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Creating Social and Business projects already at school

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Project-based learning approach

Engages in solving real-world problems or challenges through inquiry, collaboration, and creativity

Fosters deeper learning, critical thinking perseverance and 21st century skills

Promotes student engagement, ownership, autonomy and gives students the voice and tools to become change-makers

Authentic and meaningful results - service or product aimed at making our life better/solve some issue

Supported by mentor and ICT tools

Planning and organizing

To create a roadmap, assign roles and responsibilities, and monitor your milestones - Trello, Asana, and Basecamp

Communication during project implementation

Slack, Zoom, Discord, Google Meet

Communicating outcomes

documentation tools to record, organize, and share the project journey - Google Sites, WordPress, and Seesaw

Project-based learning in action

Future Heroes Latvia – social impact

leadership and entrepreneurship program for girls

TACKLES: underrepresentation of women in leadership positions and the gender gap that exists in almost every industry

BELIEVES: Entrepreneurship education lets girls develop their leadership skills, embrace their competitive side, and promotes the courage to take more risks

OFFERS: Experience based and role-model led 6-month program to empower the next generation of female leaders

TARGETS: 14 – 17 year old girls aiming to unlock their potential, promote social cohesion and positive change in the society

How Future Heroes works

6 months of hands-on experience

8 practical future-oriented skills & mindset workshops in hybrid setting (extra-curricular time)
Team building & problem solving, Critical thinking, Financial literacy & Fundraising, Digital Impact, Pitching practice, & others

10 teams & **10** projects boosted by mentors based on UN SDG's

20 inspirational speakers & skills coaches

50 Future Heroes equipped with confidence, independence, unique voice and will

*around 140 girls empowered by the program in Latvia since 2020

Core elements of Future Heroes

Team

Project

Mentor

Big Sisters

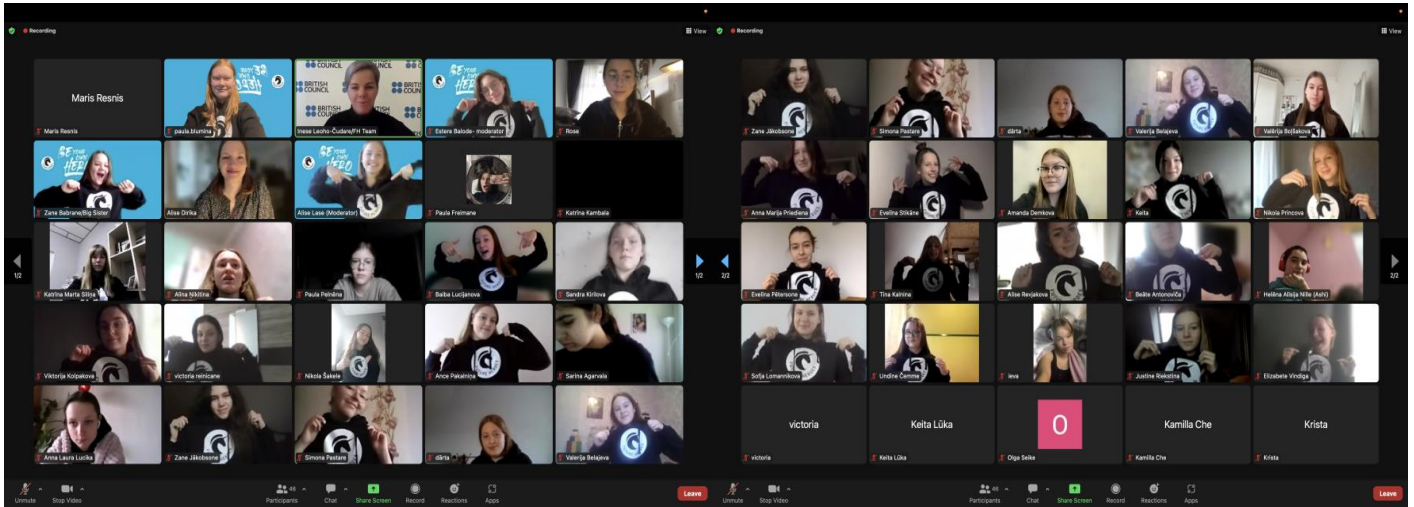
Competition

Community – sisterhood

www.futureheroes.lv
facebook.com/FutureHeroesLatvia
Instagram.com/futureheroeslatvia

Hybrid implementation model supported by ICT tools

Discord for internal communication
Zoom / Ms Teams
Google Workspace (Google classroom)
Miro / Figma boards
Selected tools appropriate for team project specifics



Projects by teams

Food Pick-up Point

Reduce the amount of leftover food in households through "food parcels" or food exchange fridges

Tiec dzirdēts

Create awareness about and promote accessibility for the deaf and hard of hearing community in Latvia. Created a board game and an informative course for employers

EquALL - unlimited fashion

Raise awareness about gender equality stereotypes in fashion and present alternative fashion styles in a clothing manifest

BeQuick

Make commuting around the city more comfortable by developing an app that predicts public transport delays and helps to save time. Thu motivating people to use the public transport instead of cars.

