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When: 2 June 2025, 09:00 - 13:00

Where: Miejski Ośrodek Kultury w Żorach, ul. Dolne Przedmieście 1

Who: Joanna Szerzyńska-Grabowska, eco-manager of the Municipality of Żory



Is ecology just a passing trend, or is it a necessity driven by real environmental challenges? The Oxford Debate in Żory provides a platform to discuss the future of the circular economy and its role in everyday life.

What is an Oxford Debate?

The Oxford-style debate is a structured format where two teams argue for and against a given thesis. One team (proposition) supports the statement, while the other (opposition) challenges it. The debate follows a formal structure, with a moderator overseeing the discussion. The audience ultimately decides which team presented the most convincing arguments. This format enhances rhetorical skills, promotes fact-based discussions, and expands knowledge about the circular economy and its environmental impact.

Discussion Areas:

- *Ecology: A Trend or Necessity?*

Is the rise in environmental awareness a temporary fashion statement or a response to an urgent global crisis? What are the consequences of ignoring environmental issues?

- *The Circular Economy in Practice*

Is the circular economy a realistic solution to modern environmental problems, or is it too difficult to implement on a large scale? What are the benefits of recycling, reusing resources, and waste reduction?

- *Environmental Laws and Regulations*

Are environmental policies, such as anti-smog laws and bans on single-use plastics, effective tools for sustainable change, or do they overregulate industries and individuals?

- *Consumers vs. Corporations*

Does individual consumer behavior have a real impact on the environment, or should responsibility lie primarily with large corporations?



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Why Participate?

This debate is more than just an exchange of opinions—it is a unique opportunity to:

- Enhance argumentation and persuasion skills
- Develop critical thinking abilities
- Engage in a meaningful discussion on the future of the environment
- Gain insight into how the circular economy affects our daily lives

The Oxford Debate in Żory offers a thought-provoking exchange of perspectives, encouraging participants to challenge their views and engage in an informed discussion. Is ecology a necessity or just a passing trend? The answer lies in the arguments presented during the debate.

This event is organized as part of the LIFE project "Silesia. Blue Sky Restored."

I invite you
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