

Nordic Newsletter

Nordic events and activities in Latvia

June 2021

Recent events



Listen to Silence by Beate Gjersvold

Art exhibition “Listen to Silence” by Norwegian artist Beate Gjersvold at the Liepaja Museum, supported by the Norwegian Embassy. The exhibition will last for the summer from June 6th to August 1st. More information can be found at [liepajasmuzejs](https://www.liepajasmuzejs.lv/).

Together in the Past, Present and Future

On June 4, a 100 years of diplomatic relations between Denmark and Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were celebrated at the conference “Together in the Past, Present and Future” in Copenhagen, Crown Prince Frederik opened the conference. The opportunities for future cooperation between the four countries as well as the events 30 years ago were discussed by Danish Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod, Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkēvičs, Estonian Foreign Minister Eva-Maria Liimets and Lithuanian Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis. As a part of the celebration, a new joint vision for the future cooperation on areas such as common values, security & defence and climate was launched. The conference was created in collaboration between the Danish Foreign Policy Society, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Danish Cultural Institute, Embassy of Denmark in Estonia, Embassy of Denmark in Latvia, Embassy of Denmark in Lithuania. More information about this event can be read and watched [here](#).



Crossing the Baltic Sea 1944-1945

The Photo exhibition " Crossing the Baltic Sea 1944-1945" by Swedish photographer David Holmert is on display in the Society house in Liepaja from June 1 until June 29. More on the exhibition can be read [here](#).

Re-visions

A symposium, organised within the framework of the Riga Photography Biennial, will try to identify and analyse examples of interesting practices in the art landscape, focusing on the digital environment and digitization processes. NCM Office supports the participation of Nordic speakers. More on this can be read [here](#).

Congrats Pippi!

From June 15 the interactive exhibition "Congrats Pippi!" is available at Jaunbuves Library (18. novembra street 161, Daugavpils), the branch of Latgale Central Library. It is dedicated to the 75th anniversary of Astrid Lindgren's fictional character Pippi Longstocking. Along with the exhibition, there is a game "Hei, hei! Have fun with Pippi!" offering two sets of tasks – for preschoolers and older kids. Once all the tasks are completed successfully, a player receives a sweet treat from Pippi. The exhibition is being implemented by Latgale Central Library and financially supported by the Embassy of Sweden in Riga and the Swedish Institute.



Coming events

Green Tables Masterclass and Dinner

On 17 and 18 June the Embassy of Denmark in Lithuania, the Danish Cultural Institute in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, NCM Latvia and Farmers Circle will host the events Green Tables Masterclass and Green Tables Gourmet Dining Experience.

The Green Tables masterclass will teach the participants about global food waste issues, surplus food and the reasons why food is wasted on such a large scale as well as experience and learn how to build practical skills and gain hands-on experience with cooking more sustainably. The goal is to challenge the participants to work with a more sustainable approach to everyday kitchen methods, finding creativity and joy in cooking with what is already there. At the end of the masterclass, the participants will be able to enjoy the delicious and sustainable meal they have helped work on throughout the class.

The Green Tables masterclass and gourmet dining experience is conducted by the Danish social enterprise Rub & Stub, and they will help provide the evidence that there does not have to be any discrepancy between fine dining, high-quality food and zero waste, this can and should all go together. More on this event can be read [here](#).



Clean energy - the only way!

NCM Latvia is launching a podcast episode "Clean energy - the only way!" – the first in the "Sustainable Worlds" podcast series that will consist of conversations with Nordic and Latvian scientists on various sustainability issues. The podcast series is part of the programme for celebrating the 30th anniversary of the NCM office in Latvia. The first episode on energy features professor Peter Lund from the Aalto University in Finland and professor Gatis Bažbauers from Riga Technical University. Currently, most of the energy in the world is produced from fossil fuels. Carbon dioxide emissions are causing climate change, which may lead to natural disasters, large numbers of climate refugees, climate wars and other catastrophic consequences. How will future generations look at the period in the history of the civilization, when energy was obtained by burning fossil fuels? What must be done? What can be done? You can listen to the podcast on all these platforms.

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Nordic Celebrations

During this month several of the Nordic countries celebrated national days and constitution days. On June 5, Denmark celebrated their Constitution Day. This day in 1849, Frederik VII signed the first constitution which laid the foundation for democracy. More on this important occasion and Danish society can be read [here](#).

Sweden celebrated their national day on June 6. The Swedish embassy in Riga made a video to celebrate the occasion. It includes many amazing appearances and can be seen [here](#).

Iceland celebrated their national day on the 17th. To mark this festive occasion, they presented a national day greeting. Icelandic Symphony orchestras' video can be watched [here](#).

Congratulations to Finland on its final's appearance!

Finland had a very successful appearance in this year's ice hockey world championship in Riga. Canada barely won with a 3-2 score line in overtime.

