

Program testing 8.4.-10.4.

During the second weekend of April, the first meeting of the participants of a new project focused on the exchange of skills connected with local traditions and the environment took place. Partners from three foreign countries - Slovakia, Hungary and Romania - participated in this project. The aim of this first meeting was to demonstrate to these partners the three selected by us and to teach them to pass them on. On Friday 8.4. in the evening we met at the boarding house on Nebeská Rybná, where we started the program by getting to know each other and sitting in the evening and playing card games. The next morning we got up early and after breakfast moved to Deštná in Orlické hory, where the participants learned linocut techniques. Everyone could engrave 1 or more dies and then print their own motif on paper or a canvas bag. In addition, the entire program took place in the local museum of traditions and winter sports, so the participants could also learn something about the history of the area in their free time. After lunch in the form of traditional Ukrainian borscht, we moved to the Museum of the Eagle Mountains "Sýpka" in Rokytnice in the Eagle Mountains. Here we were awaited by a presentation of a rare local animal and a meeting with local patriots. After returning from the museum, the more active members of the group went for a walk to the Weeping Rock, while the others discussed their newly acquired knowledge. The next morning, in the Garden of Dobromysl Sdružení SPLAV in Záměľ, under the guidance of the garden manager, we made insect hotels from excess wood and collected herbs for a smoothie, which served as an appetizer before home-made potato-filled dumplings. They were prepared for us by a participant of the Masterchef Czech cooking competition in two forms – meat and vegetarian fruit. We all actively helped with the preparation of the dumplings, from peeling the potatoes to making the dough and filling and serving. Everyone had the opportunity to taste as much of each species as they were able to eat. After filling our bellies, we all slowly began to say goodbye to the participants, who had to slowly make their way home. So the whole weekend was fully charged. We can safely say that the participants took away a lot of new skills, knowledge and, last but not least, capable friends and acquaintances from the weekend spent in the Czech Republic.

