

# MUIC Kaunas, Lithuania

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### Resume EWA



It was a great challenge to find role models for active ageing. Conducting interviews with these women, we gained new experiences. Many of our Kaunas group made an interview for the first time in their lives. We found out that women in various European countries had to deal with different environmental conditions. Many of them went through the 2nd World War, communist regimes, exile and poor living conditions after the war. We noticed that the most active and optimistic women still have hobbies, they sing, they dance, they take on new challenges in their lives.

### Role Models



Elvida Morkūnaitė Čaplikienė: Very hard work, minus 50-degree of cold, poor food and exile in Siberia did not break the spirit of Elvida Morkūnaitė Čaplikienė, now she is a powerful women of 77. In 1985, she collected 10 books and 16 newspapers about resistance, put a table in the building of Union of Political Prisoners and Exiles in Kaunas, and soon opened a small bookshop. Once asked what would she change in her life if she could? Elvida answers, "Nothing". She would change nothing in her difficult and significant life.



Danutė Vailionytė-Vailionė: Danutė today is 84 years old, at the age of 62, she took the initiative to restore the pre-war Lithuanian organization of highly educated women, Kaunas department. „In implementing the life goals there is no such a thing such a lack of conditions“, says Vailionytė. „Everyone creates conditions by oneself, there is nobody to blame. If one didn't achieve one's own objectives, it means that one didn't care enough about them.“

