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**International Conference
“Development of Children-and-Adults Communities
In Regards to Diversity”**

**April, 24-25, 2017
Veliky Novgorod, Russia**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Dear colleagues,

We invite you to participate in the International Conference “Development of Children-and-Adults Communities in Regards to Diversity”, which will take place at the Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University within the framework of the XI Week of International Cooperation on April, 24-25, 2017.

The world becomes diverse, and different countries face the process of continuous expansion of cultural, ethnic, religious, intellectual, social diversity, it becomes evident in the system of education as well. Diversity contains both significant potential for development of educational systems and the risks and dangers associated with weak ability to control the process. Due to the development of different types of diversity in the educational systems of the world, there appears an issue of unpreparedness of administrators of educational institutions, teachers, students and their parents to act in the conditions of social and cultural diversity.

Local communities uniting children and adults of different age groups become more and more diverse in structure and contents of activities. In this context, it is necessary to find the ways of creating the dialogue between different generations within the local community. Such dialogue is taking place against the background of contradicting tendencies of generation gap and merge and the changes in the socio-psychological characteristics of diverse age groups. Today, the generation gap takes on new contours. In many respects, it is related to prefigurative culture, when the younger generation acquires social experience more rapidly and transfers it not only to its peers, but also to representatives of the senior generation. The senior generation, in its turn, aims to be an equal partner in the children-and-adults communities by mastering new information technologies.

Programme of the Conference includes:

1. Discussion of the following topics:
 - Tendencies and strategies of development of children-and-adults communities in regards to diversity.
 - Peculiarities of different models of local intergenerational children-and-adults communities.
 - Creation of the inclusive social and cultural environment in heterogeneous children-and-adults communities.
 - Development of intergenerational relationships in the local children-and-adults communities.
 - Strategies and tools for managing diversity as a resource for the development of children-and-adults communities.
 - Issues of pedagogical interaction with heterogeneous children-and-adults communities.
 - Issues of inter-ethnic and inter-confessional relations in multicultural children-and-adults communities.
2. Round Table discussion "Limits of tolerance in a multicultural society and heterogeneous children-and-adults communities."
3. Presentation of the books:
 - Tutorial "Management of Diversity" presented by an international team of contributors;
 - Monograph "Territorial Children-and-adults Communities: Models, Concepts and Tendencies of Development."
4. Demonstration of a film about an inclusive school in Bielefeld (Germany).

In addition to the plenary meeting, the following three thematic blocks sessions are scheduled:

- Development of intergenerational relations in child-and-adults communities.
- Creation of inclusive environment in heterogeneous children-and-adults communities.
- Diversity management strategies in educational systems and children-and-adults communities.

The conference materials will be published. **Articles for publication** (MS Word document, single-spaced, 14-point Times New Roman font, 25mm margins; abstract (250-400 characters) and keywords in English) **must be submitted to the Conference Committee (E-mail: Natalia.Shaydorova@novsu.ru) by 6 March, 2017.**

Conference Application Form with personal and contact information (full name, academic degree, title, position, place of work/study, the title of the report, phone, e-mail) **must be submitted to the Conference Committee (E-mail: Natalia.Shaydorova@novsu.ru) by 6 March, 2017.**

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Conference languages: Russian and English.

Registration fee 150 Euro includes hotel accommodation with breakfast (3 nights), two lunches, two coffee breaks, information materials, publication in the Collection of Articles.

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