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BELARUSIAN ASSOCIATION OF UNESCO CLUBS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL!

*«The world that we leave for our children
notably depends on children that we leave for our world».*

Federico Mayor, VIII Secretary General of UNESCO

FROM THE HISTORY

UNESCO

November 16th, 1945 ... "Believing in need of giving absolute and equal opportunities for all people to have education, free search of impersonal truth, and free thoughts and knowledge exchange" - by signing the Charter of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) the States expressed strong determination to develop and expand communication between their people in order to reach mutual understanding and acquire more exact and true idea of each other's life.

First UNESCO clubs

After UNESCO foundation first clubs appeared. They supported UNESCO ideas using experience, skills and ideology of the society in order to provide peace and encourage progress.

In 1947 in Sendai, Japan the first UNESCO club was founded. A few years after UNESCO foundation, the UNESCO clubs movement picked up steam, and by 1949 there were more than 100 UNESCO clubs. Nowadays, there are more than 3.5 thousand UNESCO clubs in more than 100 countries all over the world.

Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs

Belarusian UNESCO clubs appeared in 1989. The significant distinction was that they didn't appear spontaneously unlike first UNESCO clubs as part of worldwide movement. International friendship clubs were their basis and remained in force for a long time in our country.

The idea of the Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs foundation belonged to Marat Fedorovich Egorov, the President of the Belarusian Peace Fund, the Ambassador of Peace. His initiative was heard and supported by the Ministries of Education and Culture of BSSR, the Friendship Society and other organizations.

The decision of the Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs foundation was made on the 17th of December, 1989 during the Organization Foundation Conference. Igor Leonidovich Velichansky was the first President of the organization. The main basis of the organization were UNESCO clubs "Ditya Mira" (Brest), "Planeta" (Molodechno), "Gagarintsy" (Malorita) and other which were popular at that time.

On the 25th of January, 1991 the Republican Public Organization "Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs" was registered by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus.

In 1997, the members of the Association created the anthem of UNESCO clubs meetings, and the official Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs emblem was registered.

The organization has developed and implemented many unique and interesting projects throughout 25 years of its existence.

Since 1994, volunteer camps on historical, cultural and natural heritage places, Winter and Summer UNESCO clubs universities, language camps for children, UNESCO clubs Academies for young leaders and curators, art plein-airs, projects on psychology and conflict resolution, children's rights, leadership, healthy lifestyle, HIV/AIDS prevention and journalism are conducted every year.

The Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs has gone through a long and unique way for 25 years. Thanks to its activity, RPO "BelAU" became well-known and popular organization. The organization has close and friendly relations with many organizations both in Belarus and abroad.

The important fact is that the organization has its own unique reputation. Following common traditions and ambitions of the global movement, the Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs put an emphasis on young people, on creation of special atmosphere where everybody who took part in the Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs activities got maximum use and found new opportunities. Also the aim is to be active, brave and responsible, to learn about human rights and not to violate rights of others, to acknowledge peace and health as topmost values.

One of the main tasks of the organization is to create conditions for young people potential realization!

Developing every year and improving every day, the steady mission of the Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs is promotion of humanistic principles and ideas of UNESCO in the sphere of education, science, culture and communication through creation of UNESCO clubs on the territory of Belarus.

Together we can change the world for the better!



PRESENT TIME

Aims of the organization:

1. Informing the society about UNESCO activity;
2. Involving children, youth and adults into promotion of UNESCO ideals and principles;
3. Bringing up children and youth to be true citizens of their country with active life position.

The structure of the organization:

1. The supreme body is **the Conference** (held once in 3 years).
2. The executive body is **the Executive Board** headed by the President (it is gathered as needed, not less than twice a year).
3. The working body is **the Secretariat** that consists of project managers, young leaders and volunteers (works constantly).
4. **UNESCO clubs** are structural units of the RPO "BeIAU".
5. **Members of the RPO "BeIAU"** are united into UNESCO clubs. There are also individual members.

The organization authority:

Dzmitry Subtselny – *the President*

Nikolay Korolev – *the Vice-president*

Vitaly Nikonovich – *the Vice-president*

There are more than 50 UNESCO clubs in all the regions of the Republic of Belarus and Minsk.

