



## Latvian delegation from

### **Adazi Free Waldorf School**

Adazi Free Waldorf School (AFWS) is one of the schools that carry out Rudolf Steiner's pedagogy. There are students from the ages of three to 18 in the school. AFWS has 52 children in kindergarten and around 420 students in primary and secondary school. The school is in a small city called Adazi, 25 km from the capital of Riga. 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 1993. It was a public non-profit organisation. In the beginning, there were three classes and a kindergarten. Teaching and learning are based on the Rudolf Steiner curriculum which celebrated 100 years in 2019.

AFWS is one of The UNESCO Associated Schools and is an active participant in many international projects. The school welcomes both foreign teachers and students to join regularly.

Much emphasis is put on real-life experience. Students from the age of 16 participate in such initiatives as agricultural practices, social practices, field measuring practices and individual internships in companies they have chosen. Younger children take part in practical activities as well; for instance, planting, harvesting, housebuilding, forest practice, bread baking, mineral digging, and other nature-related activities.

AFWS's philosophy is strongly based on sustainable and ecological practices. As an example- the school's gym was built as an ergo-effective building using an EU grant, in the school's courtyard there are vegetable beds, a greenhouse as well an innovative irrigation system where children can learn about planting and harvesting as well as eat the produce.