

## YSP Yekaterinburg, Russia's first volunteer forum of the Oktyabrsky district held

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On 22nd May the first volunteer forum of the Oktyabrsky district was held in Yekaterinburg: "Volunteering is the key to success!". Those present included the principal of the local school, representatives of public organizations, teachers, students and parents.

The event was moderated by Olga Solovyeva, a YSP Russia representative. The general point of discussion was the development of volunteerism as an effective tool of civic-patriotic education, creating systems that make volunteerism mainstream in society.

Our first speaker was Evgeny Skvortsov, psychologist, life coach and volunteer since 1999. He pioneered the concept of "Values-based Volunteering" and coordinated the Baikal Volunteer Project and "Keepers of the Urals" initiative. He spoke on the theme of: "Volunteering as the basis of human development".

Also speaking was Andrey Burashnov, member of the Chapaevsky Council and co-chair of the "International Union of Diasporas", Ekaterina Burashnova, also a member of the council and Natalya Lomaeva, representing the parents committee.

Also present were public figures Vyacheslav Baltsevich and Natalya Zaichenko.

Olga Solovyova shared YSP's successes conducting the Peace Designer workshops in different schools, we look forward to collaborating with these schools again next year!

