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# **Suiti Cultural Heritage Foundation**

presentation on Suiti region, organisation,  
activities



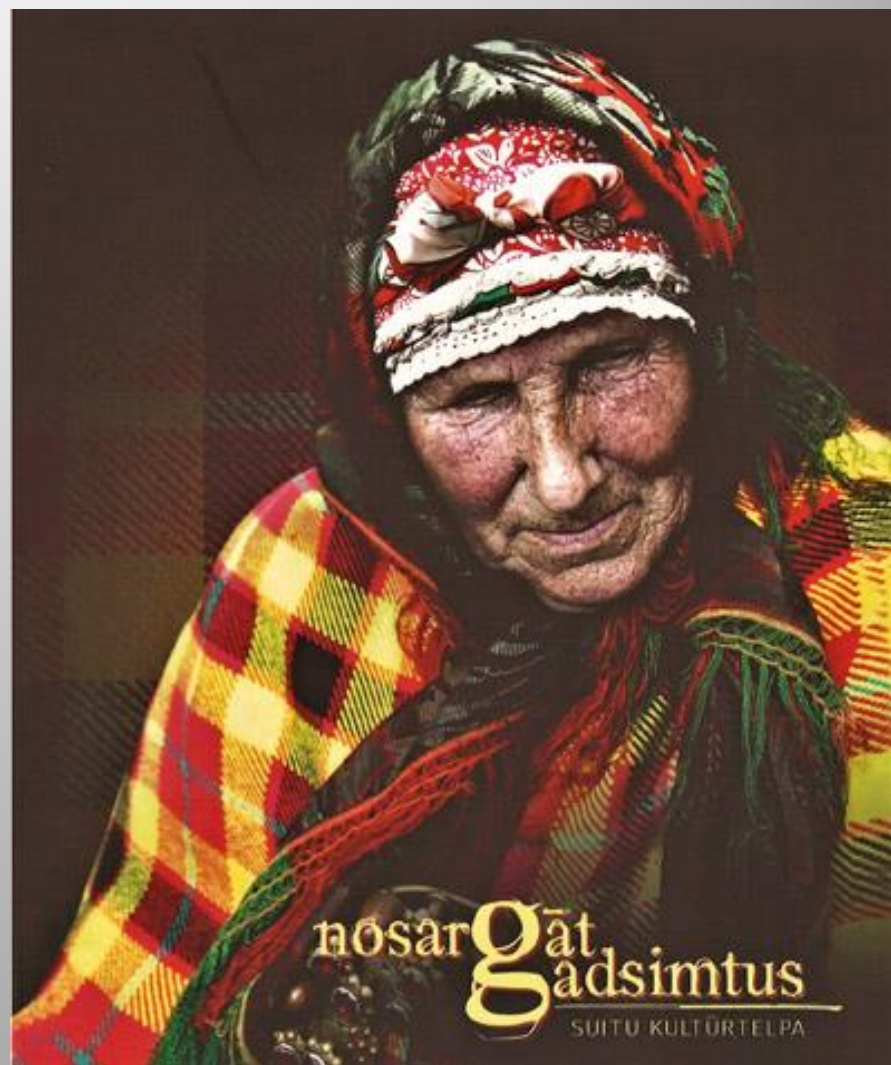


# Sūti Cultural Heritage Foundation

- founded in 2013 in the Alsunga village with the aim to preserve, protect and develop Sūti Cultural Space which is included in UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage since 2009
- the main target group - about 2,500 residents of Sūti community (Alsunga, Jūrkalne and Gudenieki)
- Board members: Kristīne Vasiļevska – Stepanova, Juris Lipsnis, Māra Rozentāle
- Public benefit organisation status since 2022, granted by the State Revenue Service
- [www.suitunovads.lv](http://www.suitunovads.lv)

Part of UNESCO nomination file:  
video «**Preserving centuries**»  
(2008)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZG4a83rSkQ>



# Suiti Cultural Heritage Foundation activities for the implementation of Suiti Cultural Space safeguarding plan

## Research and documentation

- Booklet on Suiti traditional wedding attire «Suitu kāzu tērps un tā valkāšanas tradīcijas 19.gadsimtā» (2017)



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## Research and documentation

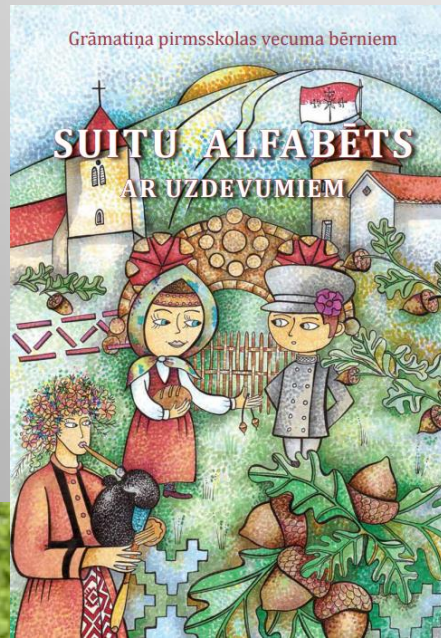
- Stories collected from local people (2021-2022)
- Research of Suiti dialect – local names, sayings, Suiti-Latvian and Latvian-Suiti dictionary, published in website [www.suitunovads.lv](http://www.suitunovads.lv)



