas into educational programmes, training activities, digital tools and community initiatives. Each project has helped us develop new approaches, strengthen our expertise and build lasting partnerships. Below, we highlight a selection of projects that reflect the diversity of our experience and the impact of our work.

Integration and Cultural Orientation

Let’s Experience Latvia Together

2024.LV/2/UKR_KO/023
1 July 2024 – 31 December 2024

SUPPORTED BY
Society Integration Foundation (SIF), funded from the Latvian state budget under the programme “Cultural Orientation Courses and Inclusion Activities for Ukrainian Civilians”

The project supported 236 Ukrainian civilians, primarily preschool and school-age children and young people, while also involving representatives of the host community.

PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

Activities included cultural orientation courses, Latvian language learning, a conversational language club and educational and community events. Through these activities, participants strengthened their knowledge of Latvian history, culture and society, practised Latvian in everyday contexts and developed stronger connections with the local community. Activities were implemented in Daugavpils, Krāslava Municipality and Riga, with remote participation available across Latvia.

Migration and Professional Capacity Building

The Opportunity Society. Intercultural Communication Training for Professionals from Various Fields to Strengthen the Framework for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals

PMIF/13.4./2024/1/01

1 September 2024 – 31 October 2026

PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

SUPPORTED BY

Co-financed by the European Union under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) (75%) and the Latvian state budget (25%).

The project strengthens the capacity of professionals working in multicultural environments and providing services to third-country nationals. Through training on societal diversity and intercultural communication, we have engaged educators and professionals from public institutions, including State Police, State Probation Service and State Social Care Centre employees. The activities provide practical knowledge and skills for constructive intercultural dialogue, inclusive service provision and more effective support for the integration of third-country nationals into Latvian society.

Līdzfinansē Eiropas Savienība

2027 Nacionālais attīstības plāns

Kultūras ministrija

Intelekta parks

Iespēju sabiedrība

PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

Civil Society and Hate Speech Prevention

Building Awareness of Hate Speech and Its Prevention in Latvian Civil Society

SLG75024GR0075

18 September 2024 – 31 December 2024

SUPPORTED BY

U.S. Embassy in Latvia

The project combined non-formal education, dialogue and research to strengthen hate speech awareness and prevention. We developed an educational programme and learning materials and organised workshops involving third-country nationals, Ukrainian civilians, Latvian citizens, educators and young people. Interactive methods, including VR technology, were used to explore real-life manifestations of hate speech. The project's research findings were presented at the ICERI2024 international conference in Seville and published in its conference proceedings.

PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

Families and Community Resilience

A Guide to Family Safety and Resilience

2026.LV/ĢDV/044

13 April 2026 – 14 September 2026

SUPPORTED BY

European Union – European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), within the project “Development of a Family-Friendly Environment and Society”, No. 4.3.6.9/1/24/I/001.

The project strengthened the safety and resilience of 189 family members, including children and caregivers, across Daugavpils, Krāslava and Rēzekne. Through interactive “Safety Academy” events and practical learning activities, families developed knowledge and skills related to physical and emotional safety, crisis preparedness and everyday risk prevention. The activities encouraged cooperation between children and caregivers, helping families build confidence and respond more effectively to challenging situations.

Līdzfinansē Eiropas Savienība

2027 Nacionālais attīstības plāns

Sabiedrības integrācijas fonds

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Ģimenes drošumspējas centrs

PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

Culture, Creativity and Digital Learning

Text Lab (TekstLAB)

2025/1.17-LA-SAD-1

TextLAB is a digital creative-learning environment connecting writers, learners and cultural communities in Latvia and the diaspora. Through online courses and consultations in different genres and languages, as well as literary readings, criticism and translation activities, the platform combines lifelong learning, multilingualism, digital participation and cultural exchange.

Civic Participation and Digital Inclusion

The Power of Involvement

2025.LV/NVOF/MAC/071

1 January 2025 – 31 October 2026

PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

SUPPORTED BY

Society Integration Foundation (SIF) under the NGO Fund programme, financed from the Latvian state budget allocated by the Ministry of Culture.

The project strengthens the participation of third-country nationals, people aged 50+ and seniors in Latvian civil society. Activities include civic competence development, NGO networking, training and international exchange with organisations in Italy and the Czech Republic. The project also supports the further development of the MySkills digital platform, promoting cooperation, integration and economic participation, while strengthening Park of Intellect's capacity to work with its strategic target groups.

Sabiedrības integrācijas fonds

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Līdzdalības spēks

PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

Integration and Entrepreneurship

Shoulder to Shoulder

2024.LV/NVO_UKR/028/L7

3 March 2025 – 30 October 2025

SUPPORTED BY

European Union

The project supported the socioeconomic integration of Ukrainian civilians through Latvian language learning, entrepreneurship support and volunteer training. Latvian language courses were completed by 14 children and young people, while 40 adults participated in a business support programme covering financial literacy, entrepreneurship, e-commerce and digital content creation. A further 20 participants received individual consultations and support in developing business prototypes, contributing to the launch of a new business.

METHODS, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TOOLS

We combine participatory learning, creative methods and digital technologies to create practical and engaging learning experiences for different people and contexts.

Participatory and Non-formal Learning

We use workshops, group activities, discussions, simulations and experiential learning to actively involve participants rather than simply deliver information.





Community-based Learning

We bring learning closer to real-life environments through local events, dialogue, intergenerational exchange and cooperation with communities, professionals and institutions.

