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To the International Day against Drug Addiction and Drug Trafficking

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The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was introduced in 1987 by the UN General Assembly to highlight the problem and move towards a drug-free world community. But to this day this problem has not been solved.

March 1 in the central city library named after. A.I. Herzen held **an information hour "Drugs: knowledge against mirages"** with the participation of volunteers from the Gomel State Medical College.

Drug addiction begins as an adventure, continues as a disease and ends as a life catastrophe - volunteers from the Golden Heart Center for Volunteer Initiatives at the Gomel State Medical College once again recalled this. The presenters introduced students of the Gomel State Automotive College to the concept of drug addiction, the reasons for drug use in adolescence and youth, as well as the medical and social consequences of drug addiction. The children were shown a short film about the dangers of drugs.

Students were asked to take part in tasks. To get acquainted with the direct and indirect signs of drug addiction, they drew a portrait of a drug addict. Volunteers revealed 10 facts about drugs, and also talked about famous people who died or were treated for drug addiction.

Finally, students were given strips of paper and asked to crumple them, tear them, or do whatever they wanted. And then the volunteers suggested making them the same, returning the paper to its original appearance. None of those present managed to do this. So it is with the human body, after the destructive

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influence of drugs it will never be the same.



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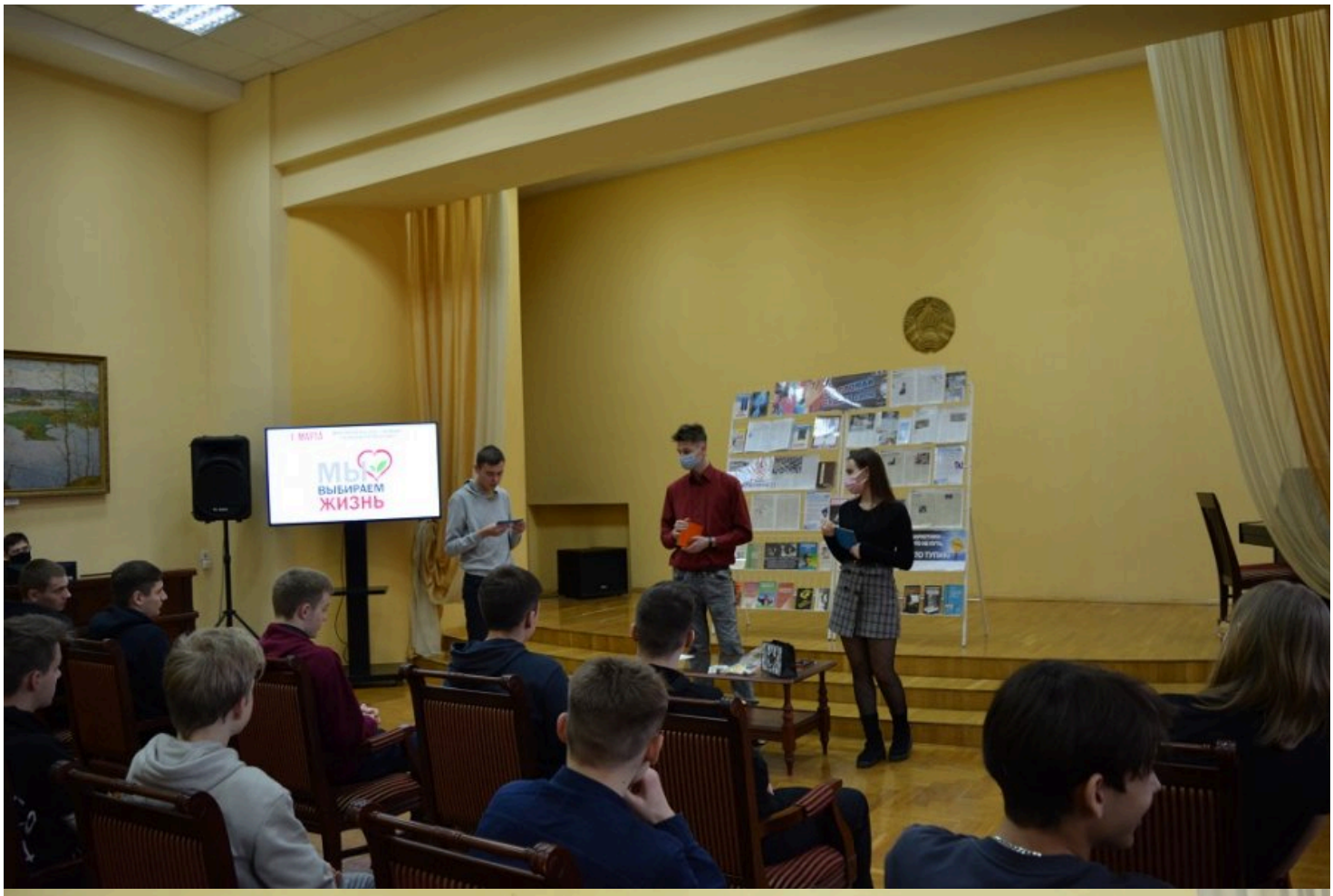



