

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Memory Futures, MF
Participant:	Limmud Baltics Liit
PIC number:	896042933

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	03
Event name:	LIMMUD BALTICS IN THE WOODS
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Otepää, Tallinn - Estonia
Date(s):	18-22.08.2022
Website(s) (if any):	limmudbaltics.eu https://limmudeurope.org/event/limmud-in-the-woods/
Participants	
Female:	102
Male:	81
Non-binary:	0

From country 1 [Estonia]:	76		
From country 2 [Latvia]:	74		
From country 3 [Lithuania]:	15		
From country 4 [Portugal]:	2		
From country 5 [France]:	2		
From country 6 [Germany]:	8		
From country 7 [Austria]:	1		
From country 8 [Spain]:	1		
From country 9 [Netherlands]:	1		
From country 10 [Finland]:	3		
Total number of participants:	183	From total number of countries:	10

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Limmud Baltics emerged as a new event concept in early 2017. At that time a team of 8 enthusiasts met in Riga in order to invent something which was not done before on that scale. We came up with an idea of a fully volunteer-organized event dedicated to Jewish culture, education, and tradition.

The conference Limmud Baltics in the Woods was in many ways a culmination of many years of our work. It was the first big Limmud event after the Covid19 freeze. The program reflected three very important aspects of social Jewish life in Baltic states - transformation of the past into the future, merge environmental concerns into modern Jewish life and the value of volunteerism as integral to rebuilding healthy and democratic Jewish communities in the Baltic states.

The Organizational board of Limmud Baltics worked at full scale to make sure that we achieve these goals. And at this moment we can conclude that even if the goals are not fully realized yet, through this event we managed to introduce a certain discourse and a bold vision for the future of Jewish communities in the region.

Limmud Baltics in the Woods encompassed a series of activities between 19th and 22nd of August 2022. It took place in Pühajarve and Tallinn (Estonia). More than 180 EU residents overall participated in the events in frames of Limmud Baltics. Lectures, discussion panels, movie screening, concerts, and craft master classes - these are the major types of activities happening during those 4 days.

One of the most important concepts the team worked on was “Memory Futures”. We aimed to set certain questions and try to answers them:

- How Jewish history might help to understand political processes nowadays?
- What is the modern European Jewish identity?

- How and why Jewish history is exploited by modern propaganda to suppress other nations?

These and other questions helped to identify the issues in modern Jewish society in Europe and globally.

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