



Day 2
Russia

GIVE YOUR SMILE TO THE WORLD

THE JOURNEY GOES ON...

On the second day of the Action Week the project of the Russian team continues its successful beginning. Evgeniya Akulova, a student of International Relations and foreign languages and her team try to help 30 young people with their decision whether to continue studying, go to get work or end up on the streets..., a decision which many 15-year-olds have to face if they finally want to look back on a positive life.



Team Russia





THE RUSSIAN TEAM



The team working with the orphans between the age of 14 and 15 consists of 10 young people, who take advantage of the *power* they, *the youth*, have to convert this world in a better place to live in. The members all have different opinions and different perceptions of life, but all of them believe in the possibility of improving this world, by *taking action*.

The team-members are:

Evgeniya Akulova, 19

Rogova Elena, 20

Rogov Oleg, 23

Ezhova Maria, 25

Ankudinova Maria, 22

Andriyanova Galina, 20

Shabanov Anton, 19

Mishkina Elena, 21

Novgorodceva Anastasia, 22

Kunavina Natalia, 19

Ekaterinburg/Yekaterinburg, where the project takes place, is one of the largest cities in Russia (1,3 million inhabitants). Located in the middle of the Ural Mountains, which separate Europe and Asia, the city lies at the crossroads of 2 continents, where East and West come together.

Yekaterinburg is one of the biggest centers of Russian science and education and maintains a multitude of educational institutions.

The city also is a centre of industry and disposes of the main oil and gas fields in Russia.

People are the top value in Yekaterinburg. In comparison with bigger cities it may be considered provincial in some ways, but this influences people, they are *more traditional, more open, and friendlier*.



Just as on the first day of the project, the teenagers had to work in teams and solve different tasks they were given. The objective was to make them see how important it is to rely on each other in order to achieve a common goal.

Starting from Yekaterinburg, Russia, they are visiting other parts of the world as the project is presented as a journey to different countries of the world.

The fact that they didn't want to have lunch, but wanted to continue playing on the first action day shows, how much fun the Russian team has in this project, giving a smile to the children and by this way giving a smile to the whole world.



I saw you smile

I saw you
I smil'd
I saw you smile
Then
we saw,
each other smile.

Jodilee Duke



It was a calm and relaxed day, on which children had training on environment. In two groups they had two different programs on the same item. Young trainers from a student's volunteer environmental group called "Kolibrы" that means hummingbird, told kids about the laws of nature, about the role humans play in this nature, and what we can do to make this world more enjoyable. The kids were drawing, making so called "wall papers" on their topics, that they chose themselves and presented their ideas to each other. After that they played some games outside and in the end of the day they had a big competition on the topic they discussed. All of them got presents and the most active participants got special marks that will be counted in the end of the Action Week.



The country they visited this day was France. Therefore, the kids learned something about French culture and traditions, and they even learned some words in French.

