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Remember Chernobyl

Spring Newsletter



April 26th will be International Chernobyl Remembrance Day, the 32nd anniversary of the disaster.

You could wear a purple ribbon badge or wear a wristband (order through our website or contact Linda Walker at ccprojectuk@gmail.com). And burn a candle in your window on the evening of Wednesday April 25th.



Large parts of Belarus are still contaminated and children continue to suffer illness and disability as a result. We work closely with Children's Cancer Charity 'Children in Trouble', inviting children and teenagers for recuperative holidays once they are in remission.

The first group to arrive this year will be the young children and their mums visiting our Endon and Stoke group in May. Glossop and New Mills will also host very young children with their mums. *This is the group who came to Glossop and New Mills last year*



Children in remission will also go to Stafford and Stone, Solihull and Endon & Stoke on Trent, who will host the oldest group, 16 – 19 year olds. *These are the teenagers who came last year*



Belarus Visit in February

Volunteers organiser Lynne Murphy and new member of our Management Team Brian Hardwick visited Belarus with CCP Director Linda Walker.

Residents at Zhuravichi and Vikov were delighted to see Lynne and Brian again, and plans were made for the volunteers visiting in the summer. They also



all made up of past volunteers, were the winners of the fancy dress Competition. Held at the Cresta Court Hotel and with over 100 people taking part, the evening raised £1,500 to fund holidays at Ptich for young adults from Zhuravichi and Vikov.



We have lots of great volunteers planning to go again this summer. But we still have some places available at the Holiday camp, at Zhuravichi and Vikov (where experience in working with people with disabilities is needed) and also at Rechitsa Boarding Home where we sent volunteers for the first time last summer. Contact Lynne at lynnecm@live.co.uk if you would like to know more.



visited all CCP's projects in Gomel Region and the Cancer Hospital and Hospice in Minsk, and had meetings with Regional Officials and with UNICEF with whom we will soon be starting a new project.

Lynne and Brian were also the chief organisers of 'Saturday Night at the Movies' a great event in Altrincham where the Alice in Wonderland group,



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Next time you are planning a meal out go to <https://charitablebookings.com>, sign up (takes 2 minutes) choose Chernobyl Children's Project(UK) as your charity and when you have found the restaurant you want, ring up and book. If you join the 30 bookings challenge you also have the chance to win a holiday.

You can support Chernobyl Children's Project every time you eat out! ChariTable Bookings have about 8,500 restaurants enrolled who will each give the charity of your choice £1 for every person

Visit to Manchester Schools

Vera Khitruk is the Head of the Inclusive Education Institute at the Pedagogical University in Minsk. In early March she came to Manchester to visit Special Schools and to look at inclusive education in mainstream schools.



Many thanks to Lancasterian, Inscape House, Pictor, Seashell Trust Royal, Camberwell Park, Grange and Rodney House Special Schools; to Bowker Vale, St Paul's Withington and St George's New Mills Schools; to the outreach teams we met at these schools; to Stockport Inclusion Team and the lecturers in Inclusive Education and Autism at Manchester Metropolitan University; all of whom contributed to making this a fascinating visit.

New Family Support Project in Gomel

We will soon be launching a new project with UNICEF. Our partners 'Supporting Children Together', who organise all our projects in Gomel Region, will be the Implementing Partner for a UNICEF project which will provide support to families who have a child with significant disabilities, and encourage better co-ordination between health, education and social services. If all goes well, at the end of the two year project UNICEF will present the results to the Government as a model of how family support should be organised.



Can you support us this summer?

£250 would fund a flight to give a child in remission from cancer a holiday in the UK

£150 would give a young person with disabilities a holiday at a camp in Belarus

£50 would support a family in the care of our Hospice Team for a month

£20 would buy art and craft materials for children in an orphanage



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From our Local Groups:

New Mills and Glossop Group had a very successful Fun Day in March where dozens of children enjoyed face painting, balloon animals, egg hunts, and making Easter crafts. They raised £220, which will be doubled by Vodafone. The group are holding a promises auction on April 21st at the Butterfly House in New Mills. Contact Helena Gannon glossopandnewmillsccp@gmail.com

Endon and Stoke Group will hold their annual Dinner and Auction at Westwood Golf Club in Leek on Friday 27th April. It's always a great night. Contact Julie for tickets Julie.ccp@gmail.com

Solihull Group held an Easter Coffee Morning which raised almost £900. There was a tombola, Spring plant pots and baskets and some delicious home-made cakes for sale. We are very grateful for some very generous donations and the money raised will help towards our target to bring 12 teenagers in remission for a recuperative holiday. We would love to hear from you if you would like to host this summer. Contact kenkathruane@gmail.com

Stafford and Stone Group had a Musical Curry Evening at Sangam's in Stoke. The music was provided by Stoke's U3A Ukulele band who gave a lively evening of songs and the food was delicious, copious and generously sponsored by the wonderful people at Sangam's. There will be a beetle drive at Great Bridgeford Village Hall on 19th May and a Musical Pudding evening at Walton Community Centre on 16th June. If you would like to join us for any of the events please contact margie.haslop@btconnect.com



Our Charity Shop

Our lovely shop in Crook, Co Durham, has continued to provide a warm welcome throughout the winter for all the local shoppers. Under the supervision of manager Gerald Hirst, our team of volunteers work hard to make the shop a great source of funding for CCP and a wonderful resource for local families too. Many thanks to everyone who works in the shop, donates goods or is a regular customer.

We are equally grateful to the terrific team who run our very successful Market Stall in Stoke.

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