

Funded by the European Union



Inquiry-based learning (IBL) projects' implementation report

The Circular Economy











Part I. IBL projects' metadata

- 1. IBL project theme //Circular Economy
- 2. Teacher's Name Surname, School // Zane Sirmace- Liedskalnina, Aizkraukles novada vidusskola (Aizkraukle regional secondary school)
- 3. IBL integrated subjects (domain) // Social sciences (economy)
- 4. IBL project's goal // to make the IBL project in one of four the interested themes: food and waste, textile and waste, waste as resources or the Circular Economy business models
- 5. Kind of inquiry method(s) // content analysis, surveys, interview.
- 6. IBL project common duration // 6 weeks
- 7. Form of education formal, non-formal // formal
- 8. Participated class(es), number of students // Form 11A & 11B, 40 students
- 9. What number of social risk, special needs, gifted students participated?? // 4 students of social risk (used not to attend school because of health or seclusion), 6 students can have problems with latvian language (bilingual program in elementary school)



Part II. IBL projects' description/ EN

The IBL projects of Circular Economy implementation

```
Form 11A - 21 students;
Form 11B - 19 students,
```

Themes of the 9 projects:

- 1. Food and waste 3 projects
- 2. *Textil and waste* 2 projects
- 3. *Waste as resources* 2 projects
- 4. The Circular Economy business models 2 projects

29 research questions about textiles, food, waste, business models

Dissemination for teachers international community:

The Inquiry Learning Space (ILS) developed in Graasp.eu;

published on the Go-Lab ecosystem: https://www.golabz.eu/ils/aprites-ekonomika

Part II. IBL projects' description/ EN

The Circular Economy projects' timeline. Activities according to the IBL project phases

Week 1 – Orientation

Week 2 – Orientation

Week 3 – Conceptualization, Investigation

Week 4 – Investigation

Week 5 – Investigation, Conclusion

Week 6 – Conclusion

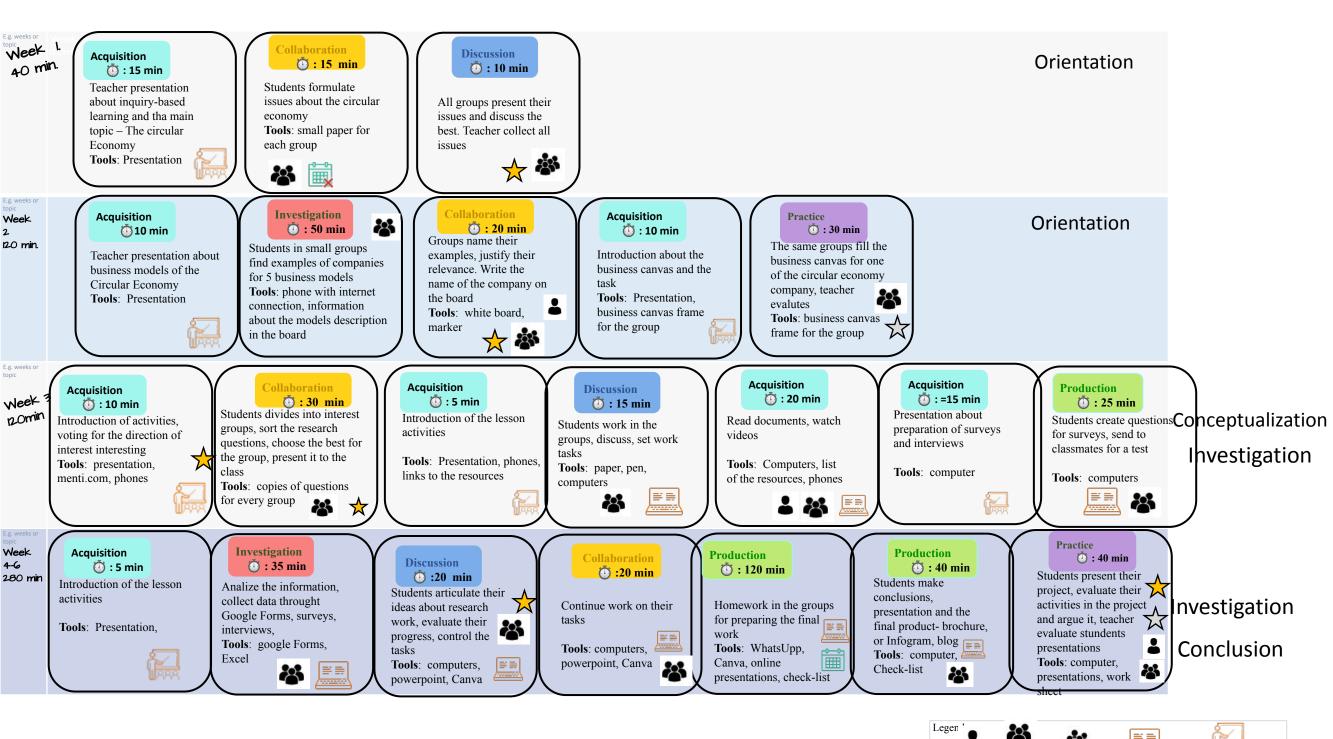
Digital tools:

Word, Powerpoint, menti.com, canva,com, GoogleForms, Excel,

Instagram

The Circular Economy

Aizkraukle regional secondary school, Form 11A, 11B



Self No Formative evaluation/ Synchrone synchrone evaluation Reflection



Inquiry-based learning activity FOR STUDENTS

Acquisition Step 1: Get acquainted with the basic questions (Orientation) 🛈 : ... min Acquisition Collaboration Discussion **Practice** (i): 15 min 🚺 : 15 min 🕛 : 10 min 🛈 : ... min To listen presentation about Students formulate issues about All groups present their issues Production inquiry-based learning and tha and discuss the best, give to a the circular economy (small 🕚 : ... min main topic – The circular teacher all the group issues groups) Economy. Watch 2 minutes video, answer the questions about video. Collaboration 🕚 : ... min Investigation ① : ... min Discussion 🕚 : ... min

