



CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT UK

ПОДДЕРЖКА ДЕТЯМ БЕЛАРУСИ

**2011
CALENDAR**

The Chernobyl Nuclear Accident

On April 26th 1986 an experiment at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine went disastrously wrong, causing one of its reactors to explode with such force that 190 tons of radioactive rubble were thrown into the air.

Evacuation of those living closest to the plant began the next day and over the next few months all the families living within 30 kilometres of the plant were moved.

People who had always lived in small wooden houses in the countryside, growing their own food and keeping animals, were taken to live in high rise flats in the cities of Minsk and Kiev.

For three years after the accident it was assumed that everything outside the Chernobyl Zone was safe.

People picked mushrooms and berries in the nearby forests and cattle grazed right up to the fence. Then the first map was published showing 'purple zones' of extremely high radioactive contamination, up to 200 miles from Chernobyl.

Evacuations began again. A total of 500,000 people were moved from their homes, but there are still two million people in Belarus alone living on poisoned land.



Chernobyl Children's Project (UK)

The charity was launched in Manchester in January 1995. We now have over 20 local groups and we have hosted more than 3,000 children for Recuperative Holidays in the UK and organised

holidays for hundreds of children in Belarus. For children living in very contaminated parts of the country, a happy, healthy holiday in the summer boosts their immune systems and gives them a better chance to resist disease.

We have a Humanitarian Aid Programme and have delivered more than 100 truck loads of vital

aid to social centres, family associations and institutions in Belarus. For over ten years we have been delivering Training in Gomel Region which has helped to get many children moved from the orphanages into foster families.

Children with Cancer

In the wake of the accident thyroid cancer increased by a staggering 100 times in southern Belarus and there have been significant rises in the incidence of many other cancers.

About one third of the children we bring to Britain each year are in remission from cancer or leukaemia and the holiday is an important part of their recovery process.

We also respond to emergency requests from the Children's Cancer Hospital for medicines or special catheters needed for children receiving bone marrow transplants.

For those children whose treatment is not successful, Hospice care is vital. We work with the Belarusian Children's Hospice and fund training and exchange programmes which help to develop palliative care for both children and adults, and we fund a home palliative care team in Gomel.



Children & Young People with Disabilities

In the Gomel Region there has been an estimated 80% rise in the number of children born with disabilities since the Chernobyl accident. Many children were abandoned by parents who could not cope and ended up in large institutions like Zhuravichi, hidden from public view. Every summer, we take children from two

orphanages to a holiday camp in Belarus, and we fund extra staff in institutions to improve the quality of care.

We created 'Family Home 2000' for four young adults, three of whom had grown up at Zhuravichi and had never had the chance of an education.

We set up a home for five young children in Rogachev, who came either from Zhuravichi or directly from the Home for Abandoned Babies in Gomel. The children at 'Rodni Kut' have a foster papa and a team of 'aunties' who share their care.

We adapted Special School No 5 so that children in wheelchairs would have the chance to attend school

instead of being taught at home. In 2004 we opened the Mayflower Centre, the first overnight respite care centre in Belarus, which supports some 60 families with disabled children.

We would like to thank all the families who have hosted children and the individuals, churches, schools, groups and businesses who have given us their generous support. Special Thanks to our greatest supporters Olympus KeyMed

CHERNOBYL 25

Casting a shadow over generations to come

April 26th 2011 will be the 25th Anniversary of the world's worst nuclear accident. CCP UK will be working with other charities to raise awareness about the ongoing effects of the disaster. Events will include:

- An Essay and Poetry Competition for school students
- 'Chernobyl Challenge' events including 5k runs around the country
- Candlelit Vigils in major cities across Europe
- Church services and collections
- Exhibitions, Conferences, Theatre Performances and Concerts

To find out how to get involved see our website www.chernobyl-children.org.uk

HOW CAN I HELP?

You could join one of our local groups, help to organise their activities and host children from Belarus in your home. If there is no group in your area, maybe you could help us to start one. We also need volunteers with relevant experience to help at the summer holiday camp in Belarus, and medical and child care specialists interested in making training visits to Belarus.

You could make a donation or organise a fund raising event

- £25 will buy craft materials for children in an orphanage
- £50 will help to buy medicines for a child in the cancer hospital
- £100 will provide a two week holiday for a young adult with disabilities
- £400 will fund a holiday in Britain which will boost a child's immune system

We are very grateful for all donations, large or small. We need your support for funding nurses and carers, providing training programmes and delivering humanitarian aid.

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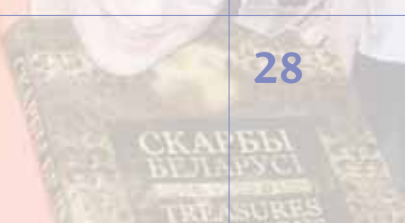


We work closely with the Baby Home in Gomel where we have given training to staff, and we are now working to find and support foster families for the children.