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On March 1, in the library-branch No. 2, **a legal conversation “Value your life - say no to drugs”** was held for students of the educational institution “Gomel State Professional Agrarian-Technical Lyceum” with the participation of a lawyer from the legal consultation of the Sovetsky district of the Gomel Regional Bar Association Kristina Dmitrievna Kasyanova.

Throughout Belarus, the number of crimes in the sphere of illicit trafficking in psychotropic substances and drugs is increasing. The Investigative Committee notes that teenagers are increasingly becoming involved in this activity. In 2021 alone, 759 drug-related crimes were committed in the Gomel region, including those involving minors. In a drug trafficking scheme, it is the teenagers involved in the distribution who are at greatest risk of being caught. That is why information and preventive work is important, aimed both at preventing drug addiction and disseminating information about responsibility for one’s actions.

An invited specialist held a preventive conversation with students on the topic of drug addiction and illicit drug trafficking. At the meeting, we reviewed basic concepts such as storage, acquisition, sales, etc., used in administrative and criminal liability; learned what actions are punishable by law. We talked about responsibility for the illegal distribution of drugs, as well as the spread of drug trafficking via the Internet.

Kristina Dmitrievna told what kind of “work” you should be wary of, how you should behave in various situations related to the imposition of the use or distribution of narcotic drugs. The guys actively participated in the conversation, asked questions, to which they received a professional answer.

During the conversation, students watched anti-drug videos “Thread” and “Unchildren’s Terms.”

Despite the fact that we live in an age of information accessibility, the younger generation does not always know how to find the information they need. Such legal conversations allow you to find answers to all questions and discuss important issues affecting everyone in real time.

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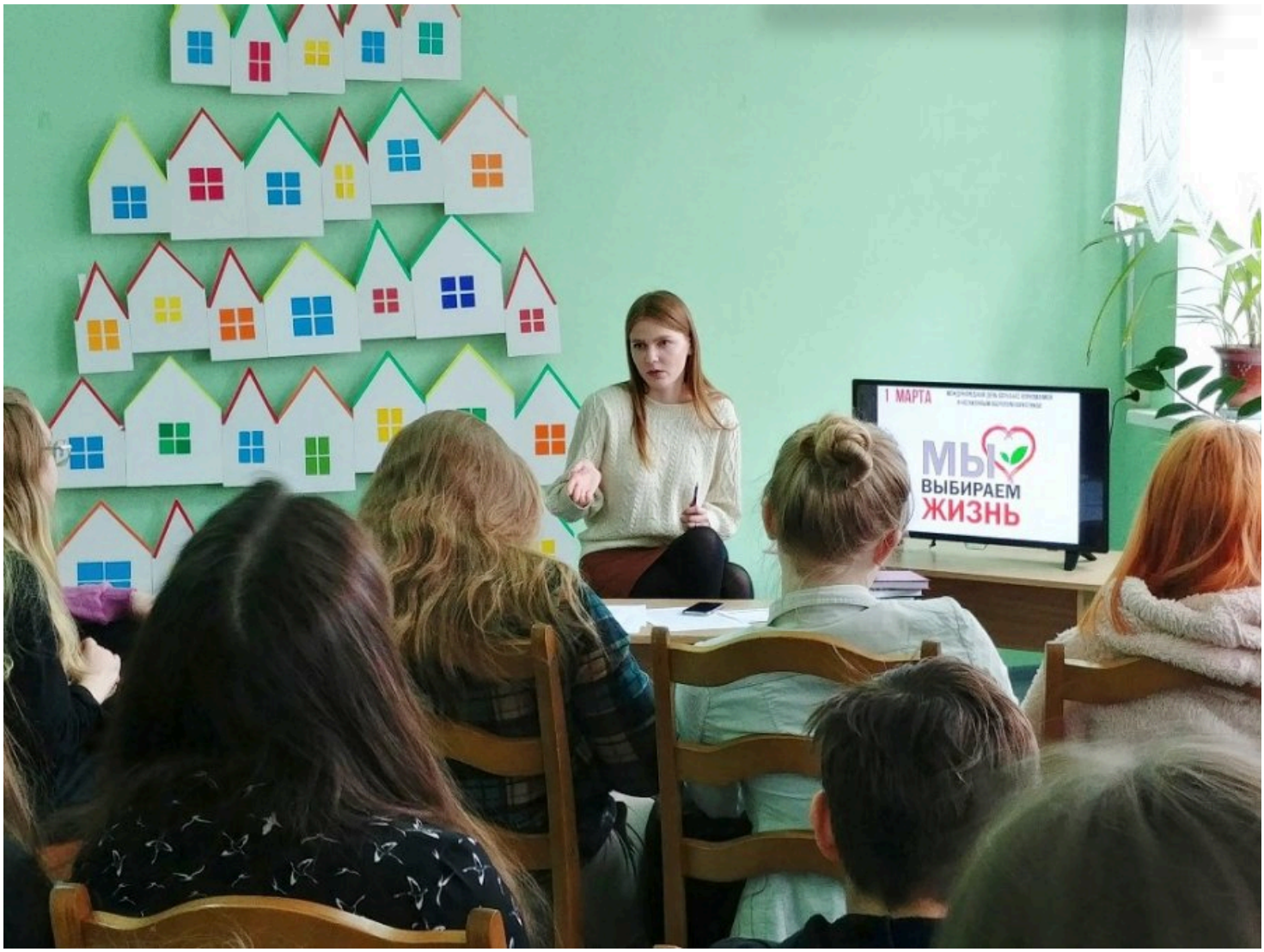

