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Big Change Foundation

Foundation History	<p>Big Change, a non-profit educational establishment, that was set up by Irina Ryazanova in 2002 in Moscow, and got its license in 2012. It provides a platform for sharing knowledge and best practices, facilitating the development and practical use of methods for social rehabilitation and social integration of orphans.</p> <p>Big Change methods and approaches are widely recognized by the professional community and by the relevant regulatory agency as effective tools for organizing inclusive educational programs.</p> <p>The Big Change team works hard to bring together people with shared values and goals committed to improving lives of Russian orphans. 30 devoted teachers, working annually with more than 70 students, rendered their counselling and assistance to 701 students. 146 students have already entered colleges and universities. More than 1200 teachers and parents received their invaluable support.</p> <p>Big Change has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Educational Centre, focusing on social rehabilitation and integration of orphans. 2) Resource Centre, sharing knowledge and expertise within the foundation's professional community, supporting dissemination and broader use of the programmes, methods, and guidelines developed by the organisation. 	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to assist orphans in acquiring learning and social skills, • to encourage personal development of orphans, • to teach students how to take responsibility for their own decisions and actions, • to focus on social rehabilitation and social integration of Russian orphans, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to help adjust to life in the outside world, • to integrate children from orphanages successfully into society, • to teach the skills of setting and achieving personal goals, • to develop individual education plans for each student depending on their personal goals, skills, circumstances.
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workshops; • excursions to plants, enterprises, colleges, universities; • concerts; • exhibitions; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sports events (matches, marathons, tournaments); • cooking competitions; • parties with music, songs, dances; • conferences.
Reasons to Join	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to change social and educational opportunities for orphans in Russia; • to donate consumer goods for Educational Centre; • to organize exciting activities that motivate interest; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to stimulate desire to organize and participate in events; • to develop a sense of responsibility for others; • to develop a sense of empathy and support in society.