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#### **BEARR News**

BEARR Small Grants Scheme 2016. See outcome at <a href="http://www.bearr.org/small-grants-scheme-2016-outcome/">http://www.bearr.org/small-grants-scheme-2016-outcome/</a>

"IDPs: Integration or Differentiation?" BEARR/UCU conference in Lviv, 12-13 May Report at <a href="http://www.bearr.org/conference-in-lviv/">http://www.bearr.org/conference-in-lviv/</a>

"25 years on: the Rule of Law in Russia and the Republics", 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary lecture by Prof Bill Bowring. Report available shortly at <a href="http://www.bearr.org/the-bearr-trust-annual-lecture-2016/">http://www.bearr.org/the-bearr-trust-annual-lecture-2016/</a>

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

Date for your diary: 11 November, BEARR Trust's 25th Anniversary Conference

# **News from the Region**

Putin signs of the law on NGOs' "political activity" http://www.bearr.org/putin-signs-off-law-on-ngo-political-activity/

MFA supports Russian NGOs' consultative status at ECOSOC http://www.bearr.org/mfa-supports-russian-ngos-status-with-ecosoc/

Russian MFA Office in Kaliningrad issue statement in support of German NGOs http://www.bearr.org/mfa-in-kaliningrad-supports-german-ngos/

Third Sector Lawyers identify five negative trends in Russian civil society <a href="http://www.bearr.org/russia-5-negative-trends-in-the-development-of-civil-society/">http://www.bearr.org/russia-5-negative-trends-in-the-development-of-civil-society/</a>

Government to give gradual access to budgetary resources to SONGOs <a href="http://www.bearr.org/programme-approved-on-access-for-songos-to-budgetary-funds/">http://www.bearr.org/programme-approved-on-access-for-songos-to-budgetary-funds/</a>

Civic Chamber: transfer some job centre functions to non-profit organisations <a href="http://www.bearr.org/civic-chamber-proposes-transfer-of-job-centre-functions-to-ngos/">http://www.bearr.org/civic-chamber-proposes-transfer-of-job-centre-functions-to-ngos/</a>

Federation Council approves law on 'political activity', amendments rejected <a href="http://www.bearr.org/federation-council-approves-law-on-political-activity/">http://www.bearr.org/federation-council-approves-law-on-political-activity/</a>
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Report to State Duma on activities of 'foreign agents' and further criticism of bill <a href="http://www.bearr.org/report-to-state-duma-on-activities-of-foreign-agents/">http://www.bearr.org/report-to-state-duma-on-activities-of-foreign-agents/</a>

New Russian portal for jobs for people with disabilities <a href="http://www.bearr.org/new-portal-for-jobs-for-people-with-disabilities/">http://www.bearr.org/new-portal-for-jobs-for-people-with-disabilities/</a>

First manual on social volunteering published in Russia <a href="http://www.bearr.org/first-manual-on-social-volunteering-published-in-russia/">http://www.bearr.org/first-manual-on-social-volunteering-published-in-russia/</a>

MED wants lifting of restrictions on funding for local SONGOs http://www.bearr.org/calls-for-restrictions-to-be-lifted-on-local-songos/

MOJ wants to stop 'undesirable' organisations creating Russian legal entities <a href="http://www.bearr.org/moj-wants-to-stop-undesirable-organisations-creating-russian-legal-entities/">http://www.bearr.org/moj-wants-to-stop-undesirable-organisations-creating-russian-legal-entities/</a>

#### **Events**

7 July, 7pm. 'Russia's politics in the light of her history' by Prof Geoffrey Hosking, GBRS lecture at Pushkin House http://www.gbrussia.org/lectures.php

18 July, 7pm. 'What crisis? Russia's economy in 2016 and beyond', Prof Phil Hanson, GBRS lecture at Pushkin House http://www.gbrussia.org/lectures.php

18-22 July. Summer school on Russian health policy and economics, St Petersburg. http://scem.spb.hse.ru/en/chemp/summer\_school

### **Grants and Competitions**

Second presidential grants' contest for NGOs. Deadline: 30 June or 7 July <a href="https://grants.oprf.ru/grants2016-2/">https://grants.oprf.ru/grants2016-2/</a>

Child Support Foundation grants for innovative social projects. Deadline: 15 July <a href="http://www.bearr.org/rus-fond-podderzhki-detey-konkurs/">http://www.bearr.org/rus-fond-podderzhki-detey-konkurs/</a>

'Captains of Russia' competition for social entrepreneurs. Deadline: 25 July http://www.bearr.org/kapitanyi-rossii/

Summer school for social action. Application deadline: 20 July <a href="http://www.bearr.org/dobrovolchestva-k-sluzheniyu-i-professionalizmu/">http://www.bearr.org/dobrovolchestva-k-sluzheniyu-i-professionalizmu/</a>

Contest for best practices in volunteering. Deadline: 25 September <a href="http://www.bearr.org/dobrovolets-2016/">http://www.bearr.org/dobrovolets-2016/</a>

Our Future Foundation awards for social businesses. Deadline: 31 December <a href="http://www.bearr.org/konkurs-pryamyih-investitsiy/">http://www.bearr.org/konkurs-pryamyih-investitsiy/</a>

### The BFARR Trust

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