

Short Information about activities of BPW-Donetsk, Ukraine

BPW-Donetsk continues working in directions of **trafficking prevention** and **women's economic empowerment** (*more detailed information can be found on the web-site www.bpw.donetsk.ua*).

Winrock International (USAID) was financing Trafficking Prevention Project till 31/03/04. Since then BPW-Donetsk implements project on voluntary basis.

Since 1999 till 01.08.04 in the **Women for Women Center in the frames of Trafficking Prevention Project:**

- **20 758** women have received individual consultations,
- **21 166** women have received telephone consultations on the Hot Line for women,
- in the **652** trainings conducted in Donetsk and Donetsk region **13 404** women participated,
- **10951** acquired skills in various professional and other courses,
- **22533** women found jobs and opened businesses,
- **192** victims of trafficking received reintegrational support, due to collaboration of BPW-Donetsk with International organization of Migration in Ukraine.



During the training on Women's Leadership

During Computer Courses



Women's Economical Empowerment Project was financed by Winrock International (USAID) till 30/07/04. Now Project is implemented partially on voluntary basis and partially due to the charity donations of clients.

In the frames of **Women's Economic Empowerment Project in Women's Business Support Center** since 1999 till 01.08.04:

- **1900** women received individuals consultations;
- **1025** women took part in short-term trainings "How to start my own business";
- **34** women attended 2-weeks trainings in Donetsk;
- **437** women attended two-month learning course;
- Owing to received knowledge **111** women started their own business, **94** women developed their businesses;
- they created **436** new working places;
- **140** women got employed after the courses;
- **9** family spouses studied at the Center.

During the course "How to start own business"



Since 2002 till 2003 BPW-Donetsk implemented project **Women's Rural Business School** with financial support of International Renaissance Foundation. In frames of this project **252** women attended 2-weeks trainings in rural areas of Donetsk region, more than 50% of gradulators started own business.

In total since 1999 BPW-Donetsk provided help for about 60 000 of women in age from 12 till 60.

"Hot Line" Supporting Entrepreneurs continues its operation (*more detailed information can be found on the web-site www.bpw.donetsk.ua*). Up to 01/08/04 it provided **10035** consultations for entrepreneurs on the questions of conducting business, legal and economic regulations, taxes. Project is operated with financial support of BIZPRO Project, Development Alternatives Inc. (USAID).

Telephone of Support "Community against corruption" continues its work (*more detailed information can be found on the web-site www.bpw.donetsk.ua*). Up to 01/08/04 consultations were provided for **2200** people. The work of the Telephone is financially

supported by Development Alternatives Inc. (USAID) until 31/08/04. BPW-Donetsk will try to continue the work of the Telephone on voluntary basis.

New Project

On April,15 2004 BPW-Donetsk won the competition for implementation of Project “**Bureau of urgent support for NGOs**” (*more detailed information can be found on the web-site www.bpw.donetsk.ua*). The aims of the project are providing of verbal, written consultations and consultations through Internet on any questions regarding work of NGOs in Ukraine, also - conducting of seminars and trainings for NGO. During **three months** of work the Bureau provided help for **120** NGOs from **60** cities and towns of Ukraine.

The peculiarity of this project in comparison with the rest named above is that it works for the whole Ukraine and not only for Donetsk region.

Twinning Project

Since 2001 BPW-Donetsk is implementing **Twinning Project with BPW-Bern, Switzerland**. It was started with and continues with regular communication through e-mail between two clubs and their members.

In the frames of the Project, in October 2002 President of BPW-Donetsk L. Gorova took part in the meeting of BPW-Bern devoted to “The situation of women in Ukraine”. L. Gorova described the problems of Ukrainian women, made presentation of BPW-Donetsk work in terms of trafficking and violence prevention and economical support for women as for getting employment or starting business.

Here during the meeting Vice-President of BPW International Ilse Spritzendorfer awarded BPW-Donetsk with Excellent Country Trophy.



*Awarding
with the
Trophy*



During the meeting

In the frames of this project, upon the request of the President of BPW-Donetsk, members of BPW-Bern financially supported the participation of President of BPW-Nickolaev, Ukraine and BPW-Chernihiv, Ukraine in the 11th European BPW Congress in Rome, Italy.

In May, 2004 delegation of **13 people from BPW-Bern** visited Ukraine, **the head of the delegation was Schmid Friederike**. Among the delegation were Sara-Ellen Hübscher Raetz and Rolf Gerhard Raetz, Christian Schmid, Lotti Amstein, Cornelia Oertle Bürki and Christian Bürki Oertle, Katharina Kummer, Jasna Mahler Simic, Ursula Schneider, Kathrin Schulz, Lydia Sterchi, Elizabeth Clement-Arnold.

During the visit the delegation was received by Vice-Major of Donetsk N.Volkov and by Vice Governor of Donetsk region V.Lobas. Delegation got acquainted with work of BPW-Donetsk, visited different businesses in Donetsk. They had a chance to meet and had dinner in families of BPW-Donetsk's members. Also delegation visited small economically depressive town in Donetsk region – Selidovo, where they had reception in City Hall, got acknowledged with work of BPW-Selidovo, visited women's businesses.

After the visit of Swiss delegation there were **10** articles published in newspapers, **6** TV topics were shown on Donetsk TV companies and there was **1** topic on the radio.



During the meeting with Vice Governor of Donetsk region V. Lobas

During the meeting with Vice Major of Donetsk city N. Volkov



Visiting the businesses of Donetsk – confectionary factory Kiev-Konti



During the meeting in BPW-Donetsk



On the names of BPW-Bern and BPW-Switzerland the head of the delegation Friederike Shmid presented BPW-Donetsk financial support for acquiring powerful copy machine.

Visit of Swiss delegation made unforgettable impressions on members of BPW-Donetsk region and on members of their families, on Mass Media and government of Donetsk and Donetsk region.

BPW-Donetsk members strongly believe that Twinning Project between BPW-Bern and BPW-Donetsk is one the most successful projects. Now members of BPW-Bern and BPW-Donetsk are preparing project “Economic Empowerment of Women as a Factor in the Prevention of Human Trafficking in Small Towns and Villages of Donetsk Region of Ukraine” for applying for financial assistance from Swiss Development Agency.

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