## **Belarus Members Take Part in 'Uzor' Festival**

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FFWPU members in Belarus were active in the big family festival "Uzor." More than 2,000 people visited the festival, which took place in Minsk, the capital, on Saturday, May 18.

The festival was organized by the local administration of Minsk city, the republic center of national cultures, the Family Home educational center, and the Family World public association.

The word uzor in Belarusian means "tracery," but it also means "sample." The festival aims to spread true family values, create an attractive family lifestyle, and promote a healthy lifestyle. A big concert took place on the main stage from 11:00 in the morning until 19:00 in the evening. Performances were offered by different national groups permanently living in Belarus and by groups of children.

Art master classes, sports competitions, lectures about family life, an artisan fair, food court, a soap bubble show and many other interesting things were provided for the visitors. National farmsteads of Moldova, Russia, and Tatar-Bashkirs were presented at the festival.

Certificates and prizes were awarded to large families; the family celebrating a golden wedding anniversary; the family of a man who was injured by a mine in his youth but did not give up, started a family and became a motivational speaker and inspiration for other people. They all conveyed a kind message to the assembled quests.

A total of 21 couples participated in the ceremony of renewal of the vow of conjugal fidelity.

Here are some reflections from the guests and participants of the festival:

"From the whole of our family we express a big gratitude to all organizers and volunteers of the festival. We felt like we were in paradise. So many families, children, bright colors!!! So much goodness. It was unexpected and pleasant that there were no alcohol tents at this event. Our children are very happy; such a wonderful family holiday. We wish such festivals would be organized more often. It instills good family values. A deep bow to everybody who made this festival."

"Thank you for such an atmosphere! It was warm and friendly like in a real family. We wish peace, love and prosperity to your kind project!"

















