



**19-20 June 2013, Ulyanovsk, Russia**

**Second International Forum of social workers  
" Social Cohesion. Open Society. Equal opportunities "**

**Invitation**

Dear Colleagues,

The Union of Social Workers and Social Pedagogues of Russia and the Government of the Ulyanovsk region with great satisfaction inform social workers about the fact that the 19-20 June 2013 in Ulyanovsk will be held the Second international forum of social workers "Social Cohesion. Open Society. Equal opportunities".

The initiative of holding the Forums of Social Workers in Ulyanovsk every year belongs to the Governor - Chairman of the Government of the Ulyanovsk Region- Sergey Morozov.

The main objective of the Forum is to improve social services and the quality of life for people in the vulnerable positions/

For social workers of Russia it is an opportunity to meet colleagues, to share experiences, to learn about new forms of work with disabled people and other vulnerable groups, technologies and best practices working with these groups of people and the laws that protect their rights. It will also focus on social workers who work in rehabilitation facilities, complex centers and residential - homes, directly with families, and the role of NGO organizations in this process.

Much attention will be given to social workers working with people with disabilities - issues of training and skills development, prevention of symptoms of professional burnout.

We expect leading experts in the field of social policy of Russia, Australia, UK, Spain, France, China, Singapore, South Korea, Vietnam and other countries, representatives of the Ministry of Labour and Social Development of the Russian Federation, State Duma and Public Chamber, the Council of Europe, the Russian European Trust for Welfare reforms.

Forum of Social Workers of Siberia and the Far East has become a tradition. Republic of Tyva, Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug - Ugra, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk Regions, Republic of Altai, Khabarovsk have already hosted their colleagues in their regions.

In the Volga region such forum will take place for the second time and it will host social workers from different countries.

Those who are invited to participate:

- Heads of government agencies and NGOs working with persons with disabilities from Russia and abroad;
- Regional Branches of the Union of Social Workers and Social Pedagogues;
- Managers and employees of social institutions;
- University lecturers of social work from Russia and abroad.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

18 June - Arrival of participants of the Forum

19 June - plenary session, symposium " Social cohesion – global, regional, local aspects"

20 June - symposium «Implementation and dissemination of best practices of social services – from the West to the East and vice versa», « Social innovations of Russia and Asia – Pacific regions» , cultural programme

21 June – visits to social institutions of Ulyanovsk region ( according to your wishes you can visit social services for elderly, disabled or children and families )

21-22 June - departure of participants

#### REGISTRATION

The participation fee of €200. This will include:

- All lunches and a reception dinner
- Cultural Programme
- Interpreting
- Costs of providing services assisting with obtaining visa invitations and the purchase of air/rail tickets to Ulyanovsk (but not the cost of these), booking hotels.

To participate in the forum, you must complete a registration form and send it by e-mail address of the Union of social pedagogues and social workers of Russia at:

**rusunisw@mail.ru**

Once your application is processed, we will send you a draft programme and all necessary instructions.

Registration will be open from 15 February to 1 June , 2013.  
Please note that after 1<sup>st</sup> June , 2013 receipt of applications is terminated.