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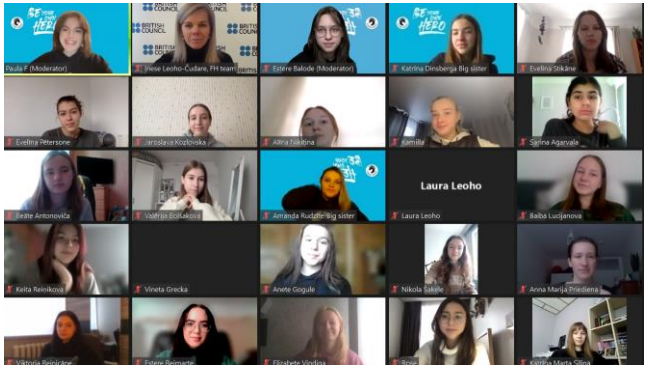
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Projects journey

Junior achievement LATVIA

Enhancing the economic and entrepreneurial knowledge and skills of teachers of various subjects and educational levels using **Student Learning Enterprises** as a teaching method (primary school, secondary school level)

Teacher CPD (36h) - **integrating student companies in various subjects in general and professional education**, developing entrepreneurship competencies for young people

Students acquire the necessary business competences and skills for a **successful start in business**

Junior achievement LATVIA

Junior Achievement Latvia (JA Latvia) is one of the 40 JA Europe and 118 Worldwide network members since 1991 - expert in practical business education in Latvian schools.

The European Commission recognized JA Latvia as initiative that provides long-term and methodical entrepreneurship education for young people.

JA Latvia ensures the availability of practical business education programs approved in Europe and adapted to the needs of Latvia to approximately **120,000 students throughout Latvia at all levels of education**.

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Junior Achievement

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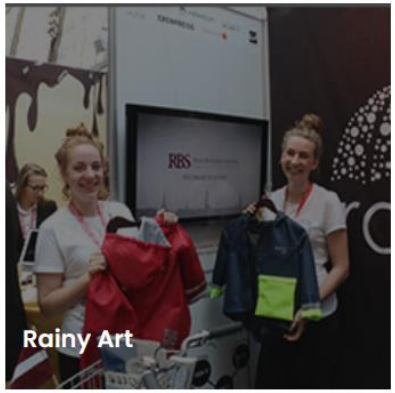
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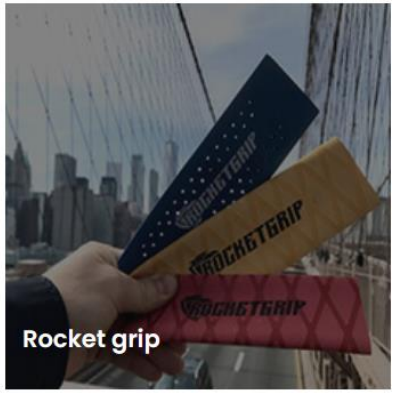
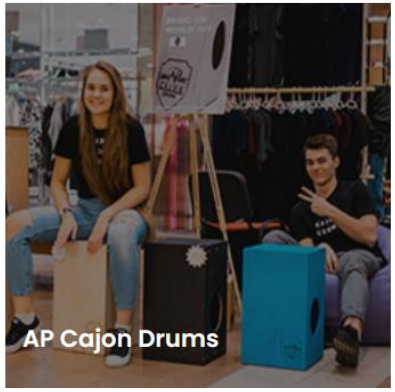
Light Up

Cozy Worn



Rocket grip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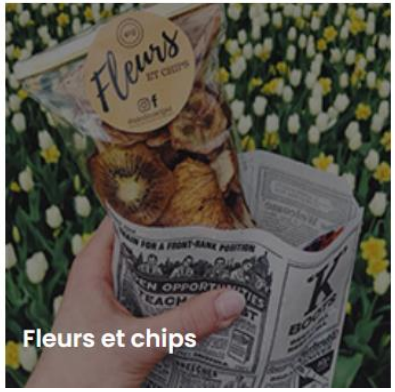
SunBull



Fleurs et chips

Safe&Stable

JA projects

Spotloc – mobile application for its customers informing about events taking place in Latvia

Game On – created educational game that helps develop different senses

Inkes – created unique writing tool combining advantages of a pencil and a pen

Pyrolat – hazardous waste processing technology

Herble – flower pits with built-in smart watering function

Benefits from the programs offering project based approach

Boosted capacity to act as community leaders/entrepreneurial capacity

Increased ability for the students to enter the job market / take lead positions / create a business

Part of the network of participants/ organizers / supporters – future business contacts

THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!

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