

Marathon “Children Against Drugs – I Choose Sport” joined Peace Road Movement!

Russia, “Golden ring” cities, June 1-12, 2018



On June 1, 2018, the children's and youth athletics super marathon "Children Against Drugs - I Choose Sport!" was launched, co-organized by the Federation for Universal Peace. The start of the marathon traditionally was from the zero kilometer near Red Square in Moscow. The annual run is dedicated to the memory of a doctor with a world-wide name, the marathoner and the Ambassador for Peace Eduard Yakovlev. The organizers of the sport event were the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in conjunction with the Moscow regional public organization "Super Marathoners - for a healthy lifestyle." This year the project received a grant from the President of the Russian Federation.



The project harmoniously joined the movement of the Peace Road, promoting the goals of peace and cooperation. Also, the goal of the marathon is to draw public attention to the state of moral and physical health of children and adolescents. The route follows six regions of the Russian Federation in so called Golden Ring of Russia. Participants run through the following cities: Moscow - Krasnogorsk - Sergiev Posad - Pereslavl-Zalessky - Rostov Great - Borisoglebsky - Uglich - Rybinsk - Tutayev - Yaroslavl - Kostroma - Furmanov - Ivanovo - Suzdal - Yuryev Pol'skiy - Kolchugino-Noginsk - Elektrostal.



The team of participants of the marathon-2018 is represented by young sportsmen from Moscow, Moscow, Bryansk, Vladimir, Ivanovo, Nizhny Novgorod, Yaroslavl regions. Among the 30 young athletes, 14 are representatives of the Moscow region. Youngest runner is 8 years old, and oldest is 75 years old. Traditionally, few family teams also participate in the marathon.

In many districts many meetings with youth, representatives of government bodies and public organizations, anti-drug actions, sports and educational events will be organized.





Peace Road Marathon had a finale on the Day of Russia, on June 12, 2018 in Moscow in Victory Park on Poklonnaya Hill. Youth marathoners ran relay 1200 km in 2 weeks. Local governments and media welcomed them in 17 towns. UPF made new contacts and partners. Russian Home Office and Police promoted the project through corporate sites. Russian President's Fund covered the bus for the runners. And the adult marathoners wish to run with Peace Road Balkans!