Partners in Belarus:

- The National Commission for UNESCO in the Republic of Belarus;
- The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus;
- Educational Institution "National Center of Art Creativity of Children and Youth";
- RUPO "BKMO", Association of non-profit organizations on counteraction of HIV/AIDS epidemic "Belarusian AIDS Network", other public associations;
- The UN Development Programme;
- The UN Children Fund UNICEF in the Republic of Belarus;
- The UNFPA Office in the Republic of Belarus.

Activity of the organization:

1. **Centralized programs** are programs initiated and realized by the Central Office of the RPO "BeIAU" – the Secretariat. These programs are aimed both at UNESCO clubs representatives and general public.

2. **Programs and current activity of UNESCO clubs:**

Belarusian UNESCO clubs are independent while choosing the ways of work, creation and realization of projects and programs.

Only one line of activity is obligatory. It is information provision about the UN and the UNESCO activity, their ideals and principles; peace ideas spreading.

The central point of organization activity is programs based on non-formal education principles.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP

Long-term activity of the Belarusian Association of UNESCO clubs is notable for the implementation of many projects and initiatives, fruitful cooperation and partnership on the national and international level.

During the 3rd World Congress (July, 1991, Dakar, Senegal), the Belarusian Association of UNESCO clubs was admitted to **the World Federation of UNESCO Associations, Centers and Clubs** with the full voting status.

The Belarusian Association of UNESCO clubs representatives repeatedly took part in the Congresses of the World Federation, presenting its unique and interesting work experience with young people.

In 2011 in Hanoi, Vietnam the RPO “BelAU” representative was elected into the Financial Committee of the World Federation of UNESCO Associations, Centers and Clubs.

In 2001 RPO “BelAU” together with other national federations of UNESCO clubs and centers acted as **the Founder of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations**. Since 2001 till today representatives of RPO “BelAU” are members of the Executive Board of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations.

From 3rd to 5th of April, 2012 the meeting of the Executive Board of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations took place for in Minsk the first time.

The General Assembly of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations which took place in December, 2012 in Bucharest (Romania) became an important event of membership in the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations. One of the results of this forum was election of new leaders of the organization. Dmitry Subtselny, the President of the RPO “BelAU” was elected as the Vice-president of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations.

In December 2010, the organization joined the UN initiative “**The Global Agreement**”. And in 2011, the Association was accredited by **the European Volunteer Service (EVS)**.

Many times representatives of the RPO “BelAU” took part in the UNESCO Youth Forums work in Paris.

In February, 2013 in the delegation of the Republic of Belarus Dmitry Subtselny, the President of the RPO “BelAU” took part in the **51st Session of the UN Commission on Social Development**.

Every year young leaders, representatives of RPO “BelAU” take part in international seminars and trainings, conferences and forums all over the world.

Partnership relations connect our organization with more than 40 organizations in Europe, Asia and North America.



MAIN PROGRAMS

Program “Culture of Peace”.

The aim of the program is creating opportunities for young people to get acquainted with the national culture and cultures of other countries, and obtain such values as tolerance to cultural diversity, peaceful conflict resolution using dialogue and cooperation, careful attitude to historical, cultural and natural heritage.

Popular projects are language and volunteer camps, UN Modelling conferences, conflictology trainings, international exchanges and others.

Program “Non-formal Education”.

The aim of the program is providing opportunities for youth, adults and elderly people to gain personal and professional competences which help them to improve life quality in the modern world. The RPO “BeIAU” program relies on the UNESCO program concept “Education for Everyone” where non-formal education is very important.

Popular projects are UNESCO Clubs Academies and Universities, study groups and different trainings.



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Program “Healthy Lifestyle”.

The aim of the program is promoting safety and responsible behavior among young people towards their health and motivating them to lead a healthy lifestyle. The peculiarity of the program is creating life experience among young people which helps to form conscious life position, take responsibility for their lives and health and for participation of young people in planning, realization and estimation of social activity in the public health area.

Popular projects are «The Healing Magic», primary prevention of PAS consumption, HIV-infection among young people and vulnerable groups of population.

Program “Information and Communication”.

The main tasks of this program are to teach UNESCO clubs infomanagers the basic principles of informational recourses management, perfection of the RPO “BeIAU” activity documentation, informing wide public about UNESCO clubs activity and also developing electronic distance-learning.

Popular projects are “Young People in Journalism”, distance-learning and others.



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