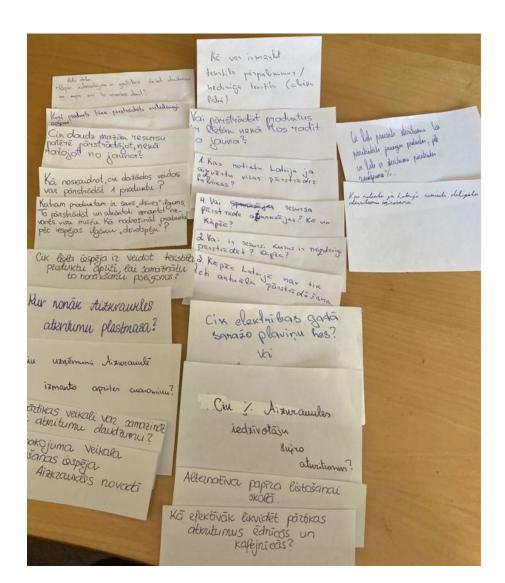


IBL phase 1: Get acquainted with the basic questions (Orientation)











1st

2nd

3rd

4th

Pārtika

Tekstils/apģērbs

Uzņēmumi un aprites

Atkritumu šķirošana, atkritumi kā resursi

Students divided into 9 project groups by voting in Menti.com

Each group choosed one research question

Inquiry-based learning activity FOR STUDENTS

Step 2: Understanding of five business models in the Circular Economy (Orientation)

Acquisition (i): 10 min

To listen presentation about five business models of the Circular Economy, fix the main idea about each model.

Acquisition

Investigation 🕚 : 50 min

Students in small groups find examples of companies for 5 business models on their phones

Collaboration (i): 20 min

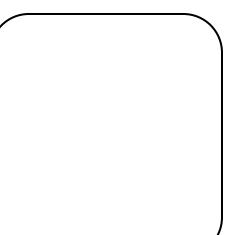
Groups name their examples, justify their relevance. Write the name of the company on the board



To listen the introduction about the business canvas and the task

(i): 10 min

The same groups fill the business canvas for one of the circular economy company, get formative evaluation from the teacher



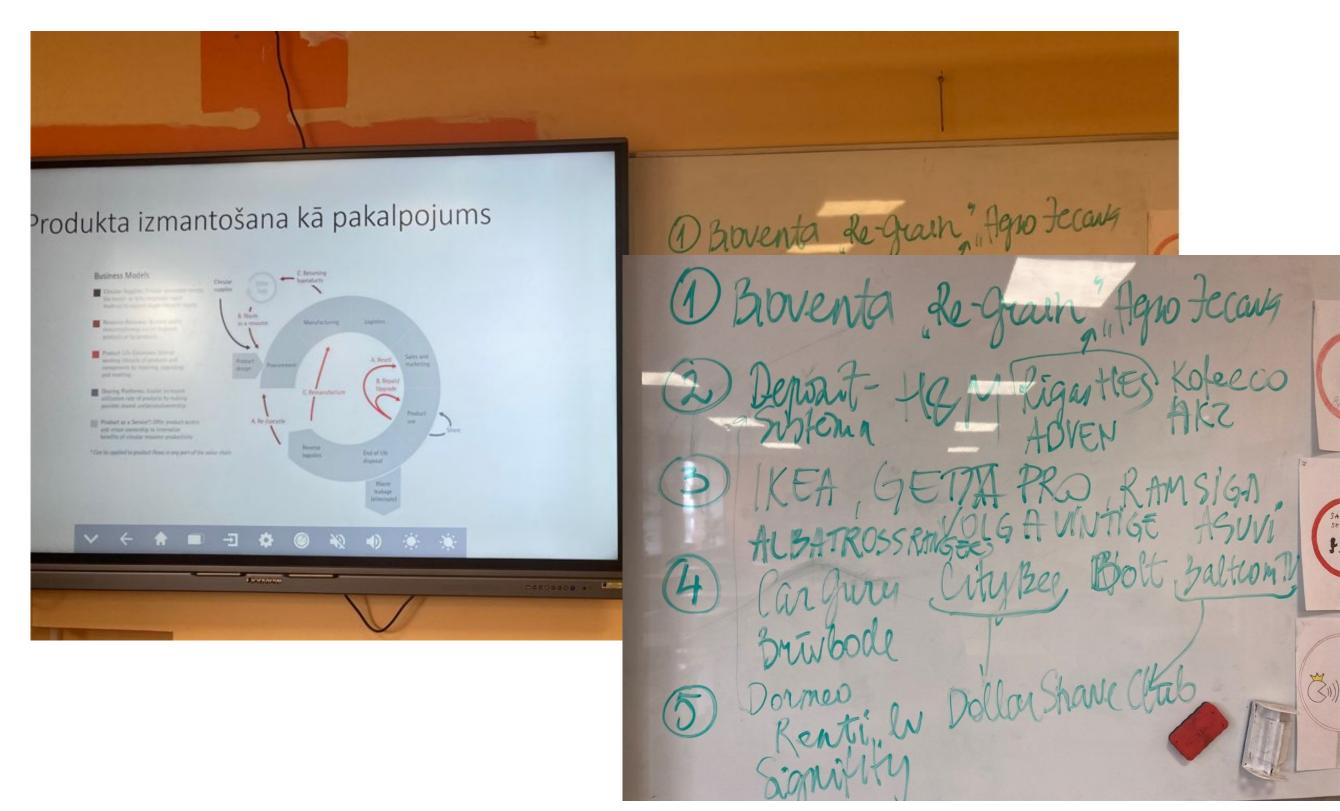








IBL phase 2:Understanding of five business models in the Circular Economy (Orientation)



Inquiry-based learning activity FOR STUDENTS

Step 3: Choosing the research question, setting work tasks (conceptualization, investigation)

Acquisition (: 10 min

Introduction of activities, voting for the direction of interest interesting.

