

# Summary

## Study circles

### **Alena Lugovtsova.** Invitation to the circle. Sketch of the Festival of study circles

The author is hot on the trail to give a reflection of the Festival of study circles, including not only opinion of organizers and participants, but also her own estimation, founded on experience of preparation and undertaking the event, as well as on the experience of the direct application of the given method to her educational practice.

### **Lennart Falegerd.** Study circle: the importance of the partnership

The material presents the report of the author on the Festival of study circles. The author briefly presents the history and essence of Swedish study circles, fixes importance of the partnership for the further development and advancement of this method both for Byelorussians, and for Swede.

### **Staffan Larsson.** Seven components of democracy in context of a study circle

The author submits to the reader seven qualitative different components of democracy: equal participation, horizontal relations, discussion, standpoint forming knowledge, acknowledge of the difference in self-identification, democratic process of decision making, actions on society formation. He confirms that specified components can be considered as a chain, since all of them to a certain extent reflect the different phases of the democratic process.

### **Alena Velichko, Inna Gubarevich.** One circle, two circles... 300 circles — is it many or a few?

In the article authors try to answer the question: what promoted and prevented the dynamics of study circles development in Belarus since 2001 till 2006, which could be possibly called the period of the formation or development of study circles in Belarus? Authors also formulate problems, which will need solutions in a short future.

### **Nataliya Ryabova.** The research of study circles consumers' attitude: focus groups' results

The material presents results of the qualitative investigation, made by method of focus-groups, directed to study of attitude of the youth and working people of the middle age to such form of education as study circles.

### **Nina Kekuh.** About experience and peculiarities of study circles in Gomel region

The author tells about peculiarities which possibly distinguish activity of the Public association "Social projects" from the work of other organizations — providers of the method of study circles in Belarus.

### **Olga Sviderskaya.** The circle in a triangular frame: stages of formation

The article presents experience of application of the method of study circles in practice of the activity of public organization "Christian commonwealth of adult and young" and its results.

### **Svetlana Sharkevich.** The school of the careful parents

The author acquaints the readers with the activity of the information-educational Centre "Nastaunik" by Minsk State Institute for Raising the Level of one's Skill and Retraining of Educational Personnel, where multi-sided education of children of early age, preschoolers, and schoolchildren is organized, lots of courses for adults works. The main directions of the activity of the Centre are presented.

### **Galina Veremeychik, Marina Malinina.**

#### The public high schools in Sweden: yesterday, today, and tomorrow

Presentation of basic pedagogical ideas of adult education, the excursus in history of the motion and thumbnail sketch of modern practice of public high schools will allow the reader to get more holistic notion of particularities of the given direction. In combination with other materials devoted to study circles, the article will promote shaping the holistic notion of the system of adult education in Sweden.