

## February E-newsletter

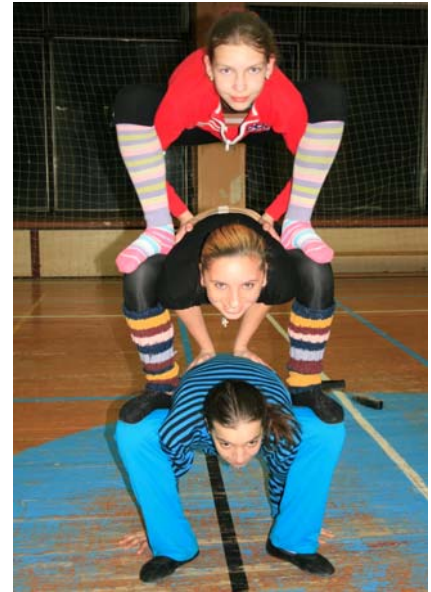


### VESNITSA ARE COMING!

From March 27<sup>th</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup>, Belarusian junior folk group Vesnitsa will tour England with Circus group 'Belaya Rus'. They will perform traditional Belarusian folk dance and sing, along with a band of Belarusian musicians.

The tour is jointly organised by CCP and Chernobyl Children's Lifeline.

The folk dancers are all from a village in Gomel region called Octyabriski which is an area where people were resettled after the accident.



### With performances in

**Gloucester – Evesham – Glossop – Leek – Matlock – Southwell Minster – Nottingham – Sheffield – Manchester**

For more information on venues and tickets see our website or call us on

01457 852621 or 01457 863 534

## Epilepsy Project Underway!

After a year of planning we have now launched a project in Gomel which has begun the assessment of children with severe epilepsy. After six months of careful monitoring of their seizures the children like **Yura (right)** will have a six month period in which diazepam as a rescue medication will be available to their parents. We hope that this will make it clear to the Ministry of Health that this medication must be available to all children and adults who suffer prolonged seizures. Once diazepam is being produced in Belarus in a suitable form, our next goal will be to campaign for these children to be allowed to go to school, instead of being isolated at home.



## Training News

Our training programmes in Gomel continue to be in great demand.

- An increase in suicide and self harm in young people is a concern for Belarusian health care and education professionals. Siobhan Smart, a child psychiatrist and David Loveday- Syms, psychologist from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services team in Harrogate, North Yorkshire are just back from delivering a successful training course in dealing with suicide and self harm in the community.
- In March Eric Shedlow, training co-ordinator and Simon Saxton, Children Centre Manager will deliver a training course in The Principles of Therapeutic Crisis Intervention. The techniques presented in this training programme are designed to provide the skills, knowledge and confidence direct care workers need in order to deal with children and young people in crisis and to be in control of the situation in order to bring about change and growth.



## New Palliative Care Doctor

We have just appointed a doctor to work in Gomel supporting families whose children need palliative care. Irina Kalmanovich who has many years experience as an intensive care doctor, will work under the auspices of the Belarusian Children's Hospice, based in Minsk, where she is currently receiving training. She will soon be joined by two part time nurses and a psychologist or social worker, and between them they will support between 20 and 30 families whose children have terminal or life limiting illnesses.

## Fundraising News...

### Walking their socks off for CCP!

From July-August 2010, Alex Walker and Liam Kirkwood will be walking the 1000 (and a bit) miles from Land's End in Cornwall, to John O'Groats on the North coast of Scotland. The walk is to raise both money and awareness for CCP and they have already started fundraising. They are looking for people along their route to offer a bed, dinner or a cup of tea. Check out their route on the website below to see if you can help!

4<sup>th</sup> March at London Bridge is their next event – a musical gig with famous acts such as Jesse Quin and Jonny Taylor (<http://www.myspace.com/jonnyptaylor>).

We wish them the best of luck! Website: [www.walk1000.co.uk](http://www.walk1000.co.uk)

### Steven's torment for CCP

At the end of April, Manchester Students' CCP coordinator Steven Stenhoff will get a full body wax outside the students' union! (Pictures will follow)

Steven is apparently "already cringing at the thought of being hairless and the pain I am likely to endure but if it helps raise money for CCP it will all be worth it!"

He will raise money to go towards the Sanatorium holiday for Rechitsa and Zhuravichi kids.

<http://www.justgiving.com/Stevengetswaxed>

### Find out the latest...

We have an official facebook group:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=logo#!/group.php?gid=170543349676&ref=ts>

If you tweet, find us on [ChernobylUK](#)

### Preparing for the summer!

We're starting to get ready for the Sanatorium this summer. This year we're also sending volunteers to Zhuravichi and Vikov, so the children and young people can join in the holiday spirit!

We've had quite a few applications already but we're still looking for some more...send yours in today!

Still looking for aid...we've had a great amount of clothes, shoes, toys donated but we could still use some suncream, toiletries and outdoor games!

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