

2019

This year, the activities of “Anthropos” really began to gain momentum. We received our first project funding, organized the first “Anthropology Day,” implemented a number of workshops, conducted a couple of studies, gave public lectures, and in doing so accumulated experience, determination, and confidence for new activities. Our team also grew – in the autumn, Daina joined “Anthropos”!

WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE?

1. We started the year with a public lecture, “Applied Anthropology: How to Apply It in Work with Communities,” at an event organized by the “Fluxus Labas” city community program of “Kaunas 2022.”



2. In April, we participated in the 5th National Conference of Young Sociologists and Anthropologists organized by Vytautas Magnus University: “Current Sociological and Anthropological Research: Problems and Contexts.” There we led a seminar titled: “So What Do You Actually Do with Anthropology? Applying Anthropological Skills and Knowledge.”
3. In May, we organized the event “Anthropology Day 2019: Urban Experience.” Together with representatives from various fields and anthropologists, we discussed cities, their inhabitants, and experiences.



4. We conducted a study on shopping habits for the initiative “Size Doesn’t Matter.”
5. In June, we led anthropology workshops at Šilutė First Gymnasium and for students of Vilnius Antakalnis Progymnasium in Žaliamis. During the contemporary circus festival “Cirkuliacija,” we also organized the workshop “Get to Know Your Neighborhood,” where we explored the relationship between public and private life in the so-called “sleeping districts.”
6. Together with our colleague Tenno from Estonia, we founded the “Applied Anthropology Baltics” Facebook page, where we share events and news related to anthropology and applied anthropology.



7. "Anthropos" contributed to the co-creative project of the Ramintoja Church, during which the Performative Design Association, MB "Homo Eminens," and the Ministry of the Interior developed a strategy for activating the space in a way that aligns with the mission of the Ministry of the Interior, responds to community needs, and reveals and empowers the potential of the space.

8. We implemented the first project we had written ourselves – "Anthropology Workshops: The Journey of Food and a Changing World," funded by the Kaunas City Municipality program "Initiatives for Kaunas." During the workshops, we discussed food as a sociocultural phenomenon, food production systems, climate change, and sustainable solutions. We also calculated how many kilometers the ingredients of our breakfasts, lunches, and dinners travel. We carried out a practical assignment at the market, during which workshop participants briefly became researchers and tested their skills in exploring the food buying and selling practices and relationships of Kaunas residents at the market. We also took part in an excursion urban gardening in the Šilainiai gardens.



9. In October, we led workshops on climate change at the documentary human rights film festival "Inconvenient Films."



10. After receiving "Nordplus" funding for the Baltic project "Social Sciences for Social Action," the first part of the project took place in November – a partners' meeting in Kaunas, where participants learned how to turn social science knowledge into concrete action. The project involves "Anthropos," "Jaunrades laboratorija" from Latvia, the "Estonian Anthropological Association," and "Tartu Nefa Klubu" from Estonia.



11. We participated in the TEDxKaunas 2019 event “Message in a Bottle,” where we led the workshop “Beyond The Obvious.” Together, we took a moment to look beyond what is obvious by exploring the biography of sugar!



12. In December, we were nominated among the candidates to become the Vytautas Magnus University Faculty of Social Sciences Person of the Year 2019! For us, this was a great recognition and, at the same time, an inspiration to continue the work we had started!

13. At the end of the year, we received good news from the Lithuanian Consumer Institute that in 2020 we would be able to continue workshops on food, food waste, and climate change. We also received funding for next year’s workshops “Food (Not) Food” in schools in Kaunas, Vilnius, and Klaipėda.

2019 BUDGET:

	Likutis 2019-01-01	Gautas	2019 metai		Likutis 2019-12-31
			Panaudotas	Gražintas	
Kauno miesto savivaldybė	-	703,36	621,96	81,40	-
Lietuvos vartotojų institutas	-	2 376,00	-	-	2 376,00
Direktorat for internasj. Og, Fortunen NordPlus	-	6 688,00	3 128,55	-	3 559,45
Gyventojų skirta 2 proc. paramos suma	64,99	150,97	137,23	-	78,73
Nario mokesčiai	20,00	45,00	-	-	65,00
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