

Project Title – Education in the Interests of Sustainable Development in the Lake Baikal Region.

Summary of this initiative

The project envisages the establishment of a “Citizens’ Institute for Sustainable Development”: a team of 20 trainer-facilitators that will undergo a course of training on questions of sustainable development (SD). These trainers will later hold regular workshops for the adult population. A more expanded programme of workshops, presentations and Sunday master classes will be held in the city of Irkutsk itself. As the result of a survey, meetings and individual communications, a collection of relevant material, “Local resources for education in the interests of Sustainable Development”, will be published in the form of a pamphlet, where readers will be able to find addresses and descriptions of present and future activities of educational institutions, both state and informal, an article analyzing the present state and future development of **education for sustainable development**, relevant international and Russian laws, and the description of a number of active projects.

At the same time consultations will be arranged to discuss questions concerning the institutional basis for education for sustainable development in the Baikal region. With the aim of spreading this work on SD to a wider public, 4 issues of the journal “Volna” will be published, a number of thematic leaflets, posters and a CD disc will be produced. The entire project and its products will be covered on the Baikal Environmental Wave’s web site.

The project includes the creation of a distance-learning course “The Functioning of Systems and Sustainable Development” that will be posted on the web site of Irkutsk State Pedagogical University. The project will be rounded off by a Youth Forum at Irkutsk’s SIBEXPOCentre: “A Sustainable Future is Our Future!” in which young people’s intellectual and practical contribution towards the realisation of a vision of a sustainable future will be presented together with round tables, master classes.

The project will be widely covered in the media and will involve more than 3000 adults.