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- Books for children published: colouring book «Anniņa un Miķelītis apceļo Suitu zemi» (2019), book «Suiti» (2020), booklet «Suiti paper dolls» (2021), «Suiti alphabet with tasks » (2022)

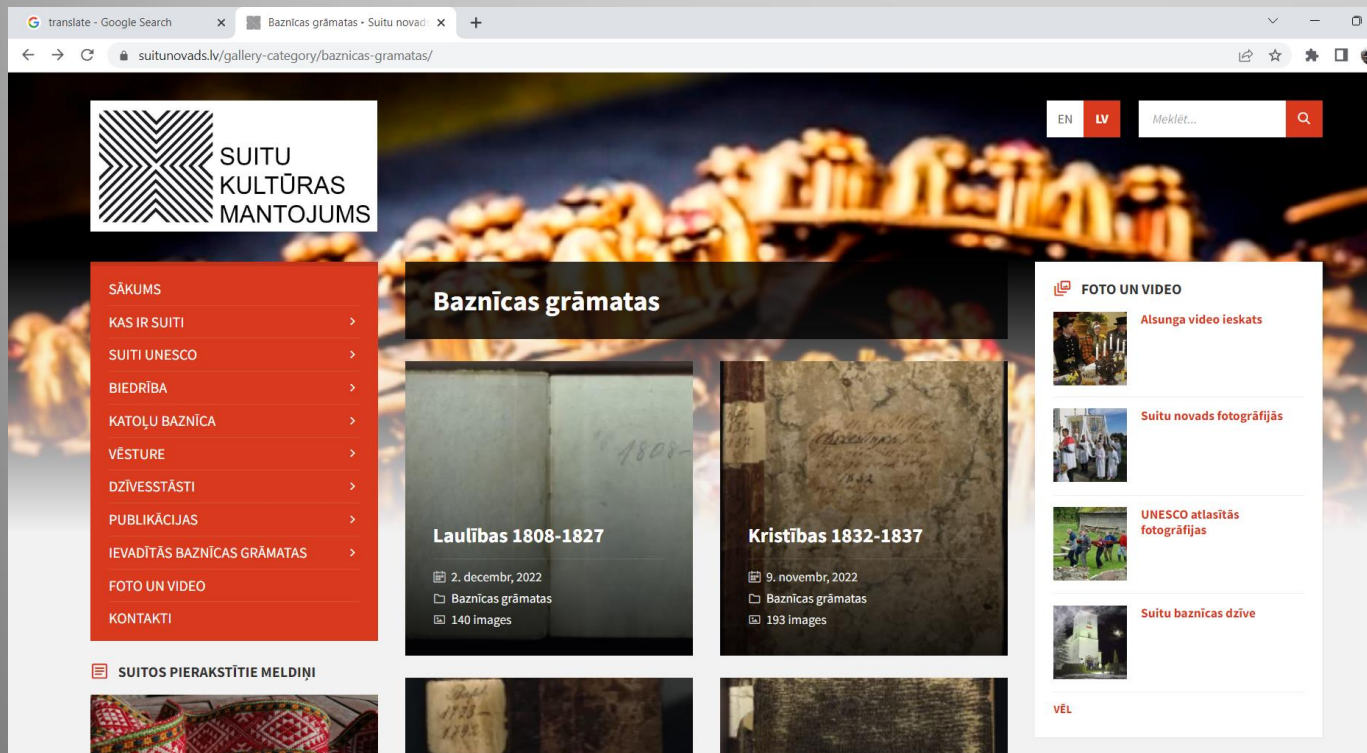




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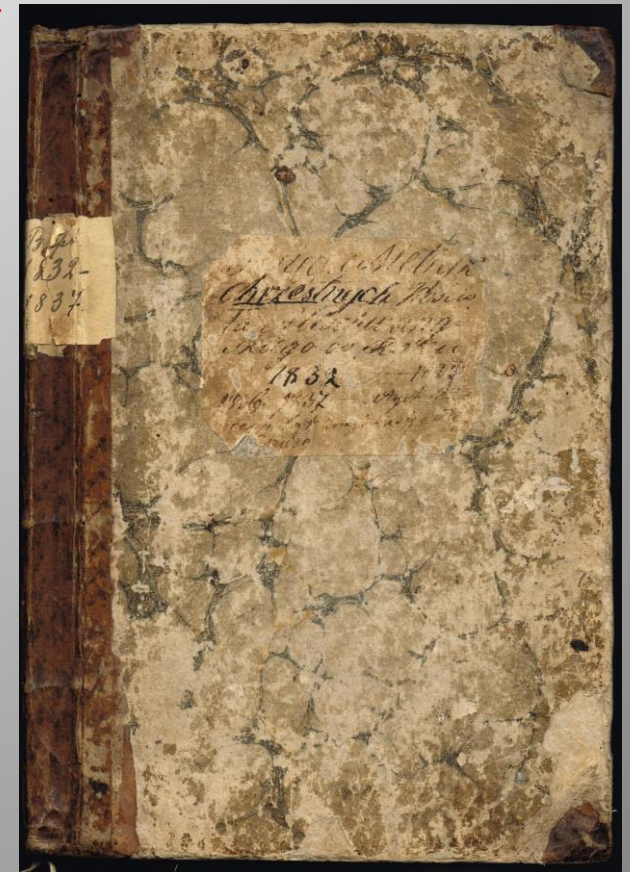
- Renewal of website [www.suitunovads.lv](http://www.suitunovads.lv)
- Digitization of population registers of church books of Suiti parishes  
<https://suitunovads.lv/gallery-category/baznicas-gramatas/>



The screenshot shows the website interface for 'Baznīcas grāmatas'. The header includes the logo 'SUITU KULTŪRAS MANTOJUMS' and a search bar. The main content area displays two featured items:

- Laulības 1808-1827**: Published on 2. decembr, 2022. Includes 140 images.
- Kristības 1832-1837**: Published on 9. novembr, 2022. Includes 193 images.

A sidebar on the right titled 'FOTO UN VIDEO' contains links to 'Alsunga video ieskats', 'Suitu novads fotogrāfijās', 'UNESCO atlasītās fotogrāfijas', and 'Suitu baznīcas dzīve'.



# Implementation of Suiti Cultural Space safeguarding plan

## Practice, transfer, education

- Provide and promote lifelong learning

State Culture Capital Fund project «Suiti Crafts days»

<https://www.lsm.lv/raksts/kultura/kulturtelpa/suitu-amatu-diena-alsunga-tur-goda-senas-tradicijas.a469777/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=se5Cp6LZ9KQ>



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## Practice, transfer, education

- European Union co-financed project in cooperation with local municipality for youth “Suitu jaunieši var!” (2019 – 2021).



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## Practice, transfer, education

- Collaboration with local folk groups «Suitu sievas», «Suitu vīri» - concerts and performances (2019 -...)
- State Culture Capital Fund project for the restoration of traditional costumes for folk group «Suitu sievas» (2020)
- Participation of the Suiti delegation in the International Festival and Conference in Georgia (2021)
- Participation of Juris Lipsnis in the International conference for bagpipers in Newcastle, UK (2022)