JANUARY

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ЯНВАРЬ

SUNDAY ВОСКРЕСЕНЬЕ	MONDAY ПОНЕДЕЛЬНИК	TUESDAY ВТОРНИК	WEDNESDAY СРЕДА	THURSDAY ЧЕТВЕРГ	FRIDAY ПЯТНИЦА	SATURDAY СУББОТА
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We support the Children's Cancer Hospital in Minsk with medicines and have recently delivered many beautiful wigs which have been a wonderful support to the girls having treatment.

FEBRUARY

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A group of young children who had recently finished their treatment for cancer came to have a holiday in Evesham last summer with their mums.

Lisa and Maxim were two of the children who came with their mothers and stayed in Glossop and South Manchester last summer.



MARCH

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27	28	29	30	31	<p>Ivan and his mum Vera enjoyed a summer holiday last year in Teesdale with five other children in remission from cancer and their mothers. Many of our groups love the experience of hosting not only these young children but also their mums who have been through such a stressful time.</p>	

ST PATRICK'S DAY
Bank Holiday - IRL NI



Masha (on the left) came for a holiday in Gloucester with her twin sister who has cerebral palsy. She is warming up with Diana after a sailing session, one of the many activities in a busy month.

APRIL

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<p>Vesnitsa are a wonderful children's folk group from Gomel Region who delighted audiences in many parts of the country when we brought them on a UK Tour, working jointly with Chernobyl Children's Lifeline.</p>					1	2
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<p>EASTER MONDAY Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI S</p>		<p>Chernobyl nuclear disaster 25th Anniversary</p>			<p>GOOD FRIDAY Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI S</p>	



MAY

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The children of the 'Belaya Rus' Circus group, based in Minsk, toured with Vesnitsa last April and amazed everyone with their skills.

Youlia was one of a group of nineteen year olds who enjoyed a holiday with our Endon and Stoke Group last summer. All the young people have had cancer in their teens and they greatly appreciate the opportunity to have a holiday and see another culture.



JUNE

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The group spent half their visit with families and half staying at Cicely Haughton School in the Staffordshire Countryside. They also enjoyed a weekend away camping and boating in Leamington Spa.



Sarah Brown enjoys a hug with Sasha on her fifth visit to Belarus as a volunteer at our Summer Camp. Many of our volunteers enjoy the experience of working with the children from Zhuravichi Orphanage and Rechitsa Boarding School so much that they go back again and again.

JULY

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31		Alina and Katya are school students who were at the Holiday Camp this summer at the same time as 'our' children. Seen here with Sergei from Rechitsa, the girls fell in love with all the kids and were a great help to the volunteers.			1	2
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A group of children from the cancer charity in Minsk, 'Children in Trouble' stayed with families in our West Pennine Group. The children ranged from 10 to 16 years old and the group found that the older children were very supportive of the younger ones.



AUGUST

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Our Buxton and Longnor Group always host children with diabetes, and every year the group raises funds to support the association in Gomel, as well as to bring the children for their holiday. They are seen here on their way down from Solomon's Temple, a well know Buxton landmark.



Our Rugby group host teenage girls every summer. During the visit to the Fire Station last summer Lydia was one of the girls who was kitted out in protective gear to use the hoses. She is seen here having her helmet adjusted by Crew Manager Kevin Matthews.

SEPTEMBER

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<p>Whilst most of the volunteers in the summer were at the Holiday Camp at Ptich, a small group went to Zhuravichi and then on to Vikov, a home for adults with learning difficulties. The young people at Vikov had a great time.</p>				1	2	3
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Teenagers from Svetlagorsk Orphanage hosted by our Solihull group at Springfield House School, enjoy a day out at Warwick Castle, organised for them by Warwick Rotary Club. The Orphanage will close this autumn and the children will all move on to foster families or to other institutions.

OCTOBER

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30	31		School No 5 is a lovely special school in Gomel. We set up a class there for children in wheelchairs and last year the school received a huge aid delivery from us, including all sorts of craft materials.			1
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Ann Mastin is a physiotherapist who made her fifth visit to Belarus this summer. She spent a few days at the summer camp and then moved on to Zhuravichi where she was able to fit boots to children, adjust their seating and give advice to the carers.

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Tamara is one of the carers for the children at Zhuravichi who spend most of their time in cots. She was delighted to be shown how to sit Andrei in a special chair so he could be fed much more safely. Andrei smiled during his lunch for the first time in his life!



Ignat, Vlad and Timur were three of the young children who came with their mums to spend New Year at Denis Moors Centre at Longnor. Families in the Buxton group invited the children and their mothers into their homes for three days so they could enjoy a traditional English Christmas.

DECEMBER

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<p>In Rogachev there is an Association of Families with Children with Disabilities. They attend art sessions in the centre and some of them are talented artists. This wintry scene was painted by Allesia who has severe cerebral palsy.</p>				1	2	3
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