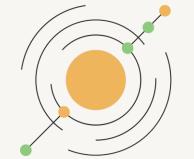


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Why do anything at all if you do nothing? (AI picture of change agent in communities)

My story of becoming an NGO activist and change agent

- 2003 volunteer, Vides aizsardzības klubs/Environmental Protection Club - finding my «why?»
- 2003 Friends of the Earth Latvia, agriculture policy specialist
- 2003 -Foundation for Environmental Education
 - discovering my «how?»



2014 – becoming a change agent in community (Brocēni) and Latvia. Finding my «with whom?»





2021 - Latvian Rural Forum-family with 32 action groups + NGOs across Latvia = 68 member organizations -«what? how? with whom? how? why?»



Latvian Rural Communities' Parliament

SINCE 2013 | 300+ PARTICIPANTS | bi-annual - RURAL COMMUNITIES, NGOs, LOCAL GOVENRMENTS, POLICY MAKERs, RESEARCHERS 7th Latvian Rural Communities Parliament – June 2025, call for hosting minicipalities is open.

RECOGNITION LABEL "SMART VILLAGES"

SINCE 2021 | 20-40 RURAL COMMUNITIES | annual

Communities Persillade (Forum of Local communities and Smart Villages)

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Re-discovered my «why?»

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