



REPORT FORM FOR NETWORK ACTIVITIES

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Role in activity

Co-convenor (with Dr Rachel Platonov, University of Manchester)

2. Activity details

Type and title of activity

Modern Russian History and Culture: Northern Discussion Group – 2 Workshops

Location

University of Manchester University of Sheffield

Date

12/11/08 10/06/09

Brief Description of activities carried out (please include or attach a confirmed list of participants)

The 'Modern Russian History and Culture: Northern Discussion Group' was set up in 2007 as a way to provide an inter-disciplinary forum in which scholars working on topics related to modern Russian history and culture could discuss work in progress, exchange ideas, and explore avenues for possible collaboration. In the academic year 2008-9 CEELBAS funded two sessions: the first held in Manchester in November 2008 was devoted to post-Soviet Media and included two presentations (Natalia Rulyova and Oxana Poberejnaia); the second workshop was on 'Religion, Identity, and Belief' and there were again two speakers (Miriam Dobson and Inge Wierda). The sessions were attended by staff, undergraduate and post-graduate students from Birmingham, LJMU, Manchester, Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam, Leeds, Leicester, and York, and members of the public.

Those attending the Manchester workshop:

Sophie Bond (undergraduate in Russian, U of Sheffield)
Jamie Brown (student of Russian, Manchester Grammar School)
Asiya Bulatova (PhD student in English and American Studies, U of Manchester)
Elisa Coati (PhD student in REES [Russian], U of Manchester)
Miriam Dobson (co-organiser; History, U of Sheffield)
Katy Ellerton (undergraduate in Russian, U of Sheffield)
Steve Hutchings (REES, U of Manchester)
Elena Kashina (Centre for Lifelong Learning, U of York)
Howard Katzman (postgraduate in International Development, U of Manchester)
Adi Kuntsman (LJMU and RICC, U of Manchester)
Victoria Malko-Davies (PhD student in REES [Russian], U of Manchester)
Nicole Morris (MA student in REES, U of Manchester)
Tom Moss-McCrory (student of Russian, Manchester Grammar School)
Olga Novoselova (independent scholar, Liverpool)
Rachel Platonov (co-organiser; REES, U of Manchester)
Oxana Poberejnaia (speaker; U of Manchester)
Anna Prime (undergraduate in REES, U of Manchester)
Madeleine Reeves (CRESC, U of Manchester)
Natalia Rulyova (speaker; CREES, U of Birmingham)
Like Regan (MA student in REES, U of Manchester)
Lorenzo Santinelli (student of Russian, Manchester Grammar School)
Ewa Stanczyk (PhD student in REES [Polish], U of Manchester)
Junya Takiguchi (PhD student in History, U of Manchester)
Vera Tolz (REES, U of Manchester)
Bettina Weichert (teacher of Russian, Manchester Grammar School)
John Wise (student of Russian, Manchester Grammar School)

Those attending the Sheffield workshop:

Miriam Dobson (Lecturer, University of Sheffield)
Claire McCallum (Phd Student, University of Sheffield)
Rachel Platonov (Lecturer, University of Manchester)
Kevin McDermott (Lecturer, Sheffield Hallam University)
Mark Sutcliffe (Publisher)
Zoe Knox (Lecturer, University of Leicester)
Inge Wierda (Recent PhD student, University of Leeds)
Jenny Kaminer (Lecturer, University of Sheffield)

3. Achievement of stated aims and objectives

Please summarise how the stated aims and objectives of the activities proposed have been achieved and how these have helped to further the aims and objectives of CEELBAS.

We were particularly pleased this year to have participants not only from so many different universities, but also from the public. The sixth-formers who attended the Manchester session particularly enjoyed the talk on representations of Medvedev and Putin in the Soviet media and their teacher felt this enhanced their study of Russian culture and politics at A Level. There was lively discussion after the presentations. The meetings also helped to establish contacts; the second one on 'Religion, Identity, and Belief', though less well-attended, particularly helped bring together several scholars working in this field.

4. Outcomes

Please indicate the outcomes and 'value for money' of activities carried out.

The main outcome of this event has been the possibility of disseminating research both amongst academics, and to some extent, a wider public. As this was set up as a forum for research in progress there have been no publications as a result, but the contacts developed have led to a productive collaboration on religion and the establishment of a permanent BASEES Study Group on 'Religion and Spirituality in Russia and Eastern Europe'.

5. Breakdown of total costs for workshops (please attach evidence of expenditure)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Key speakers (Travel, accommodation and subsistence)	
Catering	£72
Participant Travel 26.60	26.60
Participant Travel 11.20	11.20
Participant Travel 23.60	23.60
Postgraduate participation	
Room/equipment hire	
Room hire in Humanities Research Institute, Sheffield	£150.99
Administration costs	
Printing and publicity (including conference packs)	
Other (please specify	
Total expenditure	284.39
Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS	284.39

6. Breakdown of total costs for projects (please attach evidence of expenditure)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Staff costs	
Equipment/technical costs	
Administration costs	
Other (please specify	
Total expenditure	
Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS	

7. Dissemination and further research

Please give details of dissemination of the outcomes of the workshop/project and any further research planned.

As indicated above, one of the outcomes of this initiative has been the establishment of a study group devoted to religion. In general, we have worked to strengthen the professional ties between scholars working in universities in and near to Sheffield and Manchester and we plan to use these contacts as the springboard for future activities.

8. Signature and date

Applicant's signature
Date:

Institutional authorisation (if required)
Position:
Date:

Institutional CEELBAS Network Primary Contact
Date:

This form must be accompanied by an invoice from the applicant's institution, supported by receipts or other evidence of the expenditure incurred.

Please send the completed form to the CEELBAS Administrator, SSEES, UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT.