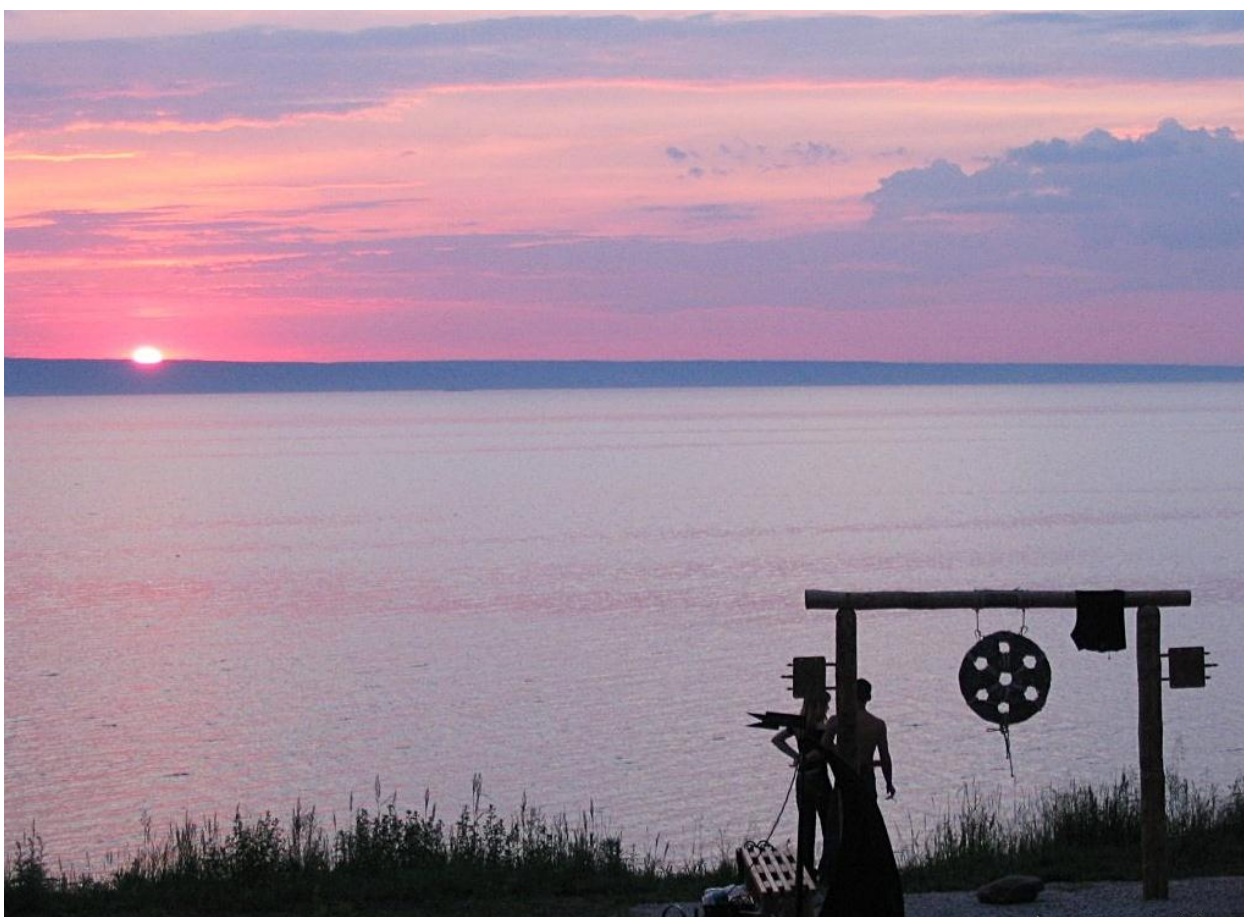
Abstracts of the participants of the Forum will be printed and offered to all participants as a handout.

Requirements for abstracts - no more than 5 pages of text, 12 pt, normal style, photos of the author (not less than 800 KB, jpeg format, or a card), name, title and full name of institution, region. Send by e-mail [rusunisw@mail.ru](mailto:rusunisw@mail.ru) - Union of social pedagogues and social workers of Russia with a note "Abstracts forum in Ulyanovsk."

Abstracts are accepted until June 15, 2012.

#### VENUE OF THE FORUM

Forum will be held in the historical city of Ulyanovsk. Ulyanovsk is famous as the birthplace of Lenin and for the Volga River which is some 5 kilometers wide at the city.



In addition to working part of the participants the organisers have prepared a fascinating



excursion, a boat trip.

#### HOW TO GET TO THE VENUE OF THE FORUM:

Ulyanovsk is using Moscow time.

For foreign guests

There are 4 flights from Moscow to Ulyanovsk – from Vnukovo and Domodedovo airports. The flights are morning and evening ones. The latest plane is at 20.40 from Vnukovo airport which is 55 km from Domodedovo and from Sheremetevo 65 km. The prices of the return tickets Moscow-Ulyanovsk – Moscow are between 160 – 200 Euros. The flight time is 1.30 – 1.50 minutes.

Many overnight trains go from Moscow Kazansky railway station to Ulyanovsk. It will take you 16 -18 hours to get to Ulyanovsk. The price of the tickets are 100 – 120 Euros return in kupe compartment ( 4 people in it ) or deluxe compartment for 300 Euros return ( 2 people in the compartment) There are morning and evening trains from Kazan railway station. It is a very interesting and comfortable train journey

On arrival in Ulyanovsk guests will be met and taken to the hotel by bus. Further information will be given following registration.

Accommodation in Ulyanovsk

After registration you will be sent detailed information about hotels in the city of Ulyanovsk

Contact the Forum organizing committee:

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