Collaboration . 30 min

Students divides into interest groups, sort the research questions, choose the best for the group, present it to the class Introduction of the lesson activities

Students work in the groups, discuss, set work tasks for all together and individual Acquisition

① : 20min

Read documents, watch videos related to their topic

Acquisition

🚺 : 15 min

Listen to a presentation about preparation of surveys and interviews

Practice $\overline{\bigcirc}:\dots$ min

Acquisition

Production (*): ... min

🝈 : ... min

Collaboration ... min

Investigation ... min

· IIIIII



Production

🛈 : 25min

Students create questions for surveys, send to classmates for a test

ABC Learning Design method by Clive Young and Nataša Perović, UCL (2015). Learning types, Laurillard, D. (2012). Resources available from https://abc
Storyboard worksheet adapted from Viewpoints Curriculum Design, University of Ulster. Available at http://wiki.ulster.ac.uk/display/VPR.



IBL phase 3:

Choosing the research question, setting work tasks (conceptualization, investigation)

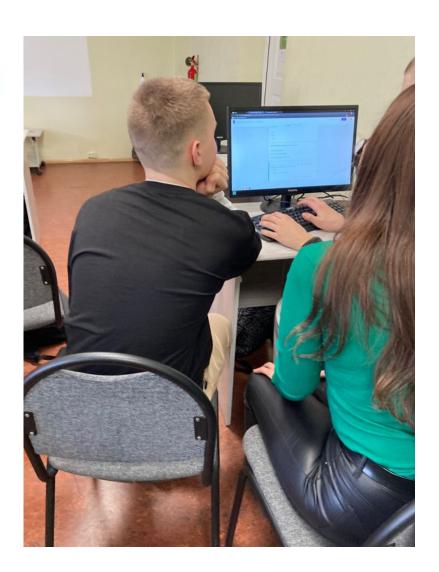
Self-directed learning by setting work tasks

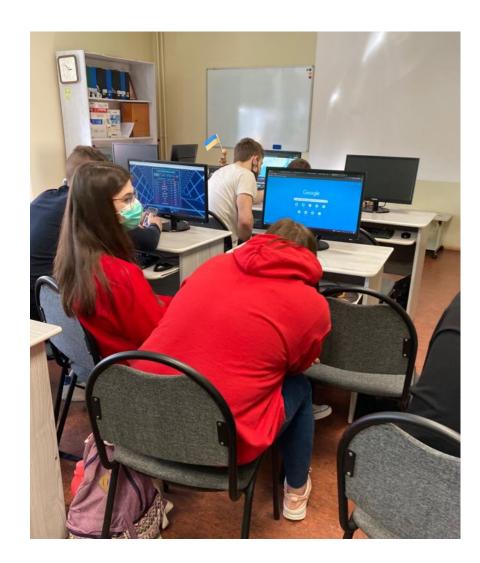
Division of work into a group



Law, normative reading

- Vides aizsardzības un reģionālās attīstības ministrija (VARAM): https://www.varam.gov.lv/lv
- "Aprites ekonomikas stratēģija Latvijai"
 https://www.varam.gov.lv/sites/varam/files/content/files/varamzin -200120 aestrategija.pdf
- Atkritumu apsaimniekošanas plāns Latvijā līdz 2028.gadam: https://www.varam.gov.lv/lv/atkritumu-apsaimniekosanas-politika-latvija?utm source=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F
- Atkritumu apsaimniekošanas poligoni LV: https://www.varam.gov.lv/sites/varam/files/content/files/atkritumu poligoni lv karte.pdf
- Vides investīciju fonds: http://www.lvif.gov.lv/
- Zalgalvis- raidījums par vidi: https://ltv.lsm.lv/lv/raidijums/zalgalvis
- https://www.zerowastelatvija.lv/
- http://www.homoecos.lv/
- https://www.csp.gov.lv/lv
- Zaļā domāšana: https://www.rimi.lv/padomi/padomi/ka-zala-domasana-un-atkritumu-skirosana-var-uzlabot-tavu-ikdienu
- https://www.zalais.lv/
- http://bezatkritumiem.lv/ko-darit/
- https://www.tirailatvijai.lv/izglitojosie-materiali
- http://www.zalajosta.lv/lv
- https://skirostiklu.lv/lv/karte?start=1
- TV raidījums "Soli priekšā" 12 tēmas. Atrodi savam tematam atbilstošo un noskaties: http://www.zalajosta.lv/lv/televizijas-raidijumu-cikls-soli-prieksa
- Uzņēmējdarbība https://lv-pdf.panda.org/iesaisties/zalais-birojs/





Adresāti:

Autors: Datums: Temats:

Pabulis Āris (skolēns), 11.a Sirmace- Liedskalniņa Zane (darbinieks) 11.04.2022 10:49 Re: anketa par atkritumu šķirošanas paradumiem

Tev anketā viena lieta, ko atceros- pārtikas atkritumu daudzums ir domāts 1 dienā, 1 nedēļā vai 1 mēnesī vai kādā citā laika periodā?

Vēl- ļoti jauki, ka ir pieliktas saites, kur izglītoties par jautājumiem.

Bet jautājumi, kuros vaicājāt- vai zināji, ka Aizkrauklē ir 6 bio atkritumu šķirošanas vietas- ko īsti uzzināsiet? Ja jautātu- cik, varētu zināt precīzāk cilvēku informētību par šo. Arī jautājumi par atkritumu cenu.

Kopumā- saturīga anketa. Lai izdodas savākt pietiekamu respondentu skaitu!

