

# Chernobyl Children's Project (UK)



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## Anniversary Events

There were many events up and down the country which marked 25 years since the disaster at Chernobyl. Candlelight vigils took place in Manchester, Birmingham, Stoke, Gloucester and Leeds. They helped to raise awareness and were generally well attended.

Some groups did dramatic readings of 'Voices from Chornobyl', a powerful and moving play written about the disaster. You can download the script from our website [here](#). It is a great script for schools and any theatre groups to take on.

You can still buy our special anniversary badge and car sticker on the website.



## Schools News

We are encouraging schools to take part in our Creative Writing Competition, which is being judged over the summer by local children's author **Gill Lobel** and crime author **Nicci French**. To see full details of the competition follow this [link](#).

We have a new [page](#) on the website geared towards teachers and pupils. You can find educational resources, presentations and advice about teaching Chernobyl in your school.

Our DVD for schools is now [online](#) too!

We are still urging schools to hold non-uniform days to support our work! Thanks to those schools who are already supporting us. Get in touch at [ccprojectuk@gmail.com](mailto:ccprojectuk@gmail.com) if you would like someone to come and speak at your school or club.

## Upcoming Visits

Next week, Larissa Kuzikova, a psychologist from the children's cancer hospital in Minsk, is coming to Manchester for an educational visit. She will visit Beechwood Cancer Care to learn about play therapy as pain distraction and other alternative therapies which benefit cancer patients. She is also going to visit the Manchester Children's Hospital and a group called Chics at Alder Hey, which provides support for children and their families throughout the course of treatment.

This visit has been funded by the Toy Trust who gave us a grant towards our support for the cancer hospital last month.

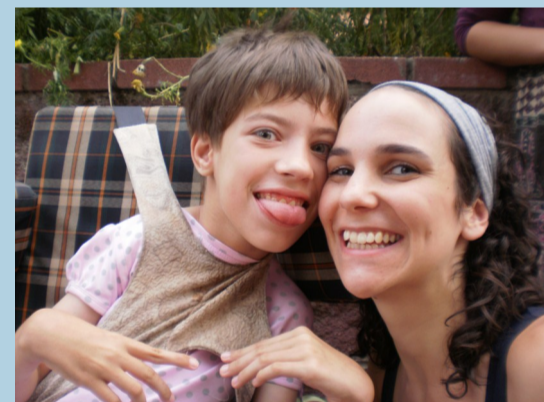
## Summer News

All the groups are busy getting ready to host children this summer. Our new groups in Stafford, Rotherham, Wilmslow and Wimborne are particularly excited, as hosting children will be a new experience for them. The first group of mothers and children arrives in Stoke in just a couple of weeks time. We hope they have a brilliant month. A month's holiday away from Belarus gives a huge boost to the children's immune systems, and is a great psychological boost, particularly for those in remission from cancer who have spent many months in hospital during their treatment.

## Sanatorium News

Plans for the summer holiday for children from Zhuravichi and Rechitsa are well underway! Last weekend we held our first training as a residential at High Ash Farm, owned by CCP supporter Denis Moors. He was a great host! Volunteers spent the day training and relaxed in the evening by watching Eurovision! They also did team building activities such as archery, which was greatly enjoyed despite the Derbyshire wind and rain!

All the volunteers are looking forward to going to Belarus, with the first group leaving on July 24th. We are sure the children are just as excited for the summer break!



The students in Manchester cycled for 25 hours on 5 exercise bikes outside the Students' Union, covering 1737 miles from Manchester to Chernobyl!

The event was sponsored by **Virgin Active**, who provided the bikes, the **Edinburgh Bicycle Cooperative** who donated drinks and a 'win a bike' competition, **Vitamin Water** and **Babushka's Mobile Kitchen**.

Julie Hesmondhalgh, who plays Hayley Cropper in Coronation Street, popped along to do a few miles on the bike and lend her support!

Overall they raised over £1000 through sponsorship and bucket shaking, which will go towards the Sanatorium holiday fund. Well done to everyone involved!

## Upcoming Events

Car Boot Sale, Endon, 30th May

Bag pack at M&S, Meadowhall, 5th June. 10-5, all welcome!

Ladies Lunch, Dorridge, Forest Hotel. 10th June at noon.

Ceidlh, Macclesfield, 11th June, 8pm at Morton Community Centre

## Recent Fundraising News

In Birmingham, Fairport Convention played a gig at the Jam House and raised over £10k for CCP(UK)!

In Mid-Essex, a 25th anniversary ball raised over £20k, which will pay for Belarusian children to visit the UK this summer. A brilliant result!

Wilmslow/East Cheshire group kicked off their fundraising with a brilliant quiz and chip supper which raised £633, well done!

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