



## *Little Latvian village is looking for two young Europeans*

*9 months EVS project*

# *Lost and found in Pelči castle*

*September, 2016 – May, 2017. Pelči parish, Kuldīga region, Latvia*

### **Description of the hosting organization:**

#### **Pelči parish administration.**

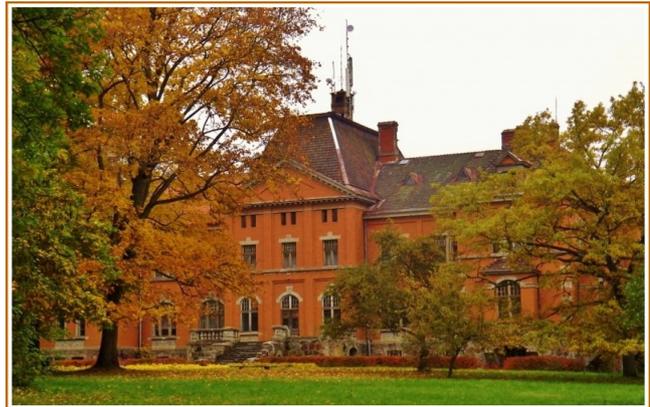
Pelči is a **small village** with 1,089 inhabitants. There are no regular schools in Pelči and children and young people attend schools in Kuldīga, the nearby town with 12 000 inhabitants. Part of Pelči population, moreover, are poor, some living in disadvantaged families, but also in such families grow talented children with great potential for self-development. We believe involving volunteers from European countries in work with children and young people would be very useful to this audience.

Pelči parish administration cares not only about the local community's economic and social needs, but also provides support for the education and culture. These areas are represented by Pelči **Parish Library** (situated in the castle) in collaboration with the People's House, organizing events and activities for lifelong learning, foreign language courses, camps, etc.

Pelči parish administration cares about the education and personal development of its younger generation, promote its involvement in active citizenship and widening the life perspective of young people by providing new opportunities and experiences through international projects. In 2011 there was renovated and landscaped a **leisure place "Pagrabiņš"** in order to provide space for local youth, but it is not fully used. The volunteers have all of the options out there to work with children and young people. So there is totally equipped space volunteers could use for the workshops, lectures, thematic evening, games etc. beside the work in the library.

### **The aim of the project:**

**To foster the intercultural dialogue in Pelči community by involvement of European volunteers in local cultural heritage study and work with youth and children.**





### **Proposed activities:**

- ! Creation and maintenance of Pelči historical patrimony digital collection (photo and video creation, etc.).
- ! Involvement in the organization of parish events (festivals, events, such as the annual Legends Night in Pelči palace)
- ! Engagement in the Pelči library international project "Joy of reading unites the North and South" (project is organized on the own initiative of the Pelči library, in collaboration with the Viana library in Spain without additional funding) activities;
- ! Promotion of the intercultural communication and related activities (presentations about volunteers' culture, culinary, discussions, movie nights, storytelling etc.)
- ! Foreign language classes in the library (especially Spanish language classes the library already organizes. Therefore it would be very useful to host a volunteer with Spanish as a native language);
- ! English classes for kids in Pelči parish kindergarten, which is not offered to learn English;
- ! Motivational games, interactive lessons for youth groups;
- ! Sports activities for children and young people;
- ! Drama, dance and / or music lessons;



### **Support for volunteers:**

- ! Regular mentoring with experienced mentor and former EVS volunteer Annija Stürmane who will support volunteers in their non-formal learning evaluation besides of being a guide in local environment.
- ! Latvian language classes 3 hours per week.
- ! Project is coordinated by experienced NGO Radi Vidi Pats ([www.radividiipats.lv](http://www.radividiipats.lv))
- ! Accommodation provided in the fully equipped flat in the Pelči village covered by project organizational costs.
- ! Monthly food 100 EUR, transport 20 EUR and individual support 80 EUR provided by coordinating organization.
- ! Travel costs from volunteers' sending organization to hosting organization reimbursed according to the European distance calculator [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)
  - 10-99 km :20 EUR per pax;
  - 100-499 km: 80 EUR per pax;
  - 500-1999 km: 170 EUR per pax
  - 2000-2999 km: 270 EUR per pax;
  - 3000 – 3999 km: 400 EUR per pax;
  - 4000-7999 km: 620 EUR per pax;
  - 8000 – 19999 km: 830 EUR per pax.
- ! On arrival and mid-term evaluation organized by Latvian National agency.

**Volunteers willing to apply should fill in the attached application form and send to the project coordinator Agata Babina [agata@radividiipats.lv](mailto:agata@radividiipats.lv) by 31 of March, 2016**  
**Don't hesitate to contact the project coordinator in case of any questions regarding this particular project.**