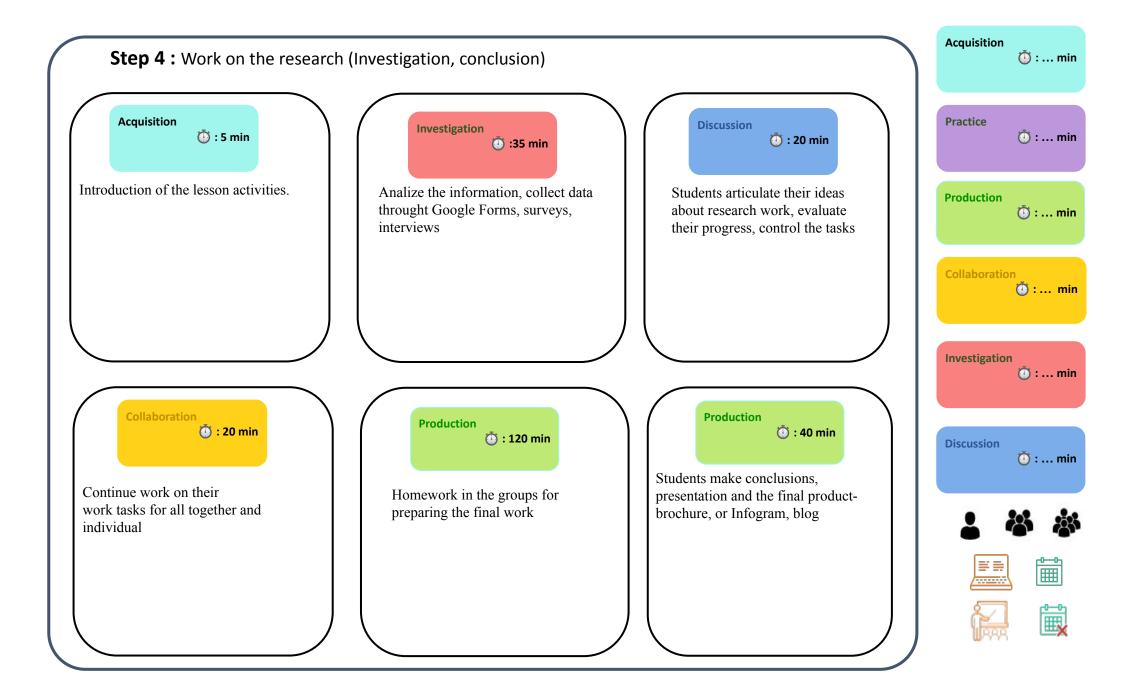
No: Babulis Āris (skolēns), 11.a

Kad: 09.04.2022. 17:58

Kam: Sirmace- Liedskalnina Zane (darbinieks) Tēma: anketa par atkritumu šķirošanas paradumiem

https://forms.gle/ywEsDHBFi97eZV2V6

Inquiry-based learning activity FOR STUDENTS

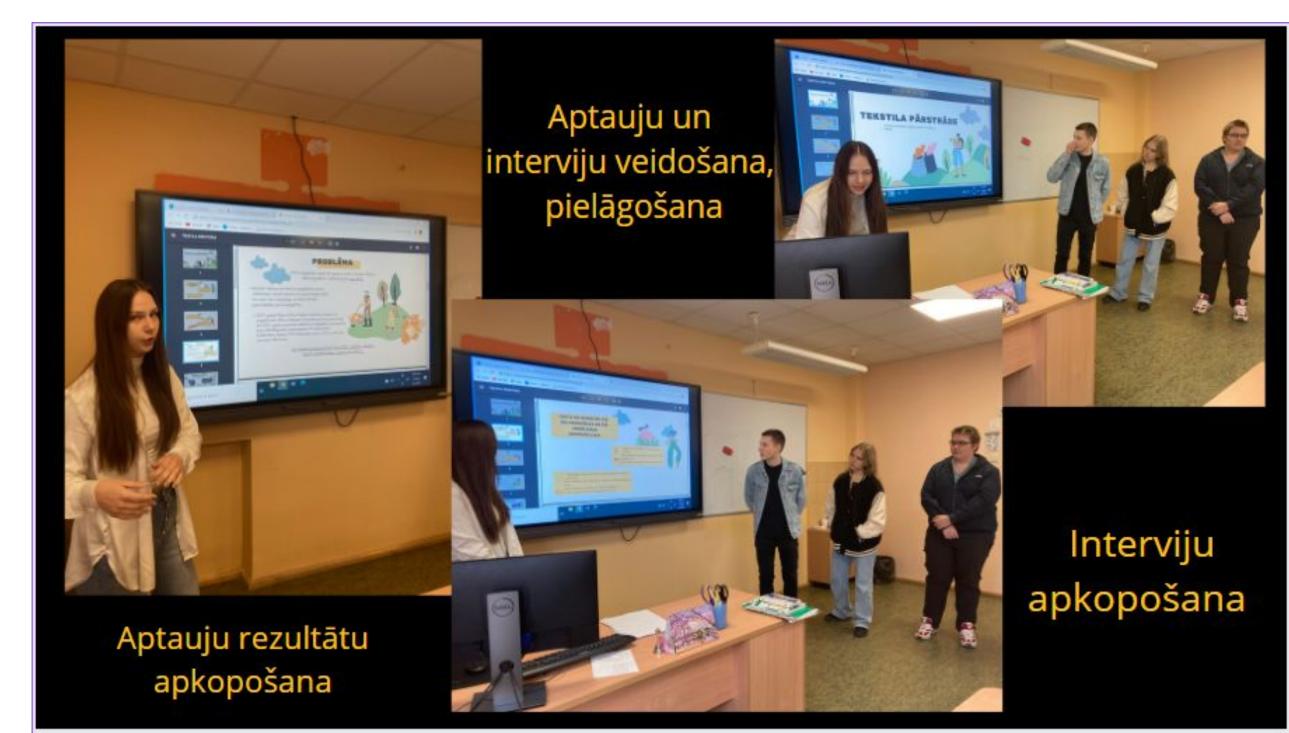




IBL phase 4: Work on the research (Investigation, conclusion)

