

**Organisation: Radimichi – Children of Chernobyl (R-CC)**

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*Radimichi – Children of Chernobyl* is a regional non-governmental organization. It was founded in 1987 in the town of Novozybkov as a club of students from the Chernobyl area of the Bryansk region. Today the organization is one of the leading Russian NGOs dealing with Chernobyl.



**The main *objectives* of Radimichi are following:**

- \* practical involvement in the rehabilitation of the population of the south-western districts of Bryansk region (Russia) injured in the accident;
- \* education of youth based on the ideas of humanism;
- \* development of the idea of a single European home in the youth community;
- \* development and strengthening of international cultural and economic ties.



**Structure**

**\* Social-rehabilitation center**

Radimichi in cooperation with the German organization “PRO-OST” works with disabled children aged from 6 to 16. The main goal is to support such children and help them integrate into society.

**\* Intercultural exchange**

Intercultural exchange was firstly organized in cooperation with the Swiss foundation "Pestalozzi Children's Village" (Trog, Switzerland) back in October 2004.

The main objectives of the program are:

1. Promotion of intercultural relations;
2. Making Russian schoolchildren familiar with Swiss culture and traditions;
3. Spiritual enrichment of Russian teenagers through familiarity with other cultures.
4. Acquisition of new knowledge, development of creative abilities of children and adolescents through their active participation in educational programs of Pestalozzi Children's Village.

As a part of intercultural exchange, children and adolescents are introduced to such themes as "Rights of the Child", "Racism", "Intercultural Communication".

**\* Camp "Novocamp"**

Each summer 550 children meet together in the camp, which is located in the pine forest in Bryansk region.



**\* Data center**

**\* Computer club**

**\* Youth center**



Many professionals work in Radimichi on a voluntary basis together with young teachers and students, who have created an office of the organization in the city of Bryansk. The organization has its own pediatricians, interpreters (German, English), experts - computer scientists, teachers - the organizers of recreation activities. There are more than 200 people (including children and teenagers) in the Organisation. During the time of its existence Radimichi helped thousands of people in the Chernobyl region.

Radimichi received recognition of the UN agencies, foreign institutions (from Germany, Australia, Switzerland, USA) and some public figures. The success of the organization was facilitated by the close alliance with German organizations «Pro-Ost» (Solingen) and «Only 4 Kids» (Wuppertal). Moreover, there are some other partners supporting the work of NGO Radimichi:

- \* UNDP (New York, Geneva, Moscow);
- \* DEZA (Geneva, Moscow, Minsk);
- \* Union of NGOs "Civil Society - Children of Russia" (Moscow);
- \* Administration of the Bryansk region;
- \* Administration of Novozybkov in alliance with some local entrepreneurs.