

Antonina Dashkina

I had the chance to cooperate with Antonina Dashkina since 2006. I knew her as a Russian human rights activist struggling for taking into account disadvantaged people's rights and social workers' achievements and claims.

Her social work skills and her professionalism are obvious - and of great use also in so many situations I experienced at her side, be it difficult board meetings with people from different culture or the organisation of workshops and panels with people having different social backgrounds. She has the overview of what has to be done, encourages successfully people to go ahead, convinces potential donators to support, and enlarges the circle of responsible-minded involved people.

Both with INGO representatives and with staff members of all level of the Council of Europe Antonina cooperated successfully. Having her on board was a guarantee to have good results. She introduced new views and proposed helpful new ways to proceed. For instance, she has a large share in the promotion of the European Social Charter in Russia as well as in many other countries – among people in need, organisations working with them and local, regional and national public institutions.

Her working capacity is enormous and in the most stressing situations she is the one who keeps calm and helps people to deal with every kind of problems. She is also an indefatigable networker and she cultivates her contacts in all countries.

Thus, to summarise: Antonina Dashkina is one of those rare leaders who make people better and who allow them to achieve great goals, be they individual or common.

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