



Mother Language Day in Wilamowice

International Mother Language Day is celebrated annually on 21 February worldwide to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. It was proclaimed by UNESCO in November 1999, while on 16 May 2009 the United Nations General Assembly called upon Member States "to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world". For the first time it will be celebrated in the town of Wilamowice, whose citizens, along with an international group of researchers and activists, strive to preserve the local language and associated cultural heritage.



Program

9:00-9:15	Opening. The anthem of Wilamowice and the song <i>Foterham</i>
9:15-9:45	Theatrical performance: <i>Der Hobbit</i>
9:45-10:00	Voices of the Vilamovians
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:45	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tymoteusz Król, <i>The history of speaking Wymysorys</i> • Prof. dr hab. Jolanta Tambor, <i>Politeness at the far side of the world</i> • Dr Tomasz Wicherkiewicz, <i>Language revitalization in Europe and Asia</i> • Dr Justyna Olko, <i>Revitalization of Indigenous languages</i>
11:45-12:00	Performance of a regional dance group „Wilamowice”
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30-14:30	Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tymoteusz Król, <i>Fun in Wymysiöeryś</i> • Justyna Majerska, <i>Traditional Wilamowicean crafts</i> • Dr Tomasz Wicherkiewicz, <i>The fascinating world of Asian languages</i> • Dr Justyna Olko, Beatriz Cuahutle <i>Speaking Nahuatl</i>
14:30-15:15	Wilamowicean poetry reading, Wilamowicean pop music, quiz for young speakers and learners
15:30	Closure

Organizers:

Association “Vilamovians”, Wilamowice School Complex, Municipal Council and the Mayor of Wilamowice, Faculty of “Artes Liberales” of the University of Warsaw (Project “Endangered Languages. Comprehensive Models for Research and Revitalization), Faculty of Neophilology of the University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznań.



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