

THE UNSUNG HEROES OF VILNIUS

Vilnius, first and foremost, is its people – those who call this city home and breathe life into its streets every day. Despite constant encounters, we often fail to notice the uniqueness that sets them apart from residents of any other city. That's why we invite you to explore the city's spaces and uncover the hidden gems within its people. They are as diverse as the Vilnius locals themselves, some bursting with colour and vibrancy, while others prefer to blend into the backdrop. Find them all and get a prize. Good luck!

HOW TO JOIN THE GAME?

- On September 23rd, between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM, embark on a quest to locate and identify all twelve heroes.
- Visit them in any order you like and look for the secret code word or phrase. The spaces between answers are also important!
- Once you've successfully filled in all the crossword blanks and unravelled the final answer phrase, collect your prize at the Vilnius Tourist Information Center (TIC), located at Pilies Str. 2. Prizes will be available for pickup until 6:00 PM!
- Prizes will be awarded to the first 700 participants who complete the entire game.

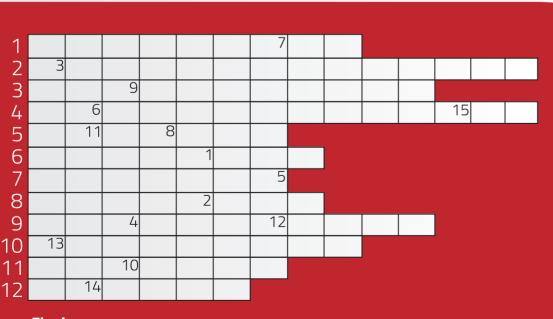




TASKS:

- **1.** This hero is a regular in many Vilnius cafes. No one really knows what he does, but you can easily recognize him by his MacBook and contemplative look. Last time he was spotted at a cafe tucked away at the corner of Islandijos and Vilniaus streets.
- **2.** She can often be found selling flowers near the iconic "Children's World. Even though that place is long gone and children today are more likely to be found at the McDonald's on the other side of the street, she's still there with the prettiest blossoms of the season.
- **3.** This hero symbolizes Vilnius as the capital of start-ups. You can find them where young folks with laptops on their knees mature into unicorns, near the popular co-working space on Didžioji Street.
- **4**. It's likely you'll hear this one before seeing him, but you'll recognize him instantly by the instrument case nearby. Look for him in one of the usual spots where street musicians showcase their talents where the Castle, the Saint John and Signatories meet.
- **5.** It seems like his life's mission is to master skateboarding to the fullest. You can like him, or you can dislike him, but it's always interesting to see what he's learned. Head over to Cathedral Square and spot this hero.
- **6.** He's like a guardian, protecting the main entrance to the separate Republic of Užupis. Judging from his clothing and the brushes in his pocket, no doubt about him being a person of art.
- **7.** She always picks the most picturesque city spots for the backdrop of her videos. At this moment she's filming a video for thousands of her followers right in the middle of Vokiečių Street.

- **8**. With serious, tightly pursed lips and an intense gaze, he contemplates several moves ahead on a black and white chessboard. This hero hasn't even heard of "Queen's Gambit"; he's been playing chess since before you were even born. You'll find him sitting by the river, at the Bernardine gardens with a spectacular view of Bekesh hill.
- **9.** Vilnius is a romantic city, so it's no surprise that on weekends you'll encounter couples huddled together on city benches, holding cups of tea that've gone cold hours ago. And could there be a better place for a first date than the charming park next to St. Catherine's?
- **10.** Body and willpower in perfect shape, he's making everyone who made and forgot their New Year's resolutions a little bit jealous. Runners in Vilnius are always on top of their game, always ready to go, and constantly looking for new challenges. Maybe this is why he's circling around the legendary King of Lithuania himself as if trying to challenge him for a race.
- **11.** They probably are the fastest residents of the city. Knowing the streets, houses and appartements better than even the most seasoned taxi drivers. By now, they're greeting the office workers as old pals. Today a special delivery for the President himself made him stop and appreciate the coat of arms by the entrance.
- **12.** It seems that the population of Vilnius doubles in size when they come in September. Maybe you won't find them all at the library, but this Literature student seems to be determined to memorize "Metai" by K. Donelaitis by heart. It's no coincidence that you'll find him on the steps of the monument to this esteemed writer.



Final answer

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