

The BEARR Trust Annual Conference 2015

Support for vulnerable groups: institutions and alternatives*

20 November 2015

CAN-Mezzanine, 32-36 Loman Street, London SE1 0EE

9.0. Registration and coffee

9.30 Welcome and Introduction

Robert Brinkley, Chairman of The BEARR Trust

9.45 Overviews

Chair: Robert Brinkley

Dr Victoria Shmidt, [Institute for Research in Inclusive Education, Masaryk University, Brno](#)

"Residential care in post-Soviet countries: options for a sustainable switch to alternatives"

Nolan Quigley, Advocacy and Campaigns Manager, [Lumos](#)

"*Leaving No-one Behind*: What role can regional NGOs play in encouraging best international practice?"

11.00 Coffee

11.30 People with mental and physical disabilities

Chair: Michael Rasell, BEARR Trustee

Dr Nino Makhashvili, [Global Initiative on Psychiatry, Tbilisi](#)
Seinep Dyikanbaeva, [Association for Parents of Disabled Children, Bishkek](#)
(by Skype)

'Role of NGOs in Central Asia in supporting vulnerable groups, especially children with disabilities and their families'

12.30 Buffet lunch

13.45 Older people and young offenders in Russia

Chair: Marcia Levy, BEARR Trustee

Dr Eduard Kariukhin, [Dobroe Delo](#), Moscow
Alla Pokras, [Penal Reform International](#), Moscow office

'Present trends in dealing with children in conflict with the law in Russia'.

14.45 Tea

15.15 Vulnerable children

Chair: Robert Scallon, BEARR Trustee

Dr Halyna Postoliuk, [Hope and Homes for Children, Kyiv](#)

'Reform of the child protection system – what Ukrainian children need'

Chrissie Gale, [Strathclyde University](#)

'Children without parental care in Ukraine and Moldova'

16.15 Concluding session:

Chair: Nicola Ramsden, BEARR Trustee

16.30 Close

* in the countries BEARR deals with: Russia, Ukraine, Belarus. Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan.

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