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PROVIDING SUPPORT AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR ORPHANED YOUTH IN RUSSIA.

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Ulyana Shilkina, Maksim Shmakov, Oksana Korotchuk: The Crosscultural Club

The Crosscultural Club was created 3 years ago on the initiative of three wonderful people - Ulyana Shilkina, Maksim Shmakov and Oksana Korotchuk. Since then it has been highly popular among ROOF's Education Center students, teachers and guests. Ulyana, Maksim and Oksana do everything to make the Club's gatherings interesting and informative.

The Club's meetings take place on Saturdays. Discussions, presentations and workshops take place inside ROOF's EC and students also go on outings to various museums and theatres in Moscow.

Each year the Crosscultural Club is dedicated to the one specific country. In the 2007 - 2008 academic year we got acquainted with the culture of France, in the 2008 - 2009 year we learned about the culture of England. The Crosscultural Club in the 2009 - 2010 school year is devoted to Italy.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the Club's meetings. If you are interested, feel free to join us on Saturday afternoons at the EC!

Globus International: English Lessons

Last year Globus International (UK) in Moscow offered to conduct English lessons at ROOF's Education Center. We were glad to accept their offer. This school year three teachers from Globus International teach our students. Elena Ivanova is teaching students from two groups: Group 5 and Group 8, Svetlana Skapenker and Tatyana Korableva have English lessons with the students from Group 12 (University preparation, assistance with University studies). Last year Lyubov Kamynina and Veronika Hurumova also taught ROOF's EC students. All teachers are highly qualified professionals. Their lessons are always interesting and enriching. Our students enjoy studying English with the teachers from Globus International.



Account from Gleb Korneev, Manager from PricewaterhouseCoopers, ROOF Volunteer.



I have worked at Moscow Orphanage № 4 since April 2009. I teach English in the 7th form (ROOF's EC Group 6).

I like teaching there. All the students are great. Each of them is a character. They all are interesting and unique. I'm very glad that most of the students want to study English and understand why they need it.

Sure, they are kids and that's why sometimes they make noise, start hitting each other. To prevent such situations we made an agreement: they behave themselves, and I come to them and teach interesting lessons.

I try to include a game, which will attract the kids, into each lesson. E.g., we learn the alphabet through a game. My students name letters one by one. There is no strict order who and when will call letters, so, if several students call the letter all together, we start the game from the very beginning. The kids enjoy this game so much, that they are playing it independently at their free time. We learn numerals just in the same way.

In the near future I am planning to attract my colleagues to teaching at the Orphanage. I hope that meeting new people will help my students to broaden their minds and will strengthen their interest in studying English.

Clifford Chance: IT Lessons, Job Interview Trainings

This year, the company Clifford Chance started giving weekly Information Technology lessons to the students from ROOF's Education Center. The first lesson was on November, 9th at the office of Clifford Chance. Our students enjoyed this new initiative of our old friends. The atmosphere of the lessons and the opportunity to work in an office instead of in a classroom helps the children better realize the importance of computer literacy for their future lives and employment.



Clifford Chance also gives our students job interview training sessions. During these trainings ROOF's EC students learn to write good CVs, be successful at job interviews, and answer the most frequent job interview questions.

We thank Clifford Chance for these invaluable lessons.

Deloitte: Renewal of the Classrooms

From October 15th to 17th people from Deloitte and ROOF Education Center students came together to renovate two classrooms and the hall at the Education Center.

Thanks to the well organized and coordinated work of our friends from Deloitte, and ROOF Education Center students and teachers, the classrooms and the hall look like new!

We are grateful to all Deloitte employees who took part in the renovation: Basistova Anna, Kilimnik Viktoriya, Kim Ekaterina, Kopysova Yulia, Krylova Yulia, Kucherenko Olga, Markotenko Galina, Naskidaev Aslan, Semerikova Ekaterina, Farafonov Vitalij, Hunt Elizabeth.



Mercers: Orphanage № 26

ROOF programmes at the Moscow Orphanage № 26 started thanks to Mercers' Company. All these years, Mercers' generous support lets our teachers teach children Mathematics, Russian and English. Classes with ROOF teachers help the kids be successful at school and pass entrance exams to colleges and Universities. The results of our teachers' work inspired the orphanage administration to expand educational programmes to invite volunteers. In the 2009 — 2010 school year two volunteers teach English to the former preparatory group and to a group of younger children.

Hot News

Howard Amos, Oxford University graduate, one of the regular volunteers of Belskoye Ustye Summer Camp came back to Russia. He is leading developing classes and sporting events at Belskoye Ustye Children's Home and Internat.

Howard invites volunteers to Belskoye Ustye.

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