



UTW Wrocław

University of the Third Age in the university of Wrocław was founded in 1976.

Dr. Aleksander Kobylarek (a pedagogue and an andragogue, an academic in the University of Wrocław) has been the headmaster of the UTA since 2006. The headmaster of the UTA answers directly to the Rector of the University of Wrocław. Regarding the academic profile of the UTA, dr. Aleksander Kobylarek cooperates with the Academic Board of the UTA which consists of university professors.

The agenda of the UTA consists not only of academic development, but also intellectual, psychological and physical wellbeing of seniors, the creation of intergenerational relations as well as cooperation with other UTAs in Poland and abroad.

And so we offer our students numerous lectures, seminars, modules, workshops, and language courses (7 foreign languages), computer classes, physical exercise, workshop of personal development (for instance: creativity training), methodology of social research, experimental classes as well as many others. Those classes are conducted by academics, but also by the students of the UTA themselves. Besides those classes we also offer other, where our students can develop their hobbies, such as: painting, bridge, choir, theatre, cabaret, dancing, creative writing workshops, embroidery, chess, traditional arts.

Andragogical lectures and the development of physical culture among seniors are very important, as they prepare the seniors for the changes that come along with age.

Our students are people over 60 years of age.

In the previous years we took part in the founding of numerous UTAs in Lower Silesia, as well as in Belarus and Ukraine, with which we maintain contact.

We also cooperate with other UTAs in Europe and we are a member of the European Federation of Older Students (EFOS).

Dr. Aleksander Kobylarek is also an author and co-author of many international projects being part of such programmes as: Grundtvig and Leonardo da Vinci, as a part of which we cooperate with institutions and UTAs from Austria, Netherlands, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Slovakia, Germany, France, Italy, Hungary, Finland, England.

An important part of our activity is scientific research, constructed and conducted by PhD students of educational studies, cooperating with the students of the UTA and students of pedagogy. The results of the research are published in the "UTA Courier" or in academic journals and books.

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