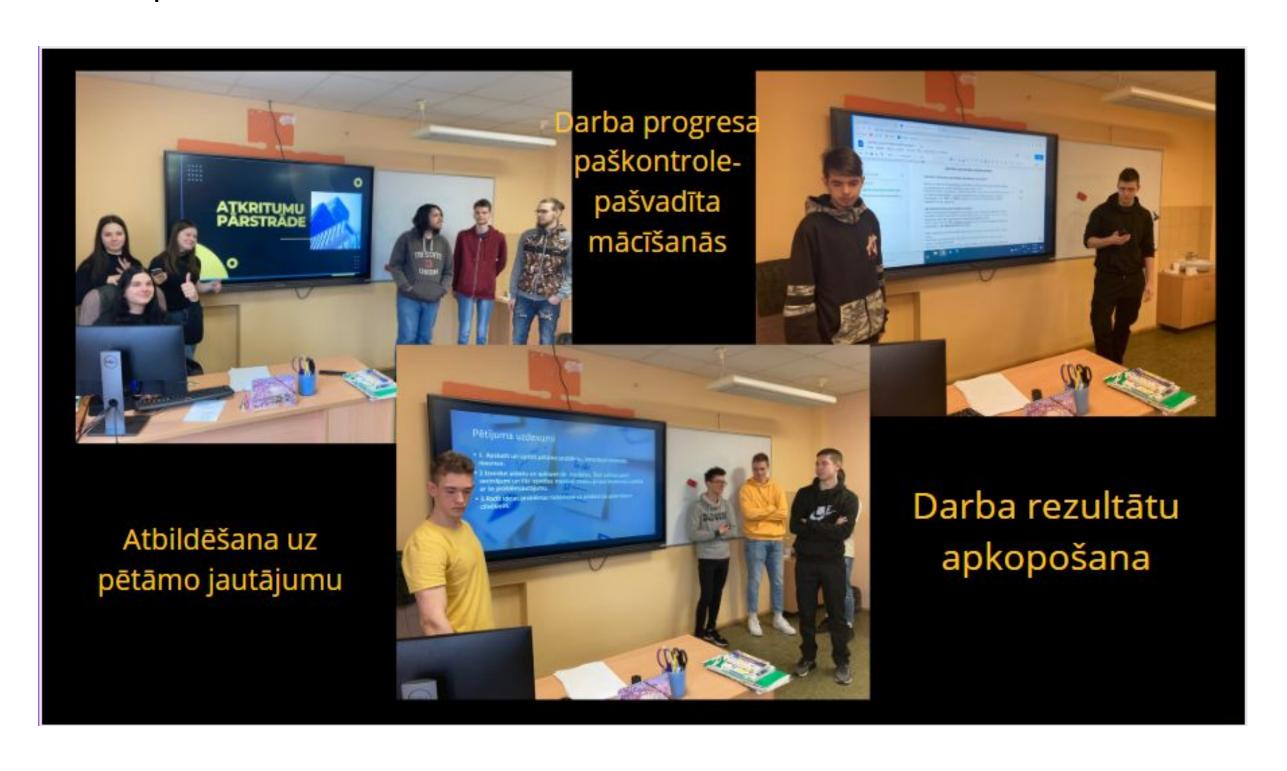
Creating interviews, surveys, adjustment

Data collection

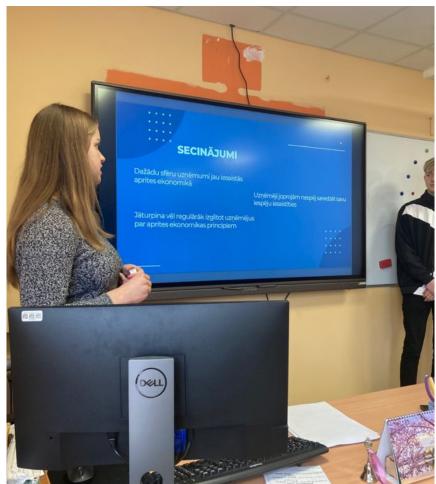


IBL phase 4:

Answering the research question. Self-monitoring of work progress. Compilation of work results







IBL phase 4:

Preparation of the presentation Creation of research work product

Pētījums

Saruna ar Aizkraukles novada Uzņēmējdarbības speciālisti Baibu Kelleri

Cik uzņēmumu ir Aizkrauklē?

