



Invitation

We are pleased to invite you to a field school on language revitalisation and documentation which is taking place between 18th and 28th of September in Wilamowice, the only place where Wymysiöeryś, one of the most endangered languages of Europe, is used. The event is organized as a part of the project *Engaged humanities in Europe: Capacity building for participatory research in linguistic-cultural heritage*.

PARTICIPANTS

Invitations are directed to activists and representatives of linguistic minorities and to doctoral students and researchers from the School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London), Leiden University and the University of Warsaw. External experts will be also involved in the field school.

PROGRAM

The seminars, workshops and lectures will concern the following subjects:

- collecting and analyzing linguistic and anthropological data; creating multi-faceted field documentation and resources for digital humanities
- developing and testing models of collaboration with native and new speakers, local authorities, organizations and the school system
- integrating research and practical strategies for language teaching, learning and revitalization
- dealing with historical trauma and loss of identity
- constructing a positive language ideology
- developing the local linguistic/cultural landscape

Participants in the event will have the opportunity to discover the culture, language and history of Wilamowice, where the field school is taking place. Participants will be divided into four groups which will work on issues which have been identified important for the revitalization of Wymysiöeryś, and conduct fieldwork in Wilamowice and its neighborhood. The suggested issues are:

- creation of a museum in Wilamowice
- developing curriculum for teaching Wymysiöeryś
- linguistic attitudes in villages surrounding Wilamowice
- documenting Halcnovian*

At the end of the field school a cultural event will be organized where we will present results of our work to the local community. A debate is also planned, in which Polish ombudsman Adam Bodnar will take part.

HOTEL

The participants will stay in Hotel „Przystań nad Sołą”, which is located in Bielany, a few kilometers from the center of Wilamowice.

DUTIES OF PARTICIPANTS

In order to facilitate discussions and networking all participants will briefly (15-30 minutes) introduce the languages they use, promote or research. On the basis of materials collected during the field school and developed by the participants a multimedia publication will be prepared. It is highly recommended to stay during entire field school, however in special cases it is possible to stay for a shorter period.

LANGUAGE

The working language of the field school is English, however as far as it is possible translations will be provided.

* Halcnow is now part of the city of Bielsko-Biała. Until World War II it was a separate village, where a distinct linguistic variety was used, which is somehow related to Wymysiöeryś. However, unlike in Wilamowice, most of inhabitants of Halcnow considered themselves to be Germans and were settled out after 1945. Now only a few people speak Halcnovian. The language is poorly documented.



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