

The Rural Development Foundation

Creation:

The Rural Development Foundation is the product of the joining of two other NGO's in 1999: The Water Supply Foundation and The Agricultural Foundation. Their missions combined create the foundation's mission.

Mission:

To support the economic, social, and cultural initiatives of Poles living in small, rural villages. The foundation also works to spread the education and use of information technologies in these areas.

Funding & Donations

- United States- \$10 million from U.S. Congress 20 years ago.
also...
- Germany
- Switzerland
- Norway

All made donations to the foundation at its beginning. Then the foundation invested the money to build capital.

Structure/Programs

- Active Village. e-VITA- Information Society Building in Rural Areas
- Witryna Wiejska Website
- The Razem Partnership-EQUAL- themed villages
- Pre-School Children's Clubs
- Grant Competitions- biodiversity, public internet centers, fruitful holidays, etc.
- Internet Competitions- "Know America" & "Know Poland"

Structure/Employees

-Non-governmental Organization-

- President
- Around 30 employees
- About 3-5 work for each program
- Each program has a director
- Wonderful people 😊

My Supervisor

- Works with the Preschool Children's Clubs and Know America internet competition.
- Relationship-most projects from people throughout the foundation, but she sets up work for me and organized a meeting for me to talk to everyone!

MY JOB

- for e-VITA- summarizing, writing articles, helping to translate things to English.
- Written articles for Witryna Wiejksa Website
- Learn about programs to create articles.
- Travel with organization.
- Prepare "Know America" internet competition questions.
- Prepare and revise things in English.

My Projects

- [e-VITA](#)
- [The Scottish Rural Gateway](#)
- [Witryna Wiejska](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)
- Know America
- Other articles-
 - Volunteering in the U.S.
 - Biodiversity in Poland

Issues focused on...

- In my internship, the issue focused on is infrastructure of rural Poland.
- Education and IT development is a key component to future success of these areas.
- My organization is EXCELLENT and EFFICIENT at targeting the issues rural Poland faces!

What I've Learned...

- Everyone in the foundation is a leader!
- My work has given me a direction to look towards after graduating. NGO Management!
- The differences in American NGO's and Polish NGO's.
- The differences in Polish and American workplaces.