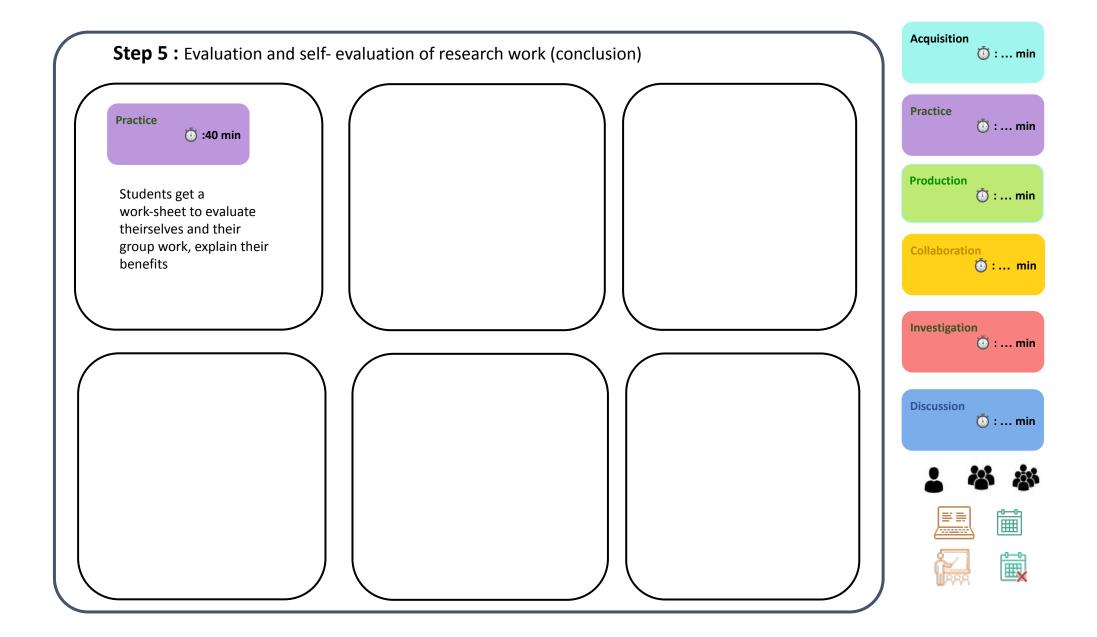
"Aizkraukles novadā pēc SIA "Lursoft IT" datiem 2021.gada 15.februārī kopumā reģistrēti aktīvi 2158 uzņēmumi, taču Aizkrauklē (pagastu ieskaitot) -482."

Cik no tiem iesaistās aprites ekonomikā?

"Grūti spriest, jo paši neesam veikuši uzskaiti par šādiem uzņēmumiem, daži mums ir zināmi, kā piemēram, uzņēmumi kā "pARTapis", "Krauss", "Rīta Putni".

Šāda veida uzskaite mums pašiem būtu noderīga."

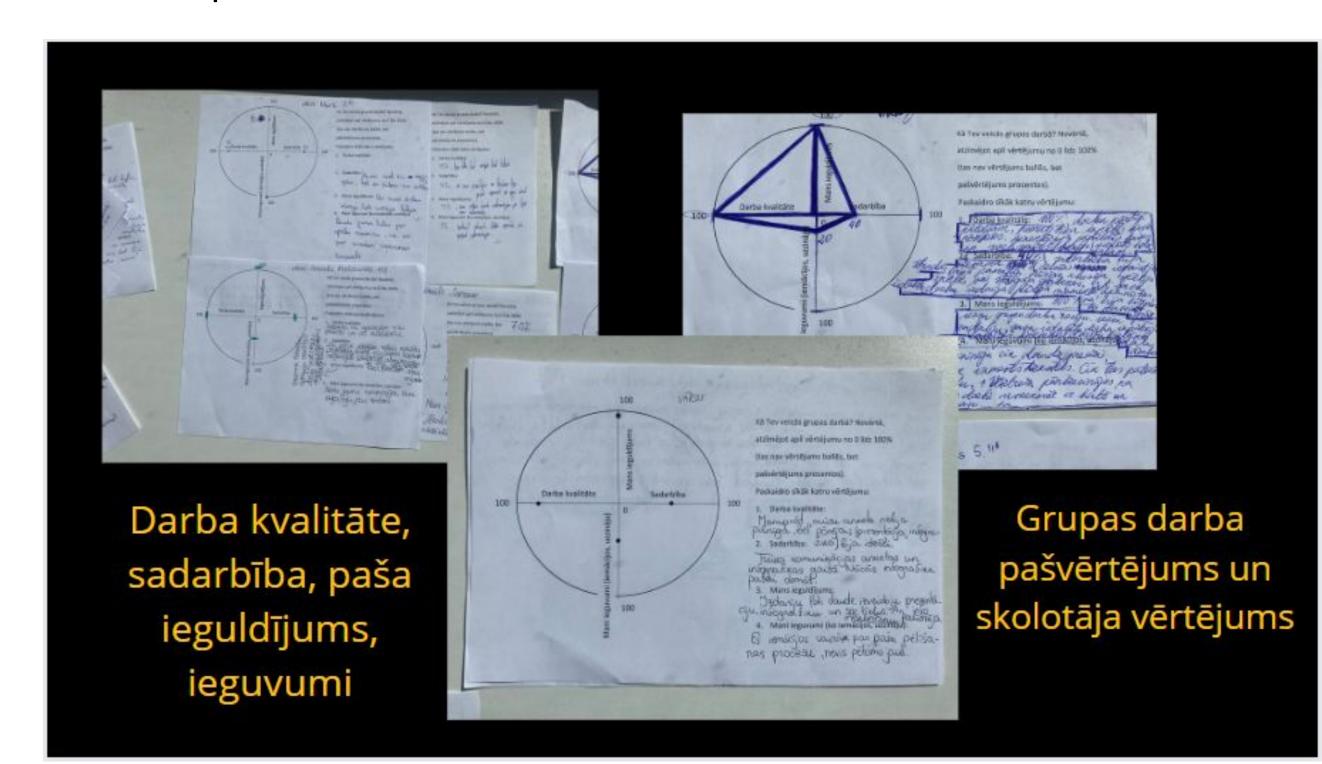
Inquiry-based learning activity FOR STUDENTS



