## **Peace Road project in Ryazan**

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The first month of 2018 in Ryazan was marked by the winter stage of the international project Peace Road. This year, Ryazan received the baton of St. Petersburg, where on January 18 an action in support of the project was held.



For three days, the Ryazan people were taking part in various events. On January 19, the Christian holiday of Epiphany, together with all Orthodox people, the action participants bathed in an ice hole that was consecrated on Epiphany night on Orekhovoe Lake in the city of Ryazan. After bathing they were heartily welcomed with treats and songs to reinforce their strength, and friendly communication.



On January 20, the participants of the Peace Road project went to Meshchera, where they by themselves chose an active way of supporting the project: children rolled on tubing, adults paved the Ski Track of Peace. We completed the active part with a horse sleigh rides.

By tradition, at the end of the second day of the project, the participants enjoyed hot tea with treats. The meeting on "Along the Road to Peace" was held on January 21. Among the participants were the Ambassadors for Peace and guests. In a warm family atmosphere, we talked about what peace is; about UPF activities for peace and what each of us can do.



A special guest of the project - Natalia Chigrina, head of the Universal Peace Federation in St. Petersburg, spoke about the UPF activities in peacemaking, and invited everyone to participate in the ecotourism festival "ECO-LOSEVO," in June. After the meeting over a cup of tea, the participants enjoyed songs which they could both listen to, and sing!



The winter stage of the "Peace Road - 2018" project in Ryazan helped participants to make new acquaintances, find new ideas, and outline new opportunities for interaction!