



What is BEARR?

The BEARR Trust is a UK-based organisation set up to help children and other vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in Russia, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the South Caucasus. We believe the best way to do this is to help small health and welfare non-governmental organisations in the region to build knowledge, know-how, skills and contacts, including with those doing similar work in the UK.

BEARR works with partners in:

Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.



BEARR's priorities

- To work with smaller organisations committed to reform in the health and social sectors
- To facilitate networking and exchange of information
- To encourage sharing of experience and learning
- To help organisations working in the region to identify potential partners
- To provide seed funding to assist selected organisations to launch or extend partnerships
- To lobby, and seek wider support, for the role of smaller organisations.

BEARR's activities

The BEARR Trust inaugurated a Small Grants Scheme in 2006 to provide seed-corn funding for small NGOs working in partnerships in the field of health and social welfare. The Small Grants Scheme focuses each year on specific areas including young people, homelessness and vulnerable groups. Most funds donated to BEARR are used for these grants.

Details: www.bearr.org/en/smallgrantscheme



Annual Conference

BEARR holds a one-day conference in London every year in November. It is attended by people working for NGOs or with a professional or general interest in health and welfare in our region. The conference is open to anyone interested, and participants come from the UK, Russia and other countries in the region. In recent years the annual conference has focused on disability, children and young people, and homelessness. Details: www.bearr.org/en/bearrevents/conferences

The BEARR Trust Annual Lecture

BEARR holds an annual lecture with a distinguished speaker on a topic of general interest to those who follow developments in our region. In recent years the lectures have been hosted and sponsored by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Details of recent lectures:

www.bearr.org/en/bearrevents/lectures

BEARR's website

www.bearr.org provides information about BEARR's events and activities, and other information of interest to NGOs working in the region: a contact list of NGOs to help find potential partners; news about developments in health and social policy and practice, and relevant legal and administrative issues; and details of events of interest.

Grant-giving organisations

The BEARR website also provides a searchable database of organisations which provide funding for cooperative projects in the field of health and social welfare, or civil society more generally, in Russia and the region. Organisations may be national or international, publicly-funded, commercial or charitable.

BEARR and its partners

Some of the areas in which BEARR and its partners are active:

- Health and social welfare
- Homelessness
- Support for children and young people
- Disability
- HIV/AIDS; drugs; alcoholism
- Elderly people

Support The BEARR Trust

BEARR values enormously the help it receives from its network of supporters to maintain its efforts in the field of health and social welfare in Russia and the region.

Here are some of the ways in which you can help:

Become a Friend

Regular donations from Friends are BEARR's most reliable source of continuing income. Friends of The BEARR Trust make a regular donation of at least £30 per year to support the Trust's work. The Trust can also claim gift aid on such donations, making them even more valuable.

www.bearr.org/en/support/friends

Make a donation

Donations, one-off or regular, are always welcome.

www.bearr.org/en/support/donate

Volunteer

BEARR needs help with administrative tasks, and fluent Russian speakers are often needed for interpreting or translation.

Join our mailing list

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The BEARR Trust is a UK registered charity. Its governance is set out in a Trust Deed which is governed by English law and which provides that, within the framework of the aims of the Trust, policy and major executive decisions are made by the Trustees.

BEARR's Patrons include Vladimir Ashkenazy, Professor Geoffrey Hosking, Sir Roderic Lyne KBE CMG, Rair Simonyan, Myra Green OBE and Sir Andrew Wood GCMG.

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