

AJDOVŠČINA



The Municipality of Ajdovščina is the economic and cultural centre of the Vipava Valley, which lies in the west of Slovenia, near the Slovene-Italian national border.

The municipality is divided into 26 local communities and comprises 45 villages.

Total Surface Area: 245 square kilometres

Number of Inhabitants: 18.006

Highest Point: the Mt. Mali Golak – lying at 1495 metres above sea level

Lowest Point: the branch of the Vipava River under the village of Batuje – lying at 60 metres above sea level

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The centre of the municipality is the town of Ajdovščina with 7.000 inhabitants. The town has an extremely rich and agitated history and with its perfect combination of first Roman buildings and the medieval architectural developments. The town today offers its visitors numerous sightseeing sites. Especially interesting is the eastern part of the town with its restored part of the city wall, its tower and Renaissance castle arcades, which also form a part of the city wall.

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LJUDSKA UNIVERZA AJDOVŠČINA – CENTRE FOR ADULT EDUCATION

Ljudska univerza Ajdovščina (Centre for Adult Education) is the information and counselling local centre for adult education, with more than 50-year- long tradition. It was established by local municipality in 1959 as a public institution. It has 6 employees, who are mostly organizers for adult education. However, we also cooperate with numerous teachers as well as other external consultants.

Our organization cooperates and works on programmes for different vulnerable target groups such as the unemployed, rural population, the elderly and retired people, "drop-outs" - youngsters with uncompleted primary or secondary education, people with special needs, foreigners – immigrants, etc. Our programmes are based on raising the level of literacy, lifelong learning, ICT, etc.

Lately, we have been dealing with the programmes for sustainable development. We have been trying to create a collaborative learning environment where all the learners (the elderly and the young) can acquire and improve their skills, and seek the innovations and best practices by the means of lifelong learning, e-learning and digital communication. Furthermore, our mission and vision have always been professionalism, individual approach, knowledge, good relationships and orientation towards the future.

We have a lot of experience with the intergenerational learning, social inclusion, countryside projects for rural population, integration of migrants, etc. These invaluable experiences were gained thanks to national projects which were mostly financed by European Social Funds, Ministry for Education and Ministry of Labour. Moreover, we have been constantly working on different international projects like Tandems GO, Social Inclusion in Action, Development of new VET programmes to improve competitiveness in the labor market.

Projects and programmes that are mostly connected with the idea of sustainable development are oriented towards conservation of cultural heritage and old rural tradition in the spectre of food, products and services in countryside. We developed a new educational programme for the unemployed living in rural areas. This programme is named Provider of traditional products and services and it is in pilot implementation. We have also implemented the programme Entrepreneurship in rural areas and, similarly, the study circle Cultural heritage – a resource for sustainable development.

One of the main characteristics of our region is the growing number of seniors and retired people. In the last few years we mostly managed to increase the proportion of our students among that target group. Consequently, elderly people attend our lessons with enthusiasm, they mostly attend free computer courses. Beside computer courses we offer them courses for better quality of life, various gymnastic courses, courses and seminars for a healthier old age, several foreign languages as well as many other possibilities for learning.

Folk High School Ajdovščina and all of its employees are daily trying to pave the way towards a pleasant experience in education and life-long learning due to the fact this is the only effective way to create a new world of good ideas, creativeness and useful knowledge.

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