

Creation of a model Theatrical Centre to support the development of independent cultural activities for people with special development needs in Moscow and Pskov regions

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People with special development needs (people with various disabilities) can and should play an active part in the socio-cultural life of the society. With this aim a model of a "special" Theatrical Centre will be created within the framework of a project to be launched in Moscow and Pskov - later on this model may be transmitted to other regions of Russia.



Two Russian entities are taking part in the project – regional public organisation "KRUG" (Moscow) that has more than 20 years of practical experience of supporting the creativity of people with special development needs and dealing with their social and cultural rehabilitation, and rather young Association of autistic children "Me and You" (Pskov). The EU side is

Do flies have individuality" performed by young actors from "Krug I" Integrated Studio

represented by «Das Blaumeier-Atelier» (Bremen) – one of the first organisations in Germany that provided people with special development needs an opportunity to get engaged into creative and artistic activities.

Within the framework of the project specialists from Russian organisations will visit Germany (Bremen) to gain experience in organising and encouraging creativity among people with special development needs. Also, specialists and actors with disabilities from an organization based in Pskov will take part in a summer camp in Moscow; regional round-table conferences will be organized to discuss the legal and economic aspects of the launch of the Theatrical Centers in Moscow and Pskov; an international seminar dedicated to the theatrical technologies of the "special theatre" (the theatre involving people with disabilities) and various seminars for young specialists, students and professors of cultural educational institutions of Moscow and Pskov will take place. The project also foresees a conference which will outline the importance of a creativity of people with special development needs for the modern society. The outcomes of the project will include the development of local normative acts, regulations for theatrical centers for people with disabilities, a special retraining course with the specialization "socio-cultural rehabilitation specialist, special theatre director". Project participants will

attend rehearsals and studies in creative workshops and organize theatrical shows. An international creative festival in Pskov in 2010 will draw a creative conclusion to the project.

Thanks to the project people with special development needs will be able to take part in theatrical and other forms of creative activity in theatrical centers in Moscow and Pskov, while specially trained experts will provide them with help and support. The Russian society will be able to share the unique culture of various groups of people with special development needs.

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