Name of Country: Latvia

Quick Facts:

Location
Northeastern Europe

Capital
Riga

Population
1.9 million

Official Language
Latvian

Fun Facts!
Latvia is home to the largest dance and song festivals in the world, with over 40,000 participants.

A Latvian tailor, Jacob Youphes, invented jeans! He partnered with Levi Strauss to mass-produce them.

The 4-H Connection:

- There are 1,719 members in Latvian 4-H and 200 volunteers!
- Latvia’s 4-H motto is “Augsim Latvijai!” which translates to “Let’s grow for Latvia!”
- In 2013, Latvia 4-H introduced their first livestock project area: Rabbits! 4-Hers can raise rabbits at their home and attend national and international contests!
- Latvia 4-H picks a “Vegetable of the Year”. 4-Hers are challenged to grow this veggie in their garden and sell their harvest at the farmer’s market!
- The Latvian 4-H pledge is:
  As a faithful member of the small group, I solemnly promise to listen to God and parents, sacrificing my mind for clearer thoughts, my heart for righteousness and fervent zeal, my hands for nobler work and my health for a better life for the benefit of my small group, my native land—the people of Latvia.”

Connection: Community Culture!
Latvia 4-H members study history of their local village, parish, people, folklore, etc. It’s important that we understand our own community’s culture and heritage!

Explore your town, church, and family’s history. Ask relatives questions about the community! Stay up to date about the current news by reading your local newspaper. You can even search the web for your town’s history! This simple research will help you grow in Global Citizenship!

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