

Józef Baran. Born in 1955 in Cracow. Economist. Opposition activist in Cracow. Founder of the Polish Farmers' Committee. During martial law went into hiding. Lived in Norway between 1984 and 2002, where, among others, he organised the transport of aid packages to Poland as well as financial support for the Home for the Disabled in Radwanowice, and the St. Albert Foundation in Cracow.

Andrzej Dziubek (pseudonym Andrej Nebb). Born in 1954 in Jablonka in Orava. Musician and vocalist. The founder of the Polish-Norwegian group De Press. In 1970, he illegally fled to Austria, where he was placed in a refugee camp. In 1971, he left Austria for Norway, where he studied at, among others, the Academy of Fine Arts in Oslo. Besides his musical activities, he also paints.

Aleksander Gleichgewicht. Born in 1953 in the town of Pervomaysk in the Soviet Union. Physicist. Activist in Wroclaw. Interned during martial law. Spent almost twenty years in Norway. From 1984 he participated in the work of the Helsinki Committee and Norwegian-Polish Solidarity, for some time as its deputy leader.

Edward Grzybowski. Born in 1962 in Swiebodzin. Education specialist. At the beginning of the 1980s, set out to find seasonal work in Norway. Since that time, he has frequently travelled to take part in the strawberry harvest. Outside the season, he also undertook construction work.

Tomasz Kłosowski. Born in 1984 in Warsaw. A student at the University of Warsaw. Went to Norway in 2008 and worked for a few months in construction. Currently finishing his studies of banking and finance.

Wiesław Krzemiński. Born in 1965 in Cracow. Went to Norway in 1989 as a result of his membership of the Polish-Norwegian Society. Stayed in Norway for eight months, working in agriculture.

Ryszard Majdzik. Born in 1958 in Skawina near Cracow. Activist in Cracow. Organiser of the longest Solidarity occupational strike action in Malopolska at ZKS Elbud. Interned during martial law. Travelled to Norway in 1989 for seasonal work and spent four months there.

Agnieszka Nowak. Born in 1979 in Cracow. She travelled to Norway with her partner who had received an offer of work. She spent one year learning Norwegian and passed Norwegian state exams. She also worked there casually.

Marek Pawlak. Born in 1983 in Gostyn. Anthropologist. Doctor of the University of Wroclaw. He researches aspects of nationalism among Polish emigrants, manual workers in Oslo.

Edyta Scaber. Born in 1970 in Swidnica. She began her trips to Norway together with her husband in the 1990s. Since then, for fifteen years she has travelled for seasonal planting work.

Michał Siciński. Born in 1948 in Wroclaw. Philosopher. Participated in opposition activities in Wroclaw and Cracow. Interned during martial law. Travelled to Norway in 1987 for the summer school at the University of Oslo and remained until 1990. Cooperated there with, among others, the Helsinki Committee.

Andrzej Stasz. Born in 1966 in Krosno. Physicist. Began visiting Norway for seasonal work together with his wife in 1989. He spent the next few vacations near Lake Miosa picking strawberries, digging up potatoes and decorating.

Iwona Stasz. Born in 1963 in Cracow. An English language teacher. Went to Norway with her husband for seasonal work. She worked in a cafe in Gjovik and on a strawberry farm in Boverbru.

Paweł Szkołut. Born in 1964 in Swidnik. Translator. Travelled to Norway in 1987 and stayed for three years. In this time he learnt the language, visited the country and gained some contacts with the artistic world. To obtain funds for living, he worked as a decorator.

Karol Urbański. Born in 1965 in Lodz. Dancer and choreographer. In 1995 he travelled to Norway and stayed for two years dancing for the Norwegian National Ballet. In 2007, he founded the “Modern Dance Centre” Foundation with Zbigniew Czapski.

Mirosław from Chelm. Born in 1959 in Gdynia. Travelled to Norway in 1989 to discover the country and, at the same time, work. A few years later, he renewed his contacts and began to travel for decorating work with his son Grzegorz. In 2006, his son moved to Norway for good.

Krzysztof from Gliwice. Born in 1964 in Gliwice. A music teacher and member of the Harmonica Jazz Band. Plays the harmonica. After 2000, he spent the next few seasons by, among others, working in greenhouses or busking with his friends at weekends on the streets of Oslo.

Barbara from Cracow. Born in 1983 in Tarnobrzeg. Zootechnician. Since 2007, has visited Norway for seasonal work. Originally, this consisted of fruit-picking, but now her work is more in connection with her education and loves, lambing. She unsuccessfully attempted with her husband to settle in Norway.

Krzysztof from Cracow. Born in 1957 in Cracow. Librarian. Opposition activist in Cracow. He went to Norway in 1988, and for the following few years, for seasonal work in agriculture and construction.

Paweł from Cracow. Born in 1983 in Tarnobrzeg. IT specialist. In 2007 travelled to Norway for strawberry picking and sightseeing. After finishing his studies, left Poland with his wife with the intention of finding employment and staying in Norway for longer. After an unsuccessful attempt, he returned to Poland.

Joanna from Krzeszowice. Born in 1984 in Krzeszowice. A student of Jagiellonian University. Travelled to Norway in 2008 for a scholarship within the framework of the *Erasmus* student exchange program. During vacations, she worked casually.

Wanda from Ponikiew near Pultusk. Born in 1953 in Many. A retired educational worker. Her contact with Norway is due to the marriage of her daughter, Sylwia, to a Norwegian. Sylwia left Poland with her son, Aleksander, in 2007.

Wojciech from Tarnow. Born in 1955 in Tarnow. Worker in a company cooperating with the Norwegian company Statoil. In 2006, he took advantage of an opportunity to travel to Melkoya island near Hammerfest, where he worked in the construction of a liquefied natural gas plant.

Paweł from Warsaw. Born in 1980 in Kielce. Camera operator. At the age of fifteen, as an “unruly youth”, was taken by his parents to a strawberry farm. Motivated by the good earnings, he made the same trip a few times. He regularly visits Norway as a tourist.

Janusz from Węgrzce near Cracow. Born in 1968 in Jaslo. Geo-physicist. Travelled to Norway in 2007 as a representative of a Norwegian subsidiary of PGNiG (Polish Oil and Gas Company).