

PEARL A PEARL

- Group of people: (60 - 70 years old) seniors from various countries will learn how to string pearls (*LV - pērļot*);
- WHO: Old people being retired (60 - 70 years old) can learn how to string pearls, further can educate their children and grandchildren how to pearl.
- WHERE: The project can be carried out in Latvia (Madona) and England, Germany or other country where people speak English or Russian (*for example*). Teachers from Barkava can host foreigners and can go abroad, and with the help of translator interpreter teach seniors also abroad.
- WHAT: The tasks of the project could be as follows:
 1. to teach old people to string various kinds of pearls;
 2. to teach them how to work with small items and tweezers, pearls, thread;
 3. to make an exhibition of the necklaces and jewelry the seniors will produce;
 4. to make a photo gallery in the internet and popularize pearling in this way (with the coordinates of teachers in internet).
- WHY: The project is necessary in order to teach seniors one way of spending their free time in an interesting manner. Seniors also will meet people from other countries and get an impression about foreign cultures. After the project seniors will be able to teach their children and other people how to string pearls.
- WHEN: The project could be carried out at every time of the year as there is no matter of the weather :) Possible better time would be autumn as in winter seniors have a lot of free time to find themselves in pearling.
- HOW: The project manager will involve the teachers of pearling in the project. They will teach seniors from Latvia and other countries the craft of stringing pearls and producing of necklaces. Foreign seniors will come to Latvia and Latvian seniors will go abroad. Professional interpreters will help people communicate. The process of the project will be divided into stages: acquiring basic skills, materials' acquiring, producing of bijouterie (in Latvia and abroad), exhibition, making photo gallery.
- OBJECTIVES: To teach old people how to work with pearls and all related material for producing necklaces from pearls for the needs of seniors' free time spending. To popularize this craft among seniors and their families in Latvia and abroad.
- TARGET GROUP: direct - seniors from Latvia and other countries; indirect - their families, friends, people who will come to see an exhibition, those who will see a photo gallery and other.
- ACTIVITIES: technique acquirement (work with pearls and related materials), teaching local and foreign seniors how to pearl, make an exhibition and photo gallery in the internet, go abroad to teach foreign seniors and host them in Latvia.
- PRODUCTS: - knowledge acquired by seniors and ability to teach others (sustainability), - an exhibition with the products produced by seniors (no pay for entrance), - photo gallery in the internet (may contain coordinates of teachers if someone would like to ask them to teach how to string pearls).
- METHODS: group work, teaching seniors, communication with foreigners, popularization of craft.
- IMPACT: doubtlessly the impact will be positive; seniors will be able to use their free time to spend it by stringing pearls. The craft will be popularized among seniors and their families and friends in Latvia and abroad.