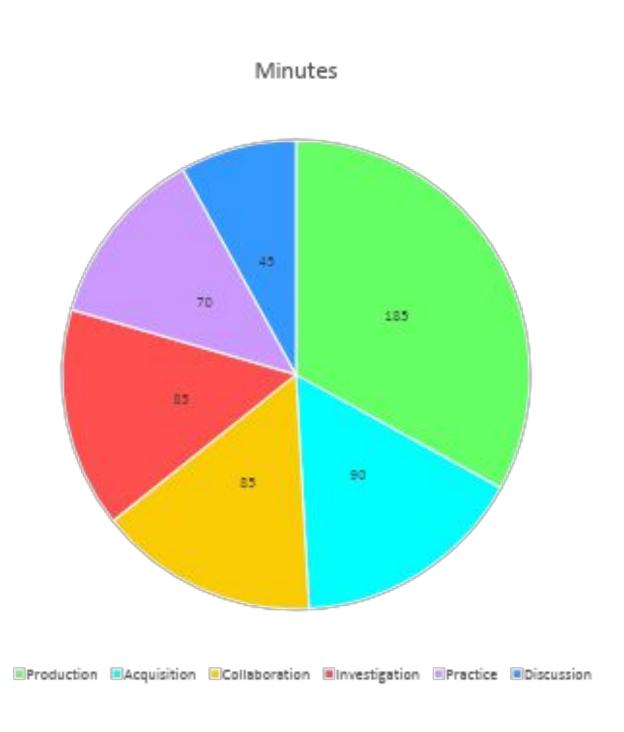


IBL phase 5:

Evaluation and self- evaluation of research work (conclusion). Quality of work, cooperation, own contribution, benefits; Group work and self-assessment and teacher assessment



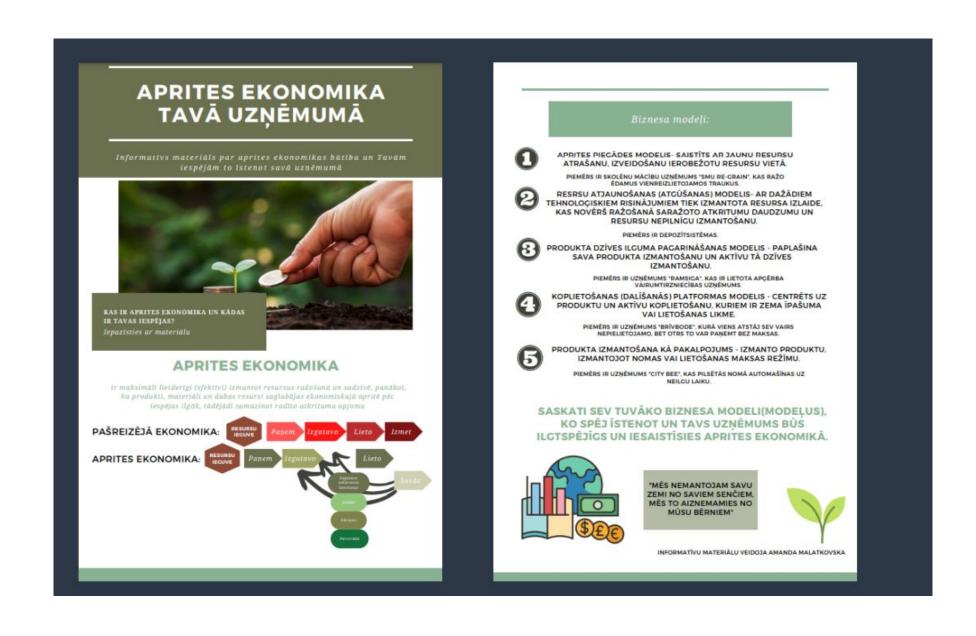
Inquiry-based learning activities FOR STUDENTS



The Circular Economy business models

- The IBL project theme «Involvment of companies in the Circular Economy in Aizkraukle»
- **Problem**: Entrepreneurs (as well as consumers) have to shift from linear economy to the circular economy, based on European Union sustainability strategy.
- Research question: How is the situation with sustainable business in Aizkraukle?
- EU, Latvia's and Aizkraukle's documentation about sustainability, 3 interviews, business website research

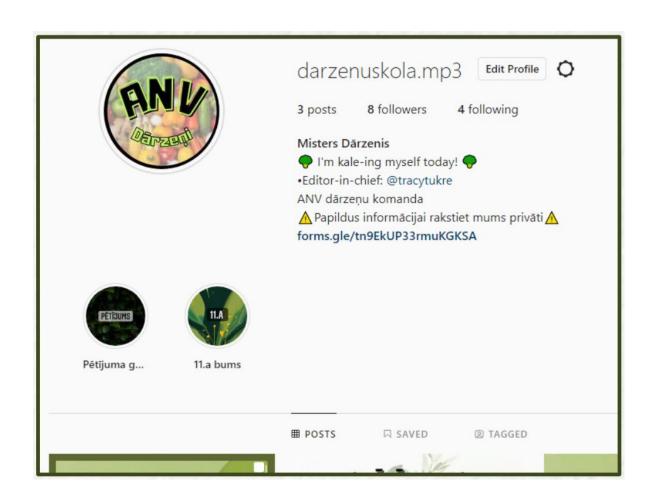
Product of the project: The short information for entrepreneurs



Food and waste

- The project theme «Food in the circular economy»
- Problem: Food is an important part of human life. Food waste is growing every year. Other part of thr world's population is starving.
- Research question: what would happen if we all grew vegetables ourselves from tomorrow?
- Statistical data, calculations, survey

Product of the project: The booklet and Instagram page



Pārtika aprites ekonomikā

Pētāmais jautājums :

"Kas notiktu, ja no rītdienas mēs visi paši audzētu dārzeņus?"



Izveidotās anketas dati:

94.7% dalībnieku ikdienā lieto svaigus dārzeņus;

73.7% dalībnieku ir pieejama platība dārzeņu audzēšanai; 78.9% dalībnieku konservē dārzeņus ziemas periodam; 63.2% dalībnieku uzturā vairāk lieto tomēr veikalā

68.5% dalībnieku ir iespēja ilgstoši uzglabāt dārzeņus.

pirktos dārzeņus;

Datu aprēķins:

188.98 kg - vidējais dārzeņu daudzums, ko cilvēks apēd 1 gada laikā ;

5 kg - maksimālais dārzeņu daudzums, ko var izaudzēt 1 m2; 188.98 / 5 = 37.8 m2 - minimālā zemes platība, kas nepieciešama, lai izaudzētu gada laikā apēsto dārzeņu daudzumu.

