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The Need

When Lithuania restored its independence in 1990, it inherited an educational system which for five decades had discouraged critical thinking, creativity and a free exchange of ideas. Freedom brought a need and desire to reform both education and educators. A.P.P.L.E. programs began in the summer of 1991. Since then, a large percentage of all teachers in Lithuania have attended A.P.P.L.E programs.

Mission statement

The American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education (A.P.P.L.E.) is a volunteer international non-profit educational organization. With the support of the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science, A.P.P.L.E. partners with Lithuanian educators to foster the implementation of innovative educational approaches that contribute to the development of a democratic society.

Where We Work

In the past 20 years A.P.P.L.E. programs have expanded, providing summer professional development sessions in central locations, such as Vilnius and Klaipeda, as well as to teachers in urban and rural areas throughout Lithuania including:

- The Grigonis Special Education program in Kaunas
- Camp Viltis for teachers, parents and children with special needs at Geruliai, on the Baltic Sea
- Small grants awarded to fund teacher proposed implementation of innovative school-based programs

What We Do

Volunteers donate their time and expertise to partner with Lithuanian teachers in:

- Administration and Technology
- Education Philosophy and Methods
- Curriculum Development
- Psychology and Social Work
- Second Language Acquisition
- School Librarianship and Special Education

Lithuania



Lithuania emerged as a state in the 13th century and became one of the largest and most powerful states in Eastern Europe in the late 14th and early 15th centuries. In 1569 Lithuania and Poland united in a Commonwealth which was partitioned. In 1795, Lithuania was incorporated into Russia. It restored its statehood in 1918. The Soviet Union annexed Lithuania in 1940 after a secret pact with Nazi Germany. Independence was restored in March, 1990, preceding the dissolution of the Soviet Union the following year.