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## Practice, transfer, education

- Seminars and workshops for acquiring various knowledge and craft skills



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## Practice, transfer, education

- Activities for traditional music: Annual bagpipes festivals in Suiti – 2018 -2022



## Bagpiper's festivals

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAlay6AFeww&t=14s&ab\\_channel=TVSkrunda](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAlay6AFeww&t=14s&ab_channel=TVSkrunda)

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## Practice, transfer, education

- Activities for traditional music: seminars, workshops for bagpipes and drums
- First time in 2022 organised summer camp for families to learn traditions





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## Practice, transfer, education

- Audio recordings published on the website [www.suitunovads.lv](http://www.suitunovads.lv) in cooperation with Kaspars Bārbals from studio Lauska

<https://suitunovads.lv/melodies/>



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## Practice, transfer, education

### - International activities

Erasmus+ Strategic partnerships project (Adult education sector) » One voice, many stories: storytelling as a vehicle for social inclusion and active citizenship« (Latvia, Ireland, Sweden, Spain)



Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnerships project (Adult education sector) «The Network of European Bagpipers» (Latvia, Spain, Georgia, Slovakia, Croatia, Italy)

Participation in the Nordic – Baltic NGO's network

((<https://safeguardingpractices.com/the-nordic-and-baltic-network-on-intangible-cultural-heritage/>))

# Implementation of Suiti Cultural Space safeguarding plan

## Practice, transfer, education

- International activities – future plans

Participation in the UNESCO accredited NGO's network within UNESCO Convention of Intangible Cultural Heritage

Erasmus+ - Small-scale partnerships in adult education project «Promoting the cooperation among ICH-related NGOs within Nordic-Baltic network» (Latvia, Finland, Sweden)

**Thank you for your attention!**



Alsunga, Latvia  
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