

Information about the humanitarian project «Close World»



1. Project name: «Close World»
2. Project duration: 12 months
3. Applicant organization proposing the project: educational institution «Polotsk State Economic College»; state institution «Territorial Center of Social Service of the Population of Polotsk District»
4. Project objectives: to increase the level of social adaptation of vulnerable population groups to the modern information environment; to involve young people in social practices, volunteering.
5. Tasks to be carried out within the framework of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to prepare student volunteers to work with groups of people with disabilities, senior citizens;• to train citizens, who are in the day care departments of SI «Territorial center of social service of population of Polotsk District», basic skills of work in the Internet;• to conduct training-workshops on the use of information and communication technologies and mobile communication means for citizens who are in the day care departments of SI «Territorial center of social service of population of Polotsk District»:<ul style="list-style-type: none">if it is necessary, to receive various services (payment of utilities, appointment to a doctor, order for food delivery, etc.),to expand the range of leisure and cultural activities by means of the Internet;• to create necessary conditions for the possibility of expanding the range of services provided by the department of social assistance at home through the activities of the volunteer squad;• to develop and produce booklets with well-thought-out structure and visual

illustrations for project participants and people of relevant categories interested in the training;

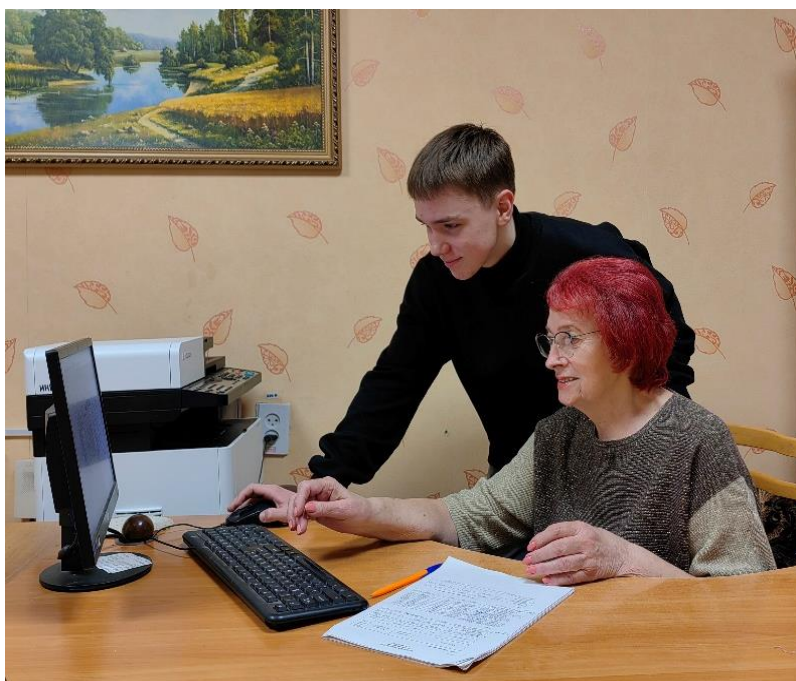
- to hold training seminars on how to work safely on the Internet, to raise the level of awareness of socially vulnerable segments of the population on how to avoid the most relevant and common schemes of financial fraud in social networks.

6. Target Group:

Socially vulnerable groups of the population (people with disabilities, citizens of retirement age) which are served by the SI «Territorial Center of Social Service of the Population of Polotsk District» in day care, their annual number is 300 to 400 people.

7. Brief description of the project activities:

Taking into account the already existing experience of the volunteers of the educational institution “Polotsk State Economic College” on interaction with the SI “Territorial Center of Social Service of the Population of Polotsk District” in the structure of the volunteer movement organized in the college, the direction of work



with the category of people with disabilities is provided, within which a group of volunteers with the shift staff "We are close" is formed. Volunteers in cooperation with the day care departments for the disabled and for elderly citizens of the State Institution «Territorial Center of Social Service of the population of Polotsk District» (4 departments)

provide training of people with disabilities, pensioners, disabled children* in the use of modern computer technology and mobile devices in everyday life, it helps to form basic skills of using basic Internet resources to simplify obtaining the necessary services as well.

People with disabilities as the most vulnerable part of the population need special adaptation to the surrounding social environment. In addition to obtaining the necessary medical and household services the issues of organizing independent leisure activities, are of great importance. The skillful use of modern technology and mobile devices allows you to make virtual trips, get acquainted with theatrical creativity, make friend, join communities of interest, study history, art, technology,

etc. Volunteers will offer the tallest possible range of leisure activities with a computer or mobile device, warn against possible risks and teach safe work in social networks. The mobility of the purchased equipment will allow, if necessary, to expand the field of volunteers' activities to the department of social assistance at



home. Volunteers will be able to work in parallel with social workers who come to the house to provide training or consulting assistance on the use of computer equipment and mobile devices to improve the level of socialization and quality of the life.

Activities planned within the project implementation:

training seminar for volunteers "Peculiarities of interaction and work with different categories of people with disabilities" (conducted with the participation of medical and social workers, psychologists);

interim presentations of the achievements of the target group members of the project "I know! I can!";

festival "The world has become closer!" – game activity of the project.

8. Expected results:

During the implementation of the project, the acquisition of special skills and new opportunities will become a reality for more than 250 people. These are people with disabilities, citizens of retirement age who will be involved in active social interaction and will have the opportunity to socialize and adapt to the modern social environment in accordance with their interests;

more than 50% of citizens served by the State Institution "Territorial Center for Social Services for the Population of the Polotsk District" in day care departments will be trained, which will lead to an increase in the efficiency of active life for most of the target group;

the number of students involved in an active volunteer movement will increase by 70%. Students will gain specific skills for useful socially meaningful activities.

9. Total funding (in US dollars): 9000

Source of funding	Amount of financing (in US dollars)
Donor funds	8100
Co-financing	900

10. Location of the project (region/district, city):

211416, Vitebsk region, Polotsk district, Polotsk, st. Oktyabrskaya, 55

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* disabled children under the age of 18 years old who have completed the development of the content of the educational program of special education at the level of general secondary education