

# **SUOMI**

Here in Sastamala and nearby two names popped in our minds:

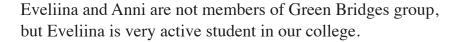


Evelina Asikainen, senior lecturer in Tampere University of Applied Scienses (Ecology, forestry, urban nature, environmental engineering, sustainability project management), member of municipal council of Sastamala (Green Party).



Anni Kytömäki, nature mapper, author, winner of The Finlandia Prize 2020. (Finlandia Prize is a literary award in Finland by the Finnish Book Foundation. It is awarded annually to the author of the best novel written by a Finnish citizen.)

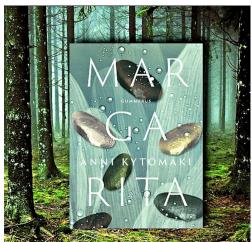
In her novels Anni describes nature and human's relation to the nature.



We would be interested in asking about their motives and ways to act to achieve their goals in environmental activism.

A video interview feels like the most convenient format for this purpose. We will do the interview in English or add subtitels in Finnish.

We will choose our informant and the questins to be asked after the discussion in GB meeting in May 17th.







### Lithuanian Environmental Story. Plans & Intentions:

Since The OAK GROVE is a unique cultural and natural heritage we decided to develop 2 routes: first – the one that will be focused on **NATURE** – exceptional trees, animals, insects etc., and second one – **HISTORIC** and involving more urban objects.

We cannot provide all the interesting historical, cultural and natural heritage information in the leaflet about the existing objects in The OAK GROVE, so we decided to write a story about it:

#### "THE OAK GROVE TELLS STORIES"

"Once upon a time there was a huge oak wood, almost an inaccessible forest. The trunks there lived, the knights were roding and the poems were written here... This route is nothing else, but full of surprises: even not every kaunasian knows about hidden natural environment treasures of this park, as well as untold stories dating tsarist times.

The south-eastern edge of The Oak Grove is carved by deep ravines and ditches overgrown with trees and bushes, which descend into the <u>Girstupis</u> Valley. The poet Adam <u>Mickiewicz</u> loved to visit this valley .......".





The Valley of Adam Mickiewicz

Our story teller is The Oak Grove. We will make a written report and focus on historical, cultural and natural heritage objects and secrets. We hope that it will be interesting to know these specific objects and places from the stories and historic photos. The story will be written and photos attached, based on reliable sources of information.











### **Preparation Plan**

- ASIE has been negotiating with a person with an active passion for and involvement in Environmental Issues whose story will be inspiring for the young citizens of Iasi City.
- ASIE will have an online interview (due to pandemics) which will reveal interesting facts about his daily hobbies and activities.

Ionut Toncu is member of an important mountain biking club in Iasi and he rides daily to and from work and later in the day on trails on his choice or competitions in the country trails.



He is a member of HPM Pro Mountain Sports Iasi and he won many prizes to mountain-bike competitions in the Romanian mountains.

We would like to find out the roots of his passion, how much time he gives of his time for this hobby, we would like to find out hidden tracks he only knows around Iasi trails.

We will record the interview on Zoom with his approval, we will introduce photos from his competitions and with his prizes; the interview shall be in Romanian with English subtitles.

ASIE is hardly looking to meet Ionut.





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# The person, their environmental interest and activity

Rupert is a new resident of Cwm yr Ddinas in Dyffryn Ceri, moving into a property h has owned for 4 years.



His background is in building design & planning.
Having already been a partner in a communal organic farm,
Rupert will be improving the quality of the natural environment around his house and working with others to improve access and Nature conservation along local 'public rights of way' (trails).



In the interview we will be exploring the underlying causes of his environmental passion, his planning for the years ahead & practical suggestions that he can offer that will improve the quality of the local landscape.





## Preparation plan

for an Exploratory Meeting with a committed environmentalist

#### **Part One**

Who is the person & what is their specific environmental interest and activity:



For our interview we talked with Pino Paolillo: a "Street Naturalist" (such as he defined himself) besides being an animalist. He worked in an environmental association since 1972 in a difficult region such as Calabria.

The people that know Pino Paolillo describe him as a brave spirit fighting for the <u>defense</u> of nature, alone or involving people. For this reason, many people love him. Always at the forefront against hunting, poaching, pollution and illegal activities.

Because of his love for animals, he helped many species like Dolphins, the Sperm Whale, the Sea Turtle, the Bat, the Raptors etc. He always tried to stimulate indifferent authorities or swimmers in rescue operations and he recounts these actions with great humor, humility and great scientific competence.

Please include photos of relevant information:



Snake conservation and human-snake conflict mitigation.



Sea turtles protection.



Angitola river dunes conservation.

Do they work individually or as part of a group?/What is their position/What is the focus of their environmental interest:

Pino is a Regional section manager for WWF Calabria. The central element that pushes him to work in <u>defense</u> of the environment and animals is the need to form a Naturalistic Culture by teaching to the human being that one cannot be the masters of the earth and that greed and presumption is leading our planet towards destruction. Furthermore, he invites the adults to teach to their children that the creatures of the





earth are not inferior beings to whom doing everything, but they are "TRAVEL COMPANIONS in the wonderful adventure that is Life".

Are they already involved with your Green Bridges group:

Pino collaborates with our group from time to time, but he is always ready and present when we involve him for some event.

What question will you be asking:

The questions we will ask to Pino Paolillo will be:

What was the reason that led him to take an interest in Nature;

Short story about the experiences lived by him;

What were his disappointments and what are his future projects.

What aspects of their work will be the main focus of your discussion:

About the aspects we will deepen:

- a) the organization of work with schools, communities, municipalities, provinces and regions.
- b) Relations with other environmental and non-environmental associations
- c) Organization of events (WWF Oasis Festival), necessary to involve people to the nature and to the environmental issues.

What do you hope to learn from them:

The inner balance, his great generosity manifested in every moment of his life and the great self-denial for his work.

What advice will you be seeking:

Among the many tips we will ask to Pino, the fundamental one will be: Which is the best way to transmit respect and love for Nature to those who come to visit our Valley of the Mills.

### **Part Two**

'Stories in multi-media':

Media Plans & Intentions:

What media, as well as a written report, will you include with your discussion & interview:

Mostly photographs, maybe some video.





An interview with an associate of ICRE:

# Pino Paolillo

WWF representative in Calabria: **Street Naturalist** 



Pinot seems to be interviewing a buzzard (Poiana/Hiirihaukka/Myszołów) that had been arrested by the local Guardia di Finanze.

Caption competition: What is the buzzard saying?