Creative and Storytelling Methods

Creative writing, storytelling, conversation clubs and cultural activities create space for self-expression, participation, intercultural dialogue and the exchange of experiences.



METHODS, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TOOLS

Research, Testing and Evaluation

We combine research with practical testing to understand needs, assess results and improve educational approaches. Through surveys, data collection, piloting and participant feedback, we evaluate what works in practice and use the findings to develop more effective solutions.



Digital Learning Material Development

We develop digital learning materials tailored to different target groups and learning needs, including interactive resources, exercises and self-study content. By combining educational expertise with visual and digital elements, we create practical and engaging resources for both online and face-to-face learning.



METHODS, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TOOLS

VR and Immersive Learning

With VR equipment available within our organisation, we can develop immersive learning experiences, simulations and interactive activities for education, safety, culture and other contexts.



Digital and AI-supported Learning

We integrate digital technologies and AI into learning, training and skills development. Our approach combines digital tools with practical educational methods, helping participants develop skills relevant to a changing digital environment. Our digital capacity also includes MySkills, a cloud-based platform developed by “Park of Intellect” for mapping skills, connecting people and fostering cooperation and new opportunities.



OUR IMPACT

What began as individual initiatives has developed into a growing portfolio of projects, partnerships and programmes. The figures below capture the scale of our work and the breadth of people and communities reached.

47+ PROJECTS

72 STAFF AND EXPERTS

57 MEMBERS

OUR REACH 2022–2026

784 CHILDREN AND YOUTH

2,594 ADULTS

255 SENIORS

85 FAMILIES

322 EDUCATORS

SPECIAL BENEFICIARY GROUPS

*Beneficiary categories may overlap.

2,613 UKRAINIAN CIVILIANS

774 THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS

EXPERTISE BEHIND OUR WORK

Behind every project is a combination of people, knowledge and experience. “Park of Intellect” brings together academic expertise, experienced practitioners and project professionals, building interdisciplinary teams around the specific needs of each initiative.

ACADEMIA

Access to academic knowledge, research capacity and interdisciplinary expertise through our close connection with Daugavpils University.

PRACTITIONERS

Experienced educators, trainers and facilitators who transform knowledge into practical learning activities and real-life applications.



INSTITUTIONS AND NGOS

Collaboration strengthens project implementation, knowledge exchange and access to wider networks.

COMMUNITIES

Direct engagement with communities helps us understand real needs, involve people in the learning process and develop solutions grounded in everyday experience.

Depending on each project’s focus, we bring together the right combination of researchers, educators, trainers, project professionals and community practitioners.

VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Volunteering has been part of “Park of Intellect” since its establishment. More than 60 volunteers have contributed their time, knowledge and initiative to our projects and community activities, gaining practical experience while supporting people of different ages, backgrounds and cultures.

60+
VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED



HOW VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTE

- **Events and Community Activities**
- **Language and Conversation Practice**
- **Digital Support for Seniors**
- **Learning Materials**
- **Communication and Storytelling**
- **Skills and Initiative**

VOLUNTEERING IN PRACTICE



As part of the “Shoulder to Shoulder” project, 10 volunteers completed the “Tu būsi gaisma” (“You Will Be the Light”) training programme, preparing them to support Latvian language learning activities for Ukrainian civilians and provide more individual support to participants.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE



Our international experience has developed through long-term partnerships, joint projects, mobility, traineeships and professional exchange. These connections bring together organisations, educational institutions and professionals from different countries and create opportunities to share knowledge, test approaches and develop new initiatives.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN PRACTICE

JOINT PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

International partnerships and joint initiatives that combine expertise, experience and local knowledge.

MOBILITY AND TRAINEESHIPS

Hosting international students and trainees and providing practical experience within our projects and organisational activities.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Participation in international training, conferences, study visits and professional exchanges.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACTION

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT COOPERATION

THE POWER OF INVOLVEMENT
Latvia · Italy · Czech Republic

The project expands our international cooperation through partnerships with organisations in Italy and the Czech Republic, exchanging innovative approaches to the inclusion and civic participation of third-country nationals, people aged 50+ and seniors.



KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

In 2023, “Park of Intellect” hosted a knowledge exchange workshop with the Norwegian NGO “Omsozams Venner”, sharing practical approaches to learning by doing, eco-education and working with children, young people and refugee families. The exchange introduced new methods for use in our educational activities in Latvia.

HOSTING INTERNATIONAL TRAINEES

Park of Intellect supports international mobility by hosting Erasmus+ trainees. In 2025, we welcomed a trainee from Italy who contributed to our organisation’s activities, and another international trainee is expected to join our team in early 2027.





INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

WHAT WE BRING TO A PARTNERSHIP

We approach international projects as an active partner, contributing not only to implementation but also to the development of ideas, methodologies and project content.

- Project Development
- Educational Expertise
- Research and Evaluation
- Access to Target Groups
- Digital and Creative Capacity
- Communication and Dissemination
- Consortium Building and Partner Networks

WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN A PARTNERSHIP

We are interested in long-term cooperation with organisations that bring different perspectives, complementary expertise and a willingness to develop ideas together.

- European Project Partnerships
- Joint Project Development
- Knowledge and Practice Exchange
- Piloting and Local Implementation

WE ARE READY TO...

CO-CREATE · PILOT · RESEARCH · TRAIN · DISSEMINATE · HOST · CONNECT



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