

**Dear friends,**

We are pleased to present you our carefully designed program for the Newcastles of the World Alliance Conference 2025 in Latvia from 8.-15. August.

Let's spend an unforgettable time together!

We will discuss four important topics - aging, education, preservation of cultural heritage, environment and nature. We welcome delegations to prepare to speak on each topic and area where you feel there is more experience to share, please create a presentation to show others. We each have considerable experience and knowledge on these topics that can be useful to others. We are confident that we will be able to have productive working sessions.

And we have also prepared a route that will show you the beauty of Latvia. You will enjoy the medieval atmosphere of our village, see our capital Riga, through which the river Daugava flows, get to know the traditions of Latvian fishermen and be able to swim in the Baltic Sea, as well as be in Kuldiga - a city that is included in the UNESCO World Heritage and is located on the banks of the river Venta. The widest waterfall in Europe is located on Venta, which you can wade through if you wish.

**Hope to see you all in Jaunpils this summer!**



**Mrs. Baiba Rasa**

Head of Jaunpils administration

# Provisional Program

08.08. Friday

**Individual time** Arrival of delegations (we will provide transfer from the airport RIGA (Rix) to correspond with the participants travel schedule. Please inform us about your arrival time)

**19:00** Official welcome dinner and acquaintance with delegations.

Speeches by:

- Baiba Rasa, Head of Jaunpils and Viesatas parish administration;
- Ligita Gintere, Member of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia;
- Representative of Tukums municipality

**Venue:** great hall of the Jaunpils castle.

A small local culture program is planned.

**21:30** Transport (will be provided) to accommodation.

The program may change slightly. It will become more accurate closer to the conference. Some of the conference guests will be accommodated in Jaunpils, while some will live in the center of our region - in the city of Tukums, 30 minutes drive from Jaunpils.

## **09.08. Saturday**

**Venue for adults and youth:** Jaunpils Castle, castle square, school, park.

**9:00-10:00** Breakfast (great hall of the Jaunpils castle tavern);

**10:00-12:00** Official opening of conference (great hall of the Jaunpils castle)

- Baiba Braže, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
- Andris Jaunsleinis, representative of the Union of Local Governments of Latvia;
- Representative of Tukums municipality;
- Ambassadors of the member states of the Newcastles of the World Alliance in Latvia;
- Shimoe Hiroyuki, Major of Shinshiro;
- Vladimir Hokr, Major of Nove Hrad;
- Heads of delegations.

**12:00-13:00** Lunch

## **MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL**

**13:30 – 14:00** Festive parade from Jaunpils school to castle square.

**14:00** Short talk show on a stage with the delegations - for the local community and festival visitors to get to know our guests of honor better. (Manager of the event will invite the delegations to the stage for a conversation. It will be an opportunity to present your country and town, as well as share your first impressions of Latvia. The talk show will take place near the presentation tents).

**14:00-16:00** Delegation tents will work, where you can present your Newcastles to the local community and festival guests. (As before, prepare please posters that presents your Newcastle and send to us. We will print it and display in the tent. You can prepare some booklets or flyers, other things or workshops that describe your country).

**16:00 – 17:00** Free time to enjoy medieval festival

\*Lounge will be available.

- Joust in the palace courtyard;
- Parade of medieval costumes;
- Craftsmen and domestic producer market;
- Farm animals;
- Archery;
- Creative workshops
- Medieval music and dances;
- Impressive fire show.

**17:00-19:00** Dinner; Evening together with local entrepreneurs, municipal officials and NGO representatives.

**19:00-22:00** Festival concert in the square near the castle; Latvian rock band "Dzelzs vilks" will perform;

**22:00** Transport to accommodation.

Breakfast will be served daily in the great hall of the Jaunpils castle tavern.  
Please think about how you will present your country during the march. Will it be your national folk costumes or similar clothes. To get into the festive mood, there will also be an opportunity to rent medieval costumes at Jaunpils castle.  
Each delegation will have their own tent to present their Newcastle.

## 10.08. Sunday

**9:00-9:30** Breakfast

**10:00-13:00** Work session

**Venue for adults:** great hall of the Jaunpils castle.

**Topic:** Aging – respectful aging maintaining activities, education and involvement in the processes and development of the local municipality.

