Good practices in working with local communities in Poland

the example of selected areas

ELBLĄG

Green development of a selected area in Elbląg

- 1. Bringing together several communities/institutions for this purpose:
 - senior citizens from the Senior Citizens' Club
 - children and young people from the City Youth Council, the Regional Volunteer Centre and the Scouting Association of Poland
 - Centre for Social Services + Municipal Council + Urban Greenery Management
- 2. Substantive and practical work together:
 - ecological workshops conducted by a specialist ecology specialist from the City Council
 - selection of one plot from several proposed sites
 - consideration of a target design for the plot's appearance, development plan, cost estimate with the help of employee of the Urban Greenery Management
 - purchase of planned vegetation
 - joint cleaning of the area, planting, decoration
- 3. Celebration, celebration: fun, music, singing, bonfire ☺
- 4. Long-term sustainability plan





GÓRNO



Municipality of Górno

Ecological activities in the community of residents of the municipality of Górno implemented as part of the Community Organising Plan



The activities result from a diagnosis of the needs and potentials of the local community.

On 16 August 2022, a group of young people went to the forest in Bęczkowo to collect rubbish together. The young people plan to repeat the event. The municipality of Górno attaches great importance to ecology. "There are a lot of forests around our village and we all have to take care of them," - say the residents. That is why such actions, which above all promote eco attitudes, are so important. At the same time, they allow people to spend time actively in the fresh air.



October 2022. Forest clean-up with the involvement of the local community. An activity aimed not only at collecting litter, but above all at raising environmental awareness and highlighting how to leave a good footprint in nature. One that will allow the present and future generations to enjoy a clean forest.



On 21-22 April 2023, for the first time, a litter clean-up action called 'Clean Świętokrzyskie Mountains' was held, organised by the 'Świętokrzyskie Mountains' Local Tourist Organisation.

The action involved 11 communes located around the Świętokrzyskie National Park. According to the organisers, around 3,500 people took part in the clean-up, including: schoolchildren, volunteers, councillors, senior citizens, housewives' associations and firefighters.

The summary of the action took place on 22 April (Earth Day) at the Market Square in Górno, where attractions for children awaited the participants, in the form of games and activities prepared by ŚPN employees, a blow-up zone and prizes drawn among the participants, as well as a bonfire with sausages.



Quest "Discover with us the lagoon in Cedzyn". The expedition presents nature and the ecological approach of the inhabitants of the municipality of Górno to the world and their daily habits. The expedition leads along roads and paths around the lagoon in Cedzyna, allows visitors to get to know the local nature and draws attention to the ecological aspect.

https://questy.org.pl/quest/odkryj-z-nami-zalew-w-cedzynie



As part of a neighbourhood initiative competition run by Centre for Social Services in Górno, residents won funding to implement their ideas for community activities. Among the winning initiatives were also those promoting ecology and the rich natural resources of the Górno municipality.



STARACHOWICE

- The Starachowice Municipality, through the services of the Municipal Office, municipal institutions, various non-governmental organisations and local communities, implements many undertakings aimed at improving the state of the natural environment, developing alternative sources of energy and preventing unfavourable climate change. These activities are carried out on the basis of strategic documents adopted by the Municipal Council:
- PROGRAMME FOR LIMITING LOW EMISSIONS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF STARACHOWICE - adopted by Resolution No. II/8/2014 of the Municipal Council in Starachowice of 4 March 2014.
- THE PLAN OF ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGES OF THE CITY OF STARACHOWICE WITH PERSPECTIVE TO 2030 adopted by Resolution No. IX/8/2023 of the Town Council in Starachowice of 29 September 2023.

Selected main activities

• Introduction of free public transport using low-emission LNG buses



Creation of ecological leisure sites and other environmental activities

 COMMUNITY GARDEN at the Social Activity Centre on Os Wzgórze, made with the help of the local community



Creation of ecological leisure sites and other environmental activities

• Starachowice Community Garden carried out in cooperation between the University of the Third Age and Vocational School Complex No. 1



Organise social campaigns to promote environmental protection

• Cleaning of the Hill estate organised by the local community



LAUNCH OF THE SYSTEM "STARACHOWICKI URBAN BIKE - STAR BIKE"

• Self-service bicycle hire



GREEN SCHOOL CIVIC BUDGET

As part of the project "Direction for the Future - Starachowice Local Development Programme", funds in the amount of PLN 42,000 were set aside for the implementation of projects submitted by young people from Starachowice primary schools.

Forty-seven ideas for various pro-ecological activities were submitted from eight schools. Selection of the best idea in each school will take place by voting (in 2024).

The selected project will receive a grant of PLN 5,000 for implementation.

Some of the more interesting projects entered in the competition include: the creation of a quiet room and rest areas, the construction of an ecological wall, the creation of a strawberry and vegetable garden, aromatherapy workshops, the construction of bird feeders, and many others.

The city's Youth Council was actively involved in the project, leading workshops and consultations on the ideas submitted for the competition.

WIĄZOWNA







"Let's take care of the air quality in the area of Gmina Wiązowna".

There are eight sensors for measuring air quality in the municipality. You can follow their measurements via the Syngeos mobile app and on the website https://panel.syngeos.pl/sensor/pm10.



Every resident of has access to information on PM 10 and PM 2.5 concentrations.







"Clean Air" - a programme financed by the Provincial Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management in Warsaw. The aim of the programme is to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions of dust and other pollutants into the atmosphere from existing single-family residential buildings or to avoid emissions of air pollutants from newly constructed single-family residential buildings. Since 2021, a consultation point for the Clean Air PP has been operating in agreement with WFOSIGW - 167 applications have been submitted through the municipality.

> The municipality subsidises **the replacement of "fossil fuel stoves".** In 2021 - 60 cookers were replaced, in 2022. - 86 cookers.









The municipality of Wiązowna is implementing a programme to **remove asbestos** and products containing asbestos.

On the basis of submitted applications, a specialist company collects dismantled asbestos from residents free of charge (100% financing from the commune budget). In 2022, 163.434 Mg were collected from 87 properties.









EKO-PICNIC

Since 2015, Ecological Picnics have been organised in the area of Gmina Wiązowna. During the event, participants have the opportunity to explore ecology. Through fun, they learn why it is important to take care of the Earth and collect used batteries and electro-waste. There are performances by children and young people on ecological themes, competitions with prizes, and a collection of electro-waste. Everyone who brings in a used consumer electronics or white goods item on this day receives an ECO surprise. Organic food exhibitors are invited.







Thank you!

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