

## Event Programme

10:00–10:30 Opening remarks

10:30–11:00 *Liepāja's Gardens Before the Parks*

Nora Driķe, journalist and cultural history researcher

11:00–11:30 *Developing the Concept for the Redevelopment of the 1905 Park in Kuldīga Old Town*

Helēna Gūtmane, landscape architect, ALPS Landscape Workshop

11:30–12:00 *Bess of Hardwick's Garden in 2026 – Planning a Modern Future for a Historic Garden*

Nikki Waters, General Manager of Hardwick Hall and Stainsby Mill, United Kingdom

12:00–12:30 *The Oulu Red Birch Forest – A New and Unique Way of Telling Local History*

Kaisa Salmi, MA, environmental artist, lighting designer and researcher at Aalto University, Finland

12:30–13:00 *Creating a Sensory Garden on the Grounds of the Former Ilģi Manor, Now the Kurzeme Social Care Centre*

Linda Balode, landscape architect, Dr. arch.

13:00–14:00 Lunch: *Sustainable Food and the Traditional Garden*

Andris Ūpis, project chef

14:00–15:30 Outdoor lecture: *The Kuldīga Old Town Garden – From Concept to Realisation*

(7 groups following the same route, with different perspectives)

Kristīne Abika; Ilze Zariņa; Dace Jansone; Solveiga Zīle; Ieva Krauze; Laura Zariņa-Skapste; Krista Jansone

15:30–16:00 *Reawakening Relevance: How a Historic Botanical Garden Reconnects People and Nature*

Tom De Corel, Head of Public Green Spaces, City of Leuven, Belgium

16:00–16:30 *Green as the Future: How Leuven's Green Plan Breathes New Life into Historic Sites*

Sarah Luyten, landscape architect, Belgium

16:30–17:00 *Traditional Japanese Gardens and Their Historical Context: The Example of Kyoto*

Yuri Ugaya, landscape architect, Japan

17:00–17:30 *The Presence of Edo Today: Tokyo as a Historic Garden City*

Makoto Suzuki, Director of the Tokyo Green Academy, Professor Emeritus