

## **International Conference**

### **"For a decent and fulfilling life for people with disabilities in society. International and Russian experience»**

**Dates:** Sept. 30, 1-2 October 2014

**Place:** Nizhny Novgorod

#### **Organizers:**

Nizhny Novgorod regional NGO for support of children and youth "Veras"

Nizhny Novgorod City Administration, Committee of Interregional and External Economic Relations

Nizhny Novgorod City Administration, Committee for Labor and work with the population

Interregional Public Organization in support of people with mental disabilities and mental and physical disorders "Equal Opportunities"

Regional public organization of the disabled "Perspective"

Naked Heart Foundation

#### **With the support of**

Russian public organization "National Parents Association of social support of family and family values".

Coordination Council for disabled children and other people with disabilities at the Commission on Social Policy, Labor Relations and the life quality of the Community Chamber of the Russian Federation.

This conference –is a new stage of international cooperation for the organization and dissemination of new approaches and forms of support for people with intellectual, mental and physical disorders, including those with autism spectrum disorders.

#### **Brief concept**

In determining priorities in the social and family sphere we believe that every person, regardless of temporary or permanent disability, shall have the right for the development and access to high-quality health, educational, social and other essential services. We're talking about "the world of Equal Opportunities», where the inclusion of people with intellectual, mental and physical disabilities in community life is the main goal and the result of our activities.

In order to develop the system of support for people with intellectual, mental and physical disorders in the Russian Federation for maximum social integration, the realization of their rights and dignity, we are planning to hold a conference "For a decent and fulfilling life for people with disabilities in society. International and Russian experience".

This conference will identify and develop partnerships through direct contacts with international organizations (including those from sister-cities) and Russian for the exchange of experiences and practices in working with people with intellectual, mental and physical disorders.

The positive experience of foreign and Russian participants of the conference will stimulate joint development and the creation of modern models of integration services for people with intellectual, mental and physical disorders (training, production workshops, integrated cafe, sheltered living in a familiar social environment, competence centers for professionals, people with disabilities and parents etc.).

Russian participants will get acquainted with the experience of non-governmental organizations in Europe as participants of social services` market, mechanisms of interaction with the authorities and tools for public participation in the development of social policy.

Wide exchange of views and experiences, including European, will allow developing common approaches in solving the problems of complex support and lifestyle of children and adults with intellectual, mental and physical disabilities, the definition of basic interaction mechanisms.

Participants will offer their analysis of the situation and the problems that will formulate the main initiatives in lobbying the rights of people with intellectual, mental and physical disorders with the legislative and executive authorities at various levels.

**Aim of the conference:**

Generalization and systematization of experiences, initiatives, accumulated by foreign and Russian socially oriented organizations, institutions, the development of partnerships for the improvement and development of modern approaches and practices in the management and provision of services in the system of support for persons with intellectual, mental and physical disorders in the Russian Federation , their inclusion in society.

**Objectives:**

1. Generalize and systematize the experience of the best social practices and innovative technologies of re - habilitation , socialization of impaired people through the development of international cooperation between socially oriented organizations, including the sister-cities of Germany, Finland, Sweden, USA, France, Holland , Belarus and others, as well as partner organizations from regions of Russia (St. Petersburg, Moscow, Pskov, Vladimir, Kazan, etc.)
2. Discuss mechanisms of market development in the social sector with the participation of public organizations: conditions, legislation, forms and methods of management.
3. Raise awareness and competence of experts, parents, members of the public on the best social practices for the organization and delivery of integrated services of re - habilitation, socialization of children and adults with intellectual, mental and physical impairments, preparation for independent living, and their inclusion in community life.
4. Discuss the possibility of further cooperation in order to realize the rights of people with intellectual, psychophysical disabilities, improving their social integration.