

WFP Russia's Masterclass On Moral Education For Teachers, Students And Schoolchildren

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On October 12, 2023, WFP Russia held a masterclass on moral education at one of the new schools in the Republic of Kalmykia. More than 50 schoolchildren aged 15 to 18 and 10 teachers and psychologists attended the lectures on "The consequences of using obscene words" and "Love and sexuality." In addition, a number of student volunteers from the city of Volgograd also attended the lectures.

The young people were listening very attentively and actively answered questions of the lecturer. Many of them wrote in their reflections that their opinion had changed because of the lectures and they wanted to become more serious about their life and future family. Several young people wrote that they also would like to give such lectures to other children.



The teachers and psychologists expressed their gratitude for the lectures and said that they would like to use WFP's lectures in their work.

Here are some reflections:

"I was moved by the fact that even if we look beautiful externally we may not look beautiful internally. And if we use bad words we deprive ourselves of the respect from other people. I want to explain that to people and I want to stop using such words myself."

"This lecture made many of us think deeply. I realized that our behavior can hurt other people. I

want to show a good example with my behavior. I want to become a writer and to show people how beautiful our language is without bad words."

"I think this lecture was very interesting and useful for me and for all pupils of our school. I also want to give such a lecture to [other] pupils."



"I thought that it is OK to have relationships before marriage but better not. This lecture will surely stay in my memory. It made us think deeply and change our opinion on many things."

"Before the lecture I thought that it was not good to have sexual relationships before marriage. But after the lecture I became 100% sure about it. I will remember the life lessons given in the lecture and that there is a way out even in a very difficult situation. Thanks to the lecturer and the example of her wonderful family I became confident that true pure love really exists."

"I have understood that free irresponsible relationships are very bad and dangerous. This lecture really helps schoolchildren especially those children whose parents are not able to tell them such things. This topic raises very important issues."

"I was especially moved by the information that true love really exists and that suicide is not a way out of problems."

"I really liked the story about true love. I was moved by the fact that it really exists."

"I agree that sexual relationships before marriage are not acceptable. It is much better to wait for your true second half. I was most moved by the fact that you have proven with your own example that true love in marriage really exists."

"I was moved by the fact that you and your husband were really waiting for true love for a long time."

"Thank you very much for talking to us like this. Before this lecture I didn't hear such information. I want to wait for such [a] special person in my life."

"I think if a person really loves someone he will be ready to wait as long as it is needed. And such [an] attitude shows that he really cares for his partner. And in the future they can create a truly happy family. I will remember your lecture."

The administration of that region and of that school were also quite affected by the response to the lectures. One representative of the regional administration wrote, "I have read all the children's reflections and once again I have come to the conclusion that you are conveying valuable important information and through this you are preventing many many problems that our precious children might face in the future. Thank you very much!"

The administration looks forward to continuing to cooperate with WFP Russia in holding more such programs on moral education moving forward.