**Moderator:** will be clarified.

**Venue for youth:** Kartavkalni nature trail.

**Topic:** Aging – the healing power of nature for older adults – how spending time outdoors can improve physical and mental well – being for seniors and how intergenerational activities in nature can strength relationships between youth and older adults.

**Moderator:** will be clarified.

**13:00-14:00** Lunch; Youth will have lunch picnic in the nature.

**14:00** Excursion to a village on the coast of the Baltic Sea. You will have opportunity to explore local fishing village culture (in cooperation with Engure/Lapmežciems cultural center, Lapmežciems Museum, Tukums Museum).

**18:00-19:00** Dinner - local flavor in the restaurant by the sea;

**19:00-21:00** Evening by the sea with camp - fires.

**21:00** Transport to accommodation.

## 11.08. Monday

**9:00-10:00** Breakfast

**10:00-13:00** Visits to Jaunpils major companies (by bus)

- “Joži” (one of the largest grain farming companies in the country);
- A/S “Jaunpils Pienotava” (dairy processing enterprise);
- “Līvas grupa” (house manufacturing);
- “Hornet” (buggy manufacturing).

Participants will be divided into four groups.

**13:00-14:00** Lunch

**14:00-17:30** Work session:

**Venue for adults:** great hall of the Jaunpils castle.

**Topic:** Environment/Nature - climate change challenges for the municipalities (floods, fires, storms, hail). How to prepare, how to deal with the consequences?

**Moderator:** will be clarified.

**Venue for youth:** Nature events garden.

**Topic:** Environment/Nature - reducing personal carbon footprint (energy, transportation, consumption).

**Moderator:** Arta Dumbre from Jaunpils.

**18:00-19:00** Dinner

**19:00-21:00**

*Adults:* Creative sessions - you will have the opportunity to see and get to know our historical center, learn more about the history of Latvia and Jaunpils, as well as in some places you will have the opportunity to work creatively.

**Venues:** Jaunpils historic center (Craft House, Museum, Library, Church, archery, old watermill, Regional Development Center “Rats”).

**Youth:** Soap making master class.

**Venue:** “Ezervanna” soap workshop, about 10 min drive from Jaunpils.

**21:00** Transport to accommodation.

## 12.08. Tuesday

**9:00-9:30** Breakfast

**9:30** Departure to **Kuldiga** (both adults and youth together); **Kuldiga** is a beautiful and ancient Latvian city with a rich historical heritage.

16.—17. century it was the residence of the Duke of Courland and Semigallia, where his court stayed. It has also been a city of the Hanseatic League.

A river called Venta runs through the city.

The bridge over Venta is the longest brick bridge in Latvia.

Across the river in Kuldiga is Ventas waterfall - the widest waterfall in Europe.

The old town of Kuldiga is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

**11:30** International conference for adults.

Topic: Cultural heritage and its impact on local community identity and economy.

**Participants:**

- Representative of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia;
- Representative of the National Cultural Heritage Administration;
- Representative of the Association of Latvian Castles and Manors;
- Representative of the Tukums Museum;
- Representative of the Jaunpils Palace;
- Representative of the Kuldiga Administration and Museum.
- Newcastle of the world delegations

\*Detailed conference program will follow.

**13:00-14:00** Lunch (walking buffet)

**14:00-16:00** Conference continuation

**Youth: 11:30-16:00 (with a lunch break 13:00-14:00)**

**Venue:** Kuldiga's youth house.

**Topic:** Our common future ideas in education and culture. Possible student exchange program.

**16:00-18:00** Free time in Kuldiga

**18:00-19:00** Dinner in Kuldiga

**19:00** Transport to accommodation.

## 13.08. Wednesday

**9:00-9:30** Breakfast

**9:30-12:00** Work session:

**Venue for adults:** Jaunpils school hall.

**Topic:** Education - bullying and violence in educational institutions. The issue of immigrants in educational institutions.

*Moderator:* will be clarified.

