

"WE ARE ALL ONE GENERATION" - FESTIVAL FOR THE THIRD AGE IN SLOVENIA



The 22nd Festival for the Third Age, the largest event of its kind for older people in Europe, took place in Slovenia at the Cankarjev dom in Ljubljana from 27-29 September 2023, under the honourable patronage of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr Nataša Pirc Musar.



It is dedicated to active ageing, improving the quality of life of older people and promoting solidarity between generations. In 2023, the motto was "We are all one generation". It is organised by Proevent, the Ministry for a Solidarious Future and the Municipal Pensioners' Association of Ljubljana, and admission is free. After only a few years, the event has already had more than 10,000 visitors.

The three days included more than 120 singing, dancing and musical performances, more than 40 free educational events and workshops, numerous presentations of products and services for active ageing at a number of stands, and seven expert debates. The Computers for the Elderly campaign, in cooperation with the Spirit of Time Association, continued during the festival, with the organisers and the Association donating refurbished computer kits with open-source software to older people who have difficulty accessing equipment. Each year, the festival promotes digital skills among older people through various workshops, and also showcases organisations that teach older people how to use smartphones and computers. Development centre of the Heart of Slovenia also presented its activities and European projects targeting elderly, including the Digital Generations project.

The focus was on the long-life society, digitalisation, health and e-care. The President of Slovenia, Dr Nataša Pirc Musar, highlighted solidarity, people-to-people support and the contributions of older people, which some people might overlook. In addition, she said that the government's pension reform must not curtail the rights of the elderly and leave the care of the elderly to the family.

Learn more:

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