Papildus informācijai izpētījam tādus jautājumus kā "Cik cilvēkiem ir iespēja uzglabāt dārzeņus?", "Vai visiem būs laiks audzēt dārzeņus?", "Kā tiks ietekmēts dārzeņu imports/eksports?", utt.

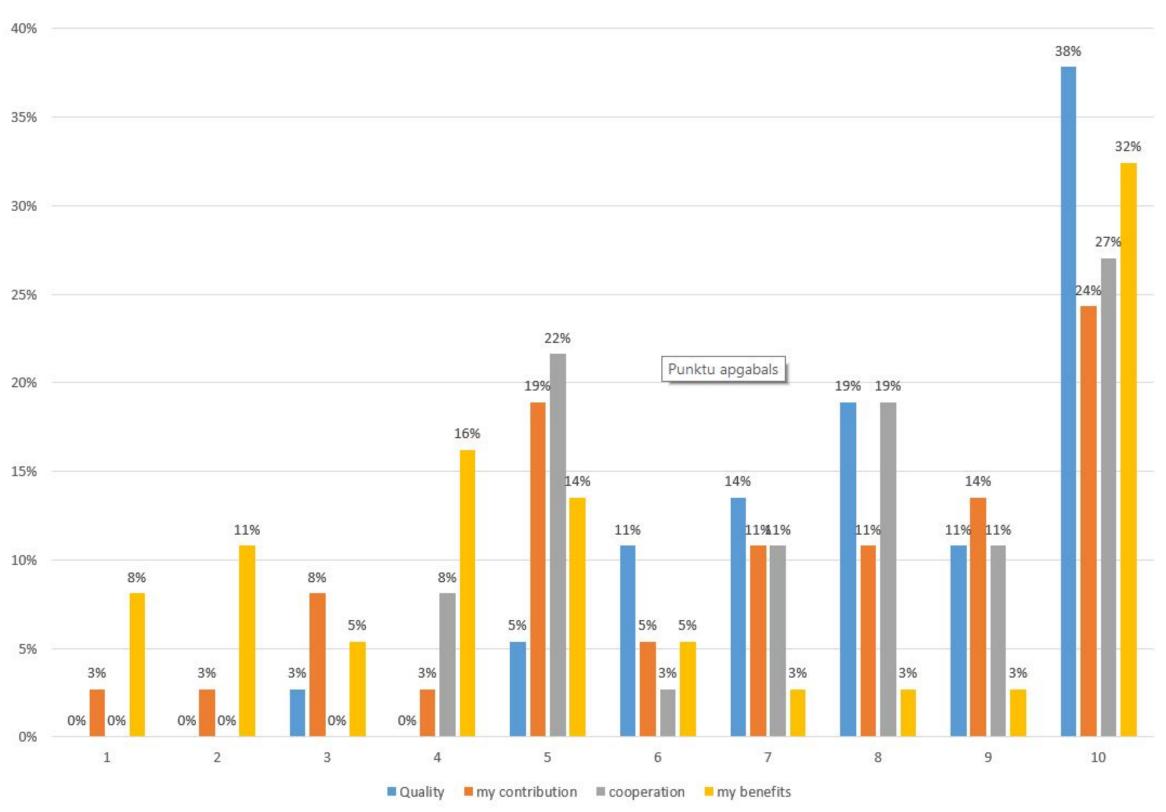
Secinājumi:

- Daudzi zemnieki vairs nebūtu spējīgi uzturēt savas saimniecības, trūktu labo sēklu, kvalitatīva mēslojuma, utt, taču vajadzība pēc tiem pieaugtu, lai varētu audzēt paši sev dārzeņus un paralēli arī izaudzēt eksportam;
- Veikalos krasi zustu vai pieaugtu vērtība dārzeņiem, atkarībā no auglības sezonas un gadalaikiem (vasarā maza vērtība, ziemas periodā - augsta);
- Notiktu pretējais process urbanizācijai, daudzi pilsētnieki būtu spiesti pārvākties tuvāk lauku videi, lai varētu audzēt un kopt savus dārzeņus.

Lai garantētu to, ka katra cilvēka individuālā dārzeņu audzēšana neradītu liekus patēriņus un atkritumus, katram būtu jālemācās kā tālāk izmantot dārzeņus, kas nav bijuši pietiekami kvalitatīvi vai iemācities veidot komposta kaudzes.

SUMMARY of self-assessment of students' work

♦Quality ♦My contribution ♦Cooperation ♦My benefits



Student's benefits:

- The most important thing I learned is not to underestimate cooperation partners. These guys really surprised me with the quality of their work
- I learned more about research process rather than the research question
- I found out that our stores takes care of clean nature and as other countries handles food products
- I learned how to make questionnaires. I already knew about the research topic
- I learned little, but when I was looking for information about vegetables, I read some facts that I did not know
- I didn't learn much, I just repeated what I already knew.
- How to work in a team, how to plan work in a group, how to be a leader.
- I found out how much textiles are thrown away, how much money it consumes. I made sure again that group works are not always white and fluffy...
- I really enjoyed interviewing A.Priekule. No more shyness to write to strangers.
- I got really little
- People don't need me to create a questionnaire, but I need them to fill it out.
- Where, how people use textiles in everyday life. I learned to shorten text.
- In general, everything I knew, I had sorted food waste or taken it to the farm for chickens
- I found out where clothes and textile are recycled, what promotions are going on.
- To receive answers to questionnaire questions, you need to remind at least 10 times

Conclusions / recommendations for teacher

- Find more effective way for group work (how not to burden the responsible student)
- To spend more time for self-assesment
- To ask student's what they should do to get more benefits for theirselves
- To make student's learning process more visible

