



AGM report

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Highlights of 2010-11

- Sponsorship for exhibitions and staff
- Cosmonaut visit and Gagarin exhibition



Highlights contd.

- ▶ Exhibitions programme
- ▶ Associated events programme
- ▶ Language classes
- ▶ Other events: talks, socials, Chai N Chat, Film club, language assts
- ▶ Willing helpers

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‘Очень рады возможности увидеть русскую культуру на шотландской земле.’

‘Fantastic exhibition on Gagarin. Made my day!’

‘This exhibition is a manifestation of [the photographer’s] love and respect for Russian culture.’

‘Прекрасно, что в Эдинбурге есть такой центр!’



Did anyone notice?

- Membership UP
- web hits UP
- e-bulletins UP
- social media, TV and press UP
- Visitors (slightly) DOWN
- Events attendance DOWN (or maybe UP?)
- Russian classes UP



Problems

- ▶ Schools Russian under threat
- ▶ No SRF business events programme
- ▶ Not enough funding for staff – and no time for fundraising



Where do we go from here?

- ▶ Respondents: 39 SRF members, 13 non-members
- ▶ What do you think is the main role of the SRF?
Promotion of Russian culture and of good relations
- ▶ Most important events/activities (in order of popularity) : talks, bulletins, exhibitions, lobbying for Russian in schools, socials
- ▶ Opening hours: many visit, if only occasionally, and almost all said the hours were convenient
- ▶ Help offered: 18 responses.



Where do we go from here?

Comments and suggestions: which do you think are most valuable?

- ▶ new events
- ▶ new activities
- ▶ volunteers
- ▶ fundraising
- ▶ publicity
- ▶ other suggestions
- ▶ activities to cut



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