

## LIVING EARTH FOUNDATION: HISTORY, GOALS, ACTIVITIES

- LEF is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation
- LEF was established in London in 1987
- LEF's goal: to contribute to learning and shared action for sustainable development
- LEF's main activities: environmental learning and action programmes; sustainable community development; partnership - development; training of trainers in environmental education (active learning); production of education materials

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## LIVING EARTH FOUNDATION: PARTNERS AND EXPERIENCE

- LEF works in partnership with governments, civil society organisations, private corporations and institutions of education
- In the UK (with schools, local governments, others)
- In Africa (Nigeria, Cameroon, Ghana, Uganda, Republic of South Africa, Equatorial Guinea)
- In Latin America (Venezuela, Brazil, Mexico)
- In Europe (Hungary, Bulgaria, Russia)

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## KEY PRINCIPLES

- CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASE LOCAL CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
- PROMOTE TRUST, CONSENSUS-BUILDING AND PARTNERSHIPS AMONG KEY STAKEHOLDERS
- CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL CAPITAL (i.e. the capacity of key social actors to coordinate efforts and to work together towards agreed goals)
- ACTIVE LEARNING METHODOLOGY: LEARNING BY DOING; REFLECTIVE ACTION; CRITICAL SELF-AWARENESS; CULTURE OF SHARED LEARNING

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## TRI-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

Voluntary agreements between communities, the private sector and governments, to work together towards shared objectives of sustainable development.

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## LIVING EARTH FOUNDATION - SAKHALIN STATE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

- Mid 2005 - LEF and SSU start exploratory dialogue
- October 2005 - LEF and SSU initiate first joint project: Sustainable Development programme for local and regional government officials
- 21 February 2006 - LEF and SSU sign Partnership Agreement
- More programmes are being planned

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## LEF AND SSU SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT



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## LEF-SSU SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF SAKHALIN

- AIM :
  - build capacity in local and regional governments
- OBJECTIVES:
  - improve knowledge of SD
  - improve practical skills needed to implement SD
  - develop capacity to work effectively with local communities
  - international recognition

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## LEF-SSU SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS - 1

- October 2005 to September 2006
- 21 learners from local and regional governments of Sakhalin
- 7 two-day modules
- Active learning methodology
- Practical assignments
- Tutors from LEF and SSU (others)
- 200 hours private study
- Open College Network (OCN) certificate

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## LEF-SSU SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS - 2

### TOPICS:

- Local government as an agent of change
- Identifying sustainable development
- Community consultation
- Effective partnership working;
- Resources for local community projects
- Implementing community projects

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## DESIRED IMPACTS

- Greater confidence to act
- Closer links with community
- Increased capacity to work with others
- Constructive dialogue about long-term future
- Enhanced local government contributes to strengthen local democracy

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