

Russian Speaker Community in Windsor & Maidenhead

The urgency of “Russian Community in Windsor & Maidenhead Borough” project provided for your consideration is :

- to acquaint locals with the Russian culture and history,
- actively participate in social and cultural life of the town/region,
- to create favorable conditions to save the Russian culture of the Russian-speaking families and their children.

Reflection of the humanism principle in the project means:

- to provide an opportunity for the residents to get to know Russia by culture, art and history;
- cultural relations between two countries;
- to establish close contact with the local authorities and to take an active part in the cultural life of the town / region.

Ways to solve the goals and tasks of the project:

- to take into account the requirements and views of the local authorities;
- to develop a system implementations of ideas based on actual practice and the ability to create a cultural centre;
- evaluation of the "image of the future" with the providing business model: evaluation of the degree of risk of the project.

The project is designed for a long period, and includes the steps of the individual events and long-term projects:

1. Preparatory project plan.
2. Practical stage:
 - recruitment:
 - creation of material and technical resources:
 - creation of the methodical fund;
 - searching for financial sources.

To work in the project is expected to attract the specialists with professional skills and experience.

The local authorities and the residents can evaluate the results of the work of the project. It will be:

- created conditions;
- level of training;
- interest in the project;
- information about the center work;
- completion and improvement of the material and technical basis of the center in comparison for a certain period of time.

Overall, the project is progressive. It will promote the Russian culture, it will be a part of international development and will strengthen the inter-ethnic relations. To activate our future work and expansion of friendly and business contacts, we plan to work closely with the local authorities and organizations, schools and business as well as maintain close contact with the Embassy of the Russian Federation, with Rossotrudnichestvo and Russian Coordination Centre in the UK.

I would like to say that in December the initiative group organized and held Christmas Tree party for children from Russian-speaking families and their parents. The organizers of the event

have received positive feedback. As a result, the article about the event was written in a local newspaper.

In February in close contact with the Russian Embassy the celebration and congratulation with 100-year anniversary of the resident of Maidenhead, Mr. John. B. Elliott, the first Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Ghana in the Soviet Union was organized.

On the 24 of February we visited the traditional Carnival of Maslenitsa held in London. Now we are doing the preparations to start to work in the Center for Culture and History for Children and Youth.

On 10 of March I am planning to organize a trip to see the play of the Russian theater "Chameleon" by the novel of A.S. Exupery called "Little Prince" in Russian with English subtitles.

A group of activists closely works with the well-known Russian-speaking charity organization "RusfondUK", which supports very special treatment in specialized hospitals in London for Russian children who arrived from Russia. We took part in the organization of events and celebrations. Because we have experience it could possible to do the same in our Borough. We could raise money for other charity.

Now in Facebook is posted and actively working page for Russian-speaking parents "our Maidenhead." Studies have shown that in our district we have a large group of Russian-speaking residents who we can organize for the useful activities of adults and children and enrich the cultural life of Windsor- Maidenhead Borough.