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# Step by Step

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## Student Project Conference: The History of Invention



Photo by Anna Ulyanova

On November 28<sup>th</sup> we held out third Student Project Conference, "The History of Invention". Every year we hold our conferences in different places. This year the conference took place in a huge oak-panelled lecture theatre at Moscow State University's Chemistry Faculty.

11 groups of students took part in the conference, and 13 presentations were given. A representative of our new partner, Dow chemical company, gave a presentation.

We are very grateful to Valery Lunin and all the people working at the MSU's Chemistry Faculty for the chance to hold the conference there.

Many thanks to Dow for help in organising and holding the conference.



Dear Friends!

On December 15<sup>th</sup>  
(Sunday),  
from 11 a.m. till 7 p.m.

we are delighted to be able to invite  
you to the biggest charity fair of the  
year—the Heart-to-Heart Market!

At the Heart-to-Heart Market you will  
not only be able to buy Christmas gifts,  
but also support the HandsOn  
Workshop and the young people who  
study at Step Up.

You will be able to take part in the  
**Gennady the Starling colouring  
championship** and visit **My First** — a  
sale of designer clothes in support of  
our Centre.

**Sokolniki Park, Pavilion 4**  
**Drop by!**



December 15<sup>th</sup> \* Sokolniki park \* pavilion 4 \* HandsOn Workshop \* bird boxes



## Visiting the Polytechnical Museum



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To develop, and understand how your surroundings are changing, you need constant contact with the world. That is why our students often attend events outside the Centre. We attended one such event at the 12th of November: the "Vivid Topology" hands-on workshop at a scientific laboratory in the Polytechnical Museum.

The scientific laboratories in the Polytechnical Museum hold a number of educational hands-on seminars on Chemistry, Maths, Biology, Physics, and Robotics conducted as games.

At the "Vivid Topology" hands-on we cut moebius strip in a variety of different ways, tied and untied knots, solved problems and grappled with puzzles. It was an easy way to learn very difficult, and important things.

We are grateful to **Ivan Bogantsev**, director of educational programmes at the Polytechnical Museum, for the chance to visit the Maths scientific laboratory free of charge, and we hope that in future our students will also be able to attend these hands-on events.



## Step Up's Football Team: Blitzliga and Downside Up Tournament



In November our team came 4<sup>th</sup> out of the 11 teams that took part in the 5th Blitzliga football tournament. In a series of intensive games with strong teams and worthy competitors, Step Up recorded one of its best results since we began participating in the tournament.

We also took part in Downside Up charity football tournament. We are very thankful to Downside Up for this opportunity and to the teams for the game!

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We have great news to share — **the Winter Camp in the Belskoye Ustye Orphanage** will take place in December! This means that Step Up volunteers will go to Belskoye Ustye (Porkhov district, Pskov region) to help create a real holiday for the mentally and physically disabled children living there.

Read our next issue to hear about how the Camp goes.

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