

# Tick Your Christmas Shopping Off the List at the IWC Charity Winter Bazaar

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What better way to get into the festive spirit than by browsing the stalls at the much anticipated winter bazaar hosted by Moscow's International Women's Club (IWC). The event, which will take place this Saturday at the Radisson Slavyanskaya Hotel, is supported by over 50 embassies who will run stalls offering crafts, goods and food to drum up funds for charity.

This year's bazaar is the 28th of its kind, making it one of Moscow's longest running festive markets. The event, which attracts around 4,500 shoppers each year, supports numerous projects across the city including the Speransky Children's Hospital, the Mother Teresa's Home for Orphans, the Neznaika shelter, MPC Social Services and the Aurora Rehabilitation Center.

"As a women's organization we have decided to focus our primary attention on children, basing this decision on the fact that children represent a society's future," Elena Kubantseva, a member of the IWC and one of the event's organizers, told The Moscow Times. "Charity

children's projects are divided into the following categories: children in care, children in families and children in medical need. Next our funds go to the elderly and destitute and the group also helps with the donations office, which collects and redistributes items from expats and IWC members to various charities.”

Once shoppers have stocked up on Christmas gifts they will be able to enjoy live music and dance performances as part of the international cultural program and try their luck in the IWC raffle, which is laden with prizes donated by businesses and embassies. A worthy way to spend a Saturday.

*The winter bazaar takes place this Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Radisson Slavyanskaya Hotel, Metro Kievskaya. Tickets cost 300 rubles and children under 10 go free. You can buy a ticket on the door. More information at [iwcmoscow.ru](http://iwcmoscow.ru)*

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