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### BEARR News

BEARR Small Grants Scheme 2016: call for bids. Deadline: 1 March 2016  
<http://www.bearr.org/the-bearr-trust-small-grants-scheme-2016/>

BEARR Trust Annual Conference: 'Support for vulnerable groups: institutions and alternatives' Report at <http://www.bearr.org/the-bearr-trust-2015-annual-conference-20-november-2015>

BEARR Newsletter No 66 out now <http://www.bearr.org/what-we-do/newsletter>

BEARR Trust Annual Lecture: "The Russian economy: hopeless but not politically serious?" Report at <http://www.bearr.org/the-bearr-trust-annual-lecture-2015>

### News from the Region

Intellectuals claim 'foreign agents' law damaging public activity  
<http://www.bearr.org/foreign-agents-law-damaging-public-life/>

Tender for programme to improve life skills of institutionalised children  
<http://www.bearr.org/life-skills-needed-by-children-leaving-institutions/>

New 2016 legislation should improve the situation of disabled people  
<http://www.bearr.org/laws-to-improve-situation-for-disabled/>

NGOs to participate in the formation of five new public councils  
<http://www.bearr.org/ngos-to-participate-in-5-new-public-councils/>

Federation Council hears calls to extend the range of NGOs' tax privileges  
<http://www.bearr.org/call-to-extend-ngos-tax-privileges/>

Senators introduce a draft law to the State Duma on baby hatches  
<http://www.bearr.org/senators-table-new-law-on-baby-hatches/>

Civic Chamber to spread best civic practices around the regions  
<http://www.bearr.org/civic-chamber-to-spread-best-practice-around-regions/>

Volodin discussed NGO involvement in social services with human rights activists  
<http://www.bearr.org/discussion-on-ngos-involvement-in-social-services/>

Presidential grants system needs to change, says Public Chamber  
<http://www.bearr.org/presidential-grants-system-needs-to-change/>

Calls for Russian SONGOs to be given municipal tasks

<http://www.bearr.org/calls-for-russian-songos-to-be-given-municipal-tasks/>

Russian Constitutional Court given right to ignore decisions of international bodies

<http://www.bearr.org/russian-court-has-precedence-over-international/>

Why are so many NGO grant applications foolish and over-priced?

<http://www.bearr.org/on-the-hazards-of-ngo-grant-applications/>

### **Events**

24 February 7pm BRS Lecture on contemporary Russia today by Ambassador Kramarenko. Details at <http://www.gbrussia.org/lectures.php>

9 March 7 pm Censorship and self-censorship. BRS lecture by Tatiana Shcherbina at Pushkin House <http://www.gbrussia.org/lectures.php>

### **Grants and Competitions**

Grants from the deaf-blind support foundation. Deadline: 1 March

<http://www.bearr.org/deaf-blind-support-grants/>

CAF-Russia contest for NGO projects for the elderly and disabled. Deadline: 1 March

<http://www.bearr.org/konkurs-sozdavaya-vozmozhnosti/>

Grants for support to vulnerable children and families in Russian cities. Deadline: 1 March <http://www.bearr.org/gorod-detey/>

OMK Partnership grants for SONGOs. Deadline: 31 March

<http://www.bearr.org/omk-partnership-so-ngo-grant-contest/>

AMWAY/CAF grants on preventing orphanhood and supporting foster families

Deadline: 23 March <http://www.bearr.org/granti-vtorichnoe-sirotstvo/>

### **Jobs and Opportunities**

Ecologia Youth Trust seek volunteers for Russia in April and September 2016

<http://www.ecologia.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-overseas/russia>

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