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"Two decades in the protection of human rights"

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URALS HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOL: Strengthening the capacity of NGOs and lawyers working in the field of human rights protection

The URALS HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOL is an international event that takes place twice a year. It consists of a conference, a round table and a 3-5 days training session for human rights professionals. As of today, there have been seven URALS HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOLS, which took place in Yekaterinburg, Russia. The schools were devoted to prisoners right, strategic litigation, application to the European Human Rights Court, domestication of international human rights law, as well as, separate other human rights guarantees. There are approximately 120 participants that attend every School. The speakers and trainers at the School are from all over the world, and include judges and vice-presidents of the European Court of Human Rights to distinguished national human rights activists and legal professionals. Since 2013 the School is regularly supported by the Dutch Embassy and by the Council of Europe as well as by other embassies based in Russia and other donors and organizations. One of the participants of the SCHOOL produced a documentary about her experience at the SCHOOL https://youtu.be/AOzT_moGKoU. This documentary was broadcasted on the regional state run TV channel "Dagestan." Sessions are broadcasted online live and on demand. We use quality simultaneous interpretation for our guests speakers.

FORTHCOMING SCHOOL (22-25 September 2016) - VIII URALS HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOL "PRIVATE LIFE: INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEGAL STANDARDS" will be organized in the following order:



1. One or two-day conference.
2. Four-hour round table (Q&A discussion).
3. Intensive training for selected participants for 3-4 days (2-4 trainers are involved).
4. We ask our guest speakers to contribute their talks in writing for publication in Russian in a law journal

"Constitutionalism and Human Rights" (it is published by European Humanitarian University with the Council of Europe support).

The VIII URALS HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOL will be on the following sub-topics:

1. privacy and private life in prisons - balance of State interest and private interests (right to conjugal meetings, rights to artificial insemination, HIV issues, etc).
2. privacy and private and family life in transplantology - the issue of presumed consent to donation of organs.
3. Business and human rights: privacy of correspondence and IT progress, balance of privacy and IT progress.
4. privacy of correspondence and state security (Roman Zakharov v. Russia on mobile phone interception by FSB).
5. private life of homosexual couples.
6. a tax privacy (bank secrecy).

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Sutyajnik was registered in Yekaterinburg as a regional non-governmental organization in 1994, and since that time has provided legal defense to Russian citizens who have been denied rights guaranteed to them under the Russian Constitution and the European Convention on Human Rights. The organization has represented prominent victims of human rights violations including the soldier Andrei Sychyov. Its Board of Supervisors includes the former director of the Solidarity Center's Moscow office Irene Stevenson and the chairwoman of the Moscow Helsinki Group Lyudmila Alekseyeva. It has received support from donors including the Solidarity Center, USAID, the Eurasia Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Open Society Institute, the MacArthur Foundation, Embassies of the Netherlands, France, Germany, the US, the UK, Switzerland as well as international non-governmental (i.e. Equal Rights Trust) and inter-governmental organizations (i.e. Council of Europe). The project manager is Dr. Anton Burkov, a recipient of Chevening and TNK-BP-Kapitza scholarships, a lawyer by training in Russian law school as well as of Essex University (LLM) and Cambridge University (PhD). Dr. Burkov also teach at the University of Humanities where he chairs the European and Comparative Law Department.

SCHOOL'S HISTORY:

VII URALS (winter) SCHOOL 2016 <http://goo.gl/AvAK3u>

VI URALS (summer) SCHOOL 2015 <http://goo.gl/mGBeb4>

V URALS (winter) SCHOOL 2015 <http://goo.gl/jmjvK0>

IV URALS (summer) SCHOOL 2014 <http://goo.gl/Cnioie>

III URALS (winter) SCHOOL 2014 <http://goo.gl/40RzV3>

International Conference on Human Rights Education in Russia and Europe 2013 <http://goo.gl/bOzf82>

II URALS SCHOOL 2012 <http://goo.gl/fsDQIL>

I URALS SCHOOL 2011 <http://goo.gl/odtGcF>