

## WFP Russia's Moral Education Program in St. Petersburg and Tikhvin Town

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On February 25th and 26th WFP Russia held several programs on moral education at two schools and one medical college in St. Petersburg and Tikhvin town.

We raised the topics of love and sexuality, consequences of using obscene words and computer addiction. Many teachers and students said that they were really moved by the lectures and expressed their desire to continue such programs at their educational institutions.

Here are some of the students', teachers' and parents' reflections:

"Before this lecture I considered sexual relationship before marriage normal and though that there was nothing bad in them. But after the lecture I realized that in reality it was not good to have such relationship before marriage."

"I thought that in the modern world it was normal to have sexual relationship before marriage. My opinion has seriously changed after this lecture. When the lecturer was talking about a girl who had many partners I could recognize myself in this example and I determined to do my best to change for better in spite of all the situations that had happened in my life."

"I thought that it was normal to have sexual relationship before marriage. After the lecture I realized that I had made a mistake. The most important thing that I could realize during this program is that we have to be patient and to wait for our true love and not to have many partners."

"For me it was very important that we could talk about True love. My opinion has changed. Before the lecture I didn't consider this topic important and now I think that it is better not to

hurry and to wait for our true love."

"My opinion has changed after this lecture. I could realize that we need to decide ourselves and not to rely on our friends' opinion on this issue. I think now that we shouldn't have any sexual relationship before marriage."



"Before this lecture I thought that it was OK to use bad words in the conversation. After this program I could realize how bad this was to pronounce such words and I got a strong determination and desire to get rid of all the obscene words in my speech."

A teacher: "Thank you very much for your lecture! You are able to tell young people in a very understandable way how to create life-long relationships and how to keep them. I think it is important for girls and for boys. Parents often don't have time to talk to children about such things. What you are doing is very important for keeping our nation healthy."

A parent: "Thank you very much for such precious information and very good examples. I also like the fact that you were encouraging children to cooperate and to trust their parents when they face some challenging situations in their lives."

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