



## **MOSCOW TRADE UNIONS WILL CELEBRATE 1 MAY**

### **DESPITE RESTRICTIONS.**

The MTUF Presidium adopted a resolution "About events dedicated to the Day of Workers' International Solidarity on May 1" and chose the format of the upcoming events in the context of restrictive measures in the capital city.

Moscow trade unions decided to support with concrete actions those who are on the front line of the fight against coronavirus today. On the Day of Workers' International Solidarity MTUF will begin a charity event. Within the framework of it Trade union activists and volunteers will donate personal care products for medical staff to hospitals and thereby will join the All-Russian Mutual Support Action #МыВместе (#WeTogether).

“This is the main meaning of solidarity,”- said MTUF President Mikhail Antontsev. -, To solve Together the problems of those who save peoples' lives doing their daily work. Let's support them, because they need our help! ”

Also MTUF will take part in interactive action of Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia (FNPR) in the Internet and online vote for the FNPR May Day resolution.

“Now it's clear that the coronavirus epidemic will lead to economic problems, will affect social and labor relations and, as a result, the position of workers. Employers will certainly look for ways out of the crisis, disregarding the labor collectives of enterprises and organisations. Under these conditions MTUF affiliates and trade union "primary organizations" should show solidarity, unite forces in the struggle unconditional guarantee of workers' rights, saving employment, preventing mass layoffs, wage arrears or reducing wages,” said Mikhail Antontsev.

In this situation in order to protect the health of trade union members MTUF Presidium decided to change the traditional mass formats of May Day trade union actions, called Moscow Unions members to take part in the virtual FNPR action, and also approved the main slogan for the upcoming May Day: “Together we will save life, health and social guarantees of workers ”.

In addition to the actions proposed by FNPR, MTUF Presidium decided to organize the celebrating Labor day on MTUF YouTube channel with broadcast of the 1 May speeches of the FNPR and MTUF Presidents, the addresses of the leaders of MTUF affiliates, of the

primary organizations, the presidents of youth councils and MTUF district councils; videos of the unions work during the pandemic and their participation in the volunteer movement.

In the period from April 29 to May 1, 2020, it was also decided to organize a flashmob in Facebook and other networks with the hashtag #МоскваПрофсоюзПервомай (#MoscowTradeUnion1May). Members are invited to post messages, banners with slogans, photos, videos related to the 1 May action on their pages in Facebook and another networks.

Today, 29 April, 1 May press-conference was held on FNPR YouTube channel. Leader of Russian Trade Unions Mikhail Shmakov told about plans for 1 May and answered questions about Labor situation in Russia.

In solidarity,

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