On March 2, in the library-branch No. 4, **a conversation “The World of Dangerous Addictions”** was held for students of grade 7 “B” of the State Educational Institution “Secondary School No. 45 of Gomel” with the participation of a psychiatrist-narcologist of the child and adolescent department of clinical examination and medical rehabilitation of the “Gomel Regional Narcological dispensary" Ruslan Vyacheslavovich Stepanenko.

During the conversation, students learned about the harmful effects of drugs on the human body and what the consequences of taking drugs are, and watched a video about the problem of the spread of drug addiction among teenagers.

Ruslan Vyacheslavovich spoke about various cases from his practice, answered the guys’ questions (“How long should you see a narcologist?”, “What is more harmful: alcohol or drugs?”).

In the leisure reading room, seventh-graders got acquainted with the warning exhibition “Drugs are a sign of trouble!”

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In the library-branch No. 6 for students of grade 9 "A" of the State Educational Institution "Secondary School No. 39 of Gomel" **a topical dialogue "Drugs: you will answer with your life"** was held , the purpose of which was to familiarize yourself with the consequences of drug use, the formation of a negative attitude towards trying drugs and skills for safe behavior with people who use drugs and try to get others into drugs.

Volunteers from the Center for Volunteer Initiatives “Golden Heart” at the Gomel State Medical College introduced teenagers to the concept of drug addiction, the reasons for drug use in adolescence and youth and their consequences, and told what punishment is provided for drug trafficking.

The proposed role-playing games “This is how it begins”, “Seduction”, “What would you do?”, “Sculpture of addiction” helped teenagers learn what harm drug addiction causes to health; express your opinion about the problem of addiction. The teenagers approached the task “Portrait of a Drug Addict” very creatively.

The teenagers were greatly impressed by watching the video “Drugs: Breath of Hell,” based on the confessions of young drug addicts, clearly showing the terrible truth of “several minutes of euphoria.” At the end of the event, students were offered the most common situations of involvement in drug addiction, from which everyone tried to find a way out.

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In the children's library-branch No. 10 named after. V. Yu. Dragunsky at the health school “Healthy me, healthy country” held **an information hour “For a world without drugs”** with the participation of the psychologist of the public health department of the State Institution “Gomel City Center for Hygiene and Epidemiology” Olga Sergeevna Shashkova.

Pupils of class 8 "A" of the State Educational Institution "Secondary School No. 8 of the City of Gomel" discussed with Olga Sergeevna the harmful effects of drugs on health, on the perception of the world, on the inappropriate behavior of adolescents. Unfortunately, crimes related to the use of narcotic substances are being committed in our city. The guys learned from the specialist’s story what sad consequences this leads to. Students asked questions and analyzed problem situations.

At the end of the event, the children watched the videos “Learn to say no to drugs” and “I don’t have time for drugs.”

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