

Latvia

Adazi Free Waldorf School (AFWS) is one of the schools that carry out the Rudolf Steiner's pedagogy. There are students from the age of 3 to the age of 18 in the school. Adazi Free Waldorf School has 52 children in the kindergarten and around 380 students in primary and secondary school. The school is located in a small town called Adazi which is near Riga, only 25 km away. There are students and teachers coming from many cities to the school since it is the only Rudolf Steiner secondary education institution in Latvia.

The school was founded by the parents and teachers' general meeting on September 1st in 1993. It was a public non-profit organization. At the beginning, there were three classes and the kindergarten. Teaching and learning has been based on the Rudolf Steiner curriculum which celebrated 100 years last year.

AFWS is one of 'UNESCO Associated Schools' and is an active participant in many international projects. The school welcomes both foreign teachers and students to join. Currently there are exchange students from China, Argentina, Hongkong, and two volunteer teachers from Germany and Spain working in elementary school and kindergarten.

Much emphasis is put on real life experience. Students from the age of 16 participate in such practices as the agricultural practice, social practice, field measuring practice and individual internships in companies they have chosen on their own. Adolescents take part in practical activities as well, for instance, planting, harvesting and thrashing corn, baking bread, digging minerals and other nature related activities.

