

# THE INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY-2013

## The final Event of the Youth Forum: Moscow – the City of Many Faces and Diverse Languages

### “Mother Tongue – Spiritual Value of the People”

**The event is carried out in accordance with** the decision of the UN General Assembly (Resolution A/RES/56/262) to declare February 21 the International Mother Language Day, as proposed by UNESCO.

**Organizers:** the Moscow Institute of Open Education presented by the UNESCO Chair, in partnership with the Center for Cross-cultural Education “Etnosfera” and under the aegis of the Moscow-city Department of Education and the UNESCO Moscow Office.

**Participants:** teachers and senior students (7-11 forms) from Moscow and Moscow region schools as well as, Schools – participants of UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet), Ethno-Cultural Schools, and schools participating in the work of Etnosfera International Youth Club (15-20 schools, 100 people); as well as representatives of the educational authorities and methodological supporters of the educational system in Moscow. The media and representatives of the local national and cultural associations will be also present.

**Date: February 21, 2013. The participants shall meet at 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

**Duration: 1 hour and 45 minutes**

**Venue: School #107** – participant of UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network

**Address:** build.2, 28, Goloubinskaya Str., Moscow (The school is located in the Yasenevo district of Moscow).

**How to find us:** Yasenevo, or Tepliy Stan metro stations.

### PROGRAM

**14:00-14:30 Registration of the participants.**

**Meeting of the honored guests.** Presentation of the school.

**14:30-14:45 Opening ceremony.**

Prologue.

Welcome speech

**14:45-15:45 Presentations by the Moscow students-finalists of the Youth Forum:  
Moscow – the City of Many Faces and Diverse Languages**

Staging of the event is designed with the use of some fragments of the scenarios of the schools – winners of the Contest for the best scenario of the Mother Language Day carried out in 2012.

**Main issues to discuss:**

- international approaches and the UNESCO position on the issue of languages variety and intercultural dialog;
- language policy of the European Council: linguistic and cultural pluralism;
- education in mother tongue as a priority of national educational policy of the Russian Federation;
- support of the state language as a way to consolidate multicultural people of Russia;
- the Russian language – world, state and international communicational tool;
- the Russian language in the surroundings of other languages and cultures: mutual enrichment and development;
- the Russian language inside and outside the country: what does “The Russian World” mean;
- to saving historical and spiritual community of the Russian peoples through support of mother tongue;
- learning mother language and culture in multinational school: how to preserve and to promote ethno-cultural identity;
- how can language skills break stereotypes and help respect other people’s culture;
- education in mother tongue as a pass to humanitarian, information and cultural world;
- support and protection of a mother tongue – both a state and a citizen concern.

**15:45-16:00 Presentation of the Network Consulting Center of the International Education Faculty of the Moscow Institute of Open Education on informational supporting of the educational Institutions on linguistic, cultural and social adaptation of migrants.**

**16:00-16:15 Sizing up. Awarding ceremony. Presenting certificates.**

During the event the participants are welcomed to **the exhibition of the manuals and methodological materials** on the issues of intercultural relations which are worked out and published by the UNESCO Chair of the Moscow Institute of Open Education. The exhibition will give teachers and representatives of the educational system an opportunity to share their experience and get to know new pedagogical methods and techniques applying to multinational groups, and focusing on preventing cross-national conflicts and xenophobia in society and in school.

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