**Venue for youth:** Jaunpils library

**Topic:** Education - bullying and violence in educational institutions. The issue of immigrants in educational institutions.

*Moderator:* will be clarified.

**Participants:**

- Representative of the Tukuma County Education Board;
- Administration of the Jaunpils school;
- Representatives of Tukums County schools;
- Representatives of the Jaunpils Youth centers of Tukums County;
- Newcastle of the world delegations

**12:00-13:00** Lunch

**13:00-15:30**

*Adults:* Conference continuation.

*Youth:* Candle making master class.

**Venue:** Creative house "7 balles" about 10 min drive from Jaunpils.

**15:30** Excursion to Riga, the capital of Latvia;

**17:00** – Museum of the History of Riga and Navigation;

**18:30-19:00** Dinner in a restaurant on the banks of the Daugava - Latvia's largest river.

**19:00-21:00** Free time in Old Riga;

**21:00** Transport to accommodation.



## **14.08. Thursday**

**9:00-10:00** Breakfast

**10:00-13:00** Work session

Presentations, summaries, conclusions.

Venue for both adults and youth: great hall of the Jaunpils Castle.

**13:00-14:00** Lunch

**14:00-16:30** Work session continuation

Presentations, summaries, conclusions.

Venue for adults: great hall of the Jaunpils castle.

Board meeting and preparation of communique;

Friendship sports games for youth (basketball, football, volleyball)

**Venue for youth:** School sports field.

**17:00** Closed farewell event in the castle courtyard (delegations, organizers, youth);

Reading of communique to delegates and handover of flag to the next hosts.

Speeches, gifts (please keep them modest), farewells, live music, dances.

## **15.08. Friday**

**9:00-10:00** Breakfast

**10:00** Departure (we will provide transfer to the airport).

## Important information

### Conference participation fee:

800 Eur for adults;

500 Eur for youth;

Payment and invoice information by e-mail [kristine.liepina@jaunpilsils.lv](mailto:kristine.liepina@jaunpilsils.lv).

### The participation fee includes:

- Registration fee;
  - Accommodation from August 8 to August 14 inclusive;
  - Breakfast, lunch, dinner all days;
  - Coffee breaks all days;
  - Excursions, transport and cultural events.
- \*Drinks during meals and relaxing evenings are not included in the price and should be paid by participants individually, unless mentioned differently.

### Transportation

We will provide transfer from and to the airport.

Part of the conference participants will be accommodated 30 minutes away from Jaunpils. On all days of the conference, transport will be provided in the morning to Jaunpils and back in the evening. We will also provide transport for all planned trips and excursions.

### Dress code

Business casual. For official events, formal attire as much as possible.

HOWEVER - the main thing is to feel comfortable. So, we think smart casual is best.

### Weather

August is the last month of summer in Latvia, and the weather gradually begins to transition to autumn. The days are still warm and pleasant, but the evenings and mornings are getting cooler. The temperature during the day is on average around +18°C to +25°C, and at night: +10°C to +15°C. Rain is also possible. We recommend that you also include a sweater, a light windbreaker and a raincoat in your wardrobe.

### Money

Latvia is in the euro zone and here you can pay with euro banknotes. ATM will be available.

## Airport

For those who will travel by plane, your destination is Riga Airport (Rix).

## Other

- Please let us know the likely number of delegates from each town until 1st May. Send information with the approximate number of persons and special accommodation needs to the director of Jaunpils castle, Kristine Liepina, by e-mail [kristine.liepina@jaunpilspils.lv](mailto:kristine.liepina@jaunpilspils.lv).

- We invite you to send the name, surname, job title and photo of each delegate for the name cards by June 15.

- Please pay the participation fee by July 15.

- As soon as you have information about the youth leaders in the delegations, send us their contact information so that we can start organizing the first zoom meeting for the youth. Contact information send to Liga Eidmane – Kabaka on e-mail [liga.eidmane-kabaka@tukums.lv](mailto:liga.eidmane-kabaka@tukums.lv).

- Please let us know if you need our special technical support for setting up presentation stands.

- We will provide technical support for your presentations.

- Following past practice, please create posters that present your country and town and send us. We will print them and mount the displays.