



Life-Link Friendship-Schools
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Report - Summary
Schools' Seminar on Peace Education and Education for Sustainability
at St Petersburg High School No 105, Russia
Monday 3 April 2006 10.00 – 14.00

Organising committee

St Petersburg Educational Department
Life-Link Friendship-Schools Programme
St. Petersburg High School No 105
The Academy of PGE (Post Graduate Education)

Background

- UNESCO / United Nations declared decades: Culture for Peace, Education for Sustainable Development, Water for Life.
- Life-Link Friendship-Schools International Programme and peace curriculum introduced in Russia since 1989, today encompassing 38 schools in Russia.
www.life-link.org click Schools&Actions, click Russia – Next.
- Other internationally ongoing peace education and environmental programmes
- The Russia – Sweden cultural programme Upgrade 2006.

Programme - Agenda

Schools joining international ongoing UNESCO declared decades and campaigns.

Mr Hans Levander, Physician Faculty of Medicine, University Hospital Uppsala Sweden

- *Culture of Peace* decade 2001-2010
- *Education for Sustainable Development*; decade 2005-2014
- *Water for Life*; decade 2005-2014

The project “Distance Learning Education” “Young Masters Education”

Ms Vereshina T.G. Deputy Head Teacher of High School #105.

The importance of Environmental Education

Ms Gruzdeva Natalia, Ecological Department of PGE)

Reports on Ecological Projects at some of the St. Petersburg schools

- School #98; *Splash and Wash* European project and conference. Ms Selesneva N.I.
- School #56; *Sustainable Development*. Ms Malysheva V., Mr Petrov D.
- High School #105; *Life-Link Projects* at our school. Ms Zhguleva E.V.

Life-Link Friendship-Schools peace education ethics “Care for Myself – Care for Others – Care for Nature” and forthcoming agenda.

Mr Hans Levander, Physician Faculty of Medicine, University Hospital Uppsala Sweden

Visiting the High School #105 peace museum.

Results

- **Planning;** the planning for this seminar was smooth and in best Russian- Swedish concert
- **Schools participation;** the response from invited schools in St Petersburg region was high, considering date and distances. Delegations (teachers and students) from 12 schools joined the seminar: Schools #24, #56, #65, #77, #90, #98, #102, #105, #213, #453, #550, #589. A total of 91 delegates participated.
- **Official recognition;** The seminar was recognised and visited by representatives from St Petersburg Educational Department and The Academy of PGE
- **Language;** The running language of the seminar was English, stressing the importance of language education at schools world-wide in order to collaborate on vital topics of our time.
- **UNESCO decades;** the presentation and discussion put the UNESCO – UN ongoing decades into perspective for peace education at schools. Students expressed appreciation that peace and peace education could be explained in simple terms and with application to each individual's daily life-style.
- **Life-Link website;** Teachers expressed satisfaction that performed peace lectures or peace projects at their schools can be reported and seen on Internet: www.life-link.org Schools&Actions. Such presentation on an Internet website increases the motivation for peace education at schools – “our school's peace curriculum is recognised world-wide!”
- **In Summary;** the seminar at a low budget brought facts, motivation and inspiration for further peace education at 12 schools in St Petersburg, and also included St Petersburg Educational Department for further dissemination to other schools.

Economy was supported by

High School #105; seminar venue, technical support, rich coffee/tea break.

Participating schools; Each participating school delegation paid for their own expenditures.

Life-Link Friendship-Schools Association; Chairperson lecturer expenditures such as travel, visa, educational material (posters, manuals etc).

Report sending list

- Participating schools + Educational Departments in St Petersburg (c/o High School #105)
- Life-Link board and core members
- Life-Link website www.life-link.org Campaigns & Conferences
- Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs (att. Folke Bernadotte Academy)
- Russian Ministry of Education
- Swedish Ministry of Education
- Swedish Consulate St Petersburg
- Swedish Institute Stockholm
- Russian Embassy Stockholm
- UNESCO (Decades Culture of Peace, Education for Sustainable Development, Water for Life)

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