

Summary

No position — have nothing.

A lot of essential questions were raised in the interview with Svetlana Koroljova, the Chairman of Presidium of Belarusian Union of Youth and Children's Public Associations "RADA". What are the differences of RADA in 1997 when it was created and RADA nowadays, in 2005? How does RADA interact with state institutions, authorities and cooperate with international structures in the sphere of youth work? What are the mission and priorities? What are the differences in formal and non-formal education for youth, what are the most demanded topics nowadays?

Yanina Zinchenko. Council of Europe and Youth work

There are a lot of different structures that work with young people in the European level. Belarus does not have definite status in Council of Europe but it is one of 48 countries that signed European Cultural Convention. It means that Belarusian young people also can participate in programs and events of Council of Europe. The author describes the structure, main principles and approaches in youth work in Europe, special programs for post-soviet and east European countries and also gives her personal opinion on youth work made by Council of Europe.

Alena Lugovtsova, Marina Baranovskaya.

Youth center as a form of work: domestic and foreign experience

Though young people have a wide range of media tools to satisfy their needs in communication nowadays it is a problem — to organize their free time. Youth center is the form of youth work which helps to solve this problem. Youth center gives young people great opportunity to communicate with their mates spending some time together, helps develop their interests and faculties. Article gives a comparative analysis of domestic and foreign approaches to the work of youth centers. Structures, forms and content of work are illustrated on examples of Belarusian, German and Swedish centers. Authors introduce a model of youth center which integrates the best parts of foreign and domestic experience.

Sergey Laboda. Open Space Technology or Miracles of coffee break in open space

Those who participated in trainings or seminars know that very often the most important and significant results and effects of the whole training take place during coffee breaks — appearing of the most lively and substantial discussions, new ideas, possible projects, contacts exchange, etc. This phenomenon is represented in the base of Open Space Technology. Open Space Technology is a good mean to organize conferences, symposiums, seminars and other educational events. The author gives answers to the following questions: How does this technology work with big groups? What are the main principles, rules and "laws" of Open Space? What are the main advantages of Open Space? How is it possible to organize events using this technology?

Irina Khekhuh. Education through real life

In this article the author summarizes results of theoretical research which she carried out during four-month study in USA in the frame of the "Modern researches" program. This study aimed to investigate the main principles, methods and ways of involving young people into solving problems of local community through developing volunteer initiatives. In the article the author describes theoretical base and practical work experience in realization "education through service" approach with students from Gomel State Medical College. She offers several programs as an example and gives some tips how to start volunteer work in educational institution.

Ruslan Djamalov. Summer is a small life

However long you work in a summer camp it seems like everything you do is not enough and it is by different reasons. The author shares his wide experience in summer camps as youth worker introducing variety of exercises, games and songs. Article will help youth leaders to fill the gaps in schedule and diversify free time.

Irina Zvereva. Elaboration and introduction of life skills educational programs: international and domestic approaches

Global changes in economy, politics and social life which took place in 90s around the world provoked lots of different problems in teenagers and youth surroundings — difficulties in proper adaptation to social changes and lack of fit, independent decision making. This situation evoked wide international interest in elaboration and introduction educational programs on developing life skills of youth in schools and other educational institutions. The author analyses different programs that were worked out in the United States, Europe and the Ukraine and describes in details the last integrative course "The culture of life self-determination" that was created by "Christian Children Foundation" and supported by UNICEF in the Ukraine.

Uladzimir Rouda. Study circles as new approach to civic education in Belarus

In this article the author raises the question about the role of civic education in democratization of the society and also analyses the peculiarities of civic education in Belarus. In his opinion one of the most suitable form of civic education for developing democracy is study circle. He describes the experience of pilot study circles holding by organizations of civic education in Belarus and tells about the creation of Study Circles Resource program aimed at support of existing study circles and spreading ideas of study circles in NGO sphere and among not-engaged population in Belarus.