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Young Researchers of Family History

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We would like to introduce the Estonian Literacy Association project *Young Researchers of Family History*. Project supervisors are teachers Heli Prii, Tiina Kivimäe and Eve Kraiss. The project started in 2010. Primary school children aged 8-12 nationwide have been encouraged to write research papers on their family history for eight years already.

The project is definitely innovative in today's educational landscape although the subject matter is history. It fills in the gaps that have been created by the amount of virtual socialisation. Important aspects of the work process are direct interaction between different generations, the ability to listen and record the information received and to pass it on. The research also teaches different aspects of literacy for example dealing with various sources such as photos, maps, files and official archive material and also information available on the internet.

At this age the big challenge from the point of view of literacy is the ability to follow the mandatory guidelines when composing text, presenting source material, highlighting the work process and explaining the process and reason for reaching certain conclusions.