

Lindi Village Society

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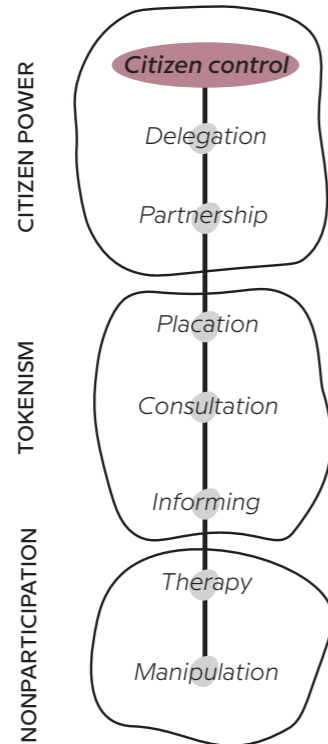
LOCATION
Lindi, Estonia

TIME PERIOD
Since 2003



THE PROJECT

Lindi Village Society is a project that takes place in the Lindi community center. The village society operates in the Lindi community center. Lindi community center can be considered as a complex of services. In terms of houses, there are two of them - a new school building (Lindi Kindergarten-Primary School) and, from 2020, an old school building will be used for trainings and circular activities. Activities are taking place in the new house in the afternoon because it is primarily a school building during the day. The old house was given in the use of the local community for an initial period of ten years by the City of Pärnu for - just to promote local life. Now there is a permanent Old School café, a guest house and other services are coming in a row. **The aim of this project is to make the voices of the community louder and to bring attention to the concerns of the people.**



encourage community members to actively participate and share thoughts.

RESULT

The targeted impact seems to be achieved. Through the years, many have enjoyed cultural events and people's concerns, thoughts and ideas have been upheld. In 2012, Lindi was even honored to participate in the nationwide Open Village Gates project, through which they also introduced the village to people from different parts of the country. Thus, the project has been well perceived by the local community. However, it has also faced a **lack of financial support**. At present, the city of Pärnu has given funds every year to the project, but these amounts of support are still so small that it is not possible to offer work to anyone on a permanent basis.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SPACE

Lindi village is located on the coast of southwestern Estonia. Twenty minutes are needed to reach the nearest urban center, Pärnu, with a road network partly in good condition. Yet the locals are not fully pleased with the road network because of **missing pedestrian walkways, cycling paths and running trails** in the area. Besides the disadvantages of the road network, public spaces and vital public institutions are in Pärnu. However, the remoteness of Lindi is reinforced by its **economic inferiority**.

INITIATION AND ACTORS

The project started in 2003 by the initiative of Taavi Tamberg. In the beginning there was no support, but since the direction of the community center was led to local

NGO's, they could receive funds, including some from the city of Pärnu.

ROLE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY & METHODS USED

Under the leadership of the village society, a beautiful **sound chamber and a village swing have been built there and a bridge has been completed**. The traditional co-organized annual Midsummer celebrations take place every year. With the locals, the village society works to make the Lindi area an open community where each member feels the impact of their thoughts, concerns and words, appreciates the power of unity and values a pleasant environment. The local community is actively participating in these activities. They are co-organizing, taking part and helping. One of the Village society's core values has been to



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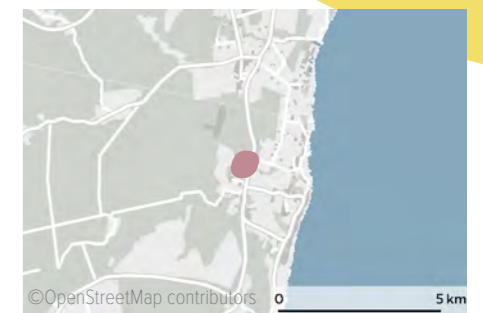
Sign of old elementary school, now a village society
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Old school, now a community center/village society
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