# **CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT (UK)**

# <mark>поддержка детям беларуси</mark>

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### Summer News 2018





Our first **Recuperative Holiday** of the summer was for a group of young children in remission from cancer and their mums, who came to stay with families in Endon & Stoke-on-Trent. They made great friends with the children in the English families and had a wonderful time, enjoying three weeks of sunshine.

Groups are now getting ready for the older children and teenagers who will come in late July. All the children are in remission from cancer and the holiday will give a great boost to their immune systems as well as providing them with many exciting experiences and happy memories

### **Holiday for Sasha**

Sasha Kurilenko was just twenty two years old when he moved into our Family Home 2000 at Klimovka. Last month he celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and he came for a holiday in the UK to mark the occasion.

He was invited by Glossop and New Mills group co-ordinator



Helena Gannon who has known Sasha for twenty years.



Sasha met many old friends, made new ones, went climbing, and enjoyed outings to pubs and parks. He is seen here toasting his birthday with Helena's family.

## **Gomel Regional Directors visit Manchester and Stockport**



Services in Stockport; leaders of the new Health and Social Care organisation in Manchester; and Pure Innovations and Turning Point. They also visited Inscape School, Ashcroft School and service provision managers at the Together Trust; went to Pictor Academy and the Royal College at Seashell Trust; and saw various types of accommodation for adults with disabilities.

They went back home with a greater understanding of what they ought to be trying to achieve for people with disabilities in the Gomel Region of Belarus, and some ideas of steps they A Reception in Manchester Town Hall with Lord Mayor June Hitchen was the final meeting of a very busy and informative week for our visitors from Belarus in May. They were Vladimir Privalov, Deputy Governor of Gomel Region; Sergei Paroshin, Director of Education; and Piotr Shutko, Director of Social Protection.

They met many people in Adult Social Care in Stockport who spoke to them about all aspects of care and support for adults with learning disabilities; Children's Services and Fostering



could take to improve co-operation between Education and Social Protection services in the near future.



#### National Seminar at Gomel School No 5

We have worked with Special School No 5 in Gomel since 2000 and in the last few years their staff have attended training on working with autistic children, delivered in Gomel by Jacqueline Wheble from Pictor Academy in Trafford.

Last year the school's Deputy Director spent a week at Pictor and Inscape House in Cheadle. Teachers at No 5 have worked hard at introducing the use of symbols for communication for their autistic and other non verbal

children.

This boy was very excited to put together the sentence 'I want bubbles please' to give to his teacher, and as soon as he had blown some bubbles he went back to do it again. Their work is now so successful that they were able to hold a seminar in the School this month which was attended by special needs teachers from all over Belarus. The school are also very grateful for the support they have had from Godel Technologies. Their interactive whiteboard is great for the children and also enabled them to deliver a very professional seminar.



### Summer Holidays in Belarus

The children at Rechitsa Boarding Home are looking forward to their holiday at Ptich Sanatorium in July, and to meeting some of the volunteers from Britain again.

Some of the volunteers got together in May for a Preparation weekend, and they are now busy collecting materials and raising sponsorship to cover the costs of the trip and fund a holiday for young adults with disabilities.

Most volunteers will be going to Ptich Sanatorium,

which is a large holiday camp with additional medical facilities. The volunteers will organise arts and crafts, games and races, theme days and picnics and the sanatorium put on shows and discos. Some of those with more experience will be going to the institutions at Zhuravichi and Vikov in the north of Gomel Region to work

with the disabled adults who live there.





Marina was living in an institution, but when she became pregnant she had to leave. She has spent some time in a shelter in Bobrusk, but mostly she has lived at Klimovka where she quickly became part of the family





Masha was born in February. Marina is very happy being a mum and she gets lots of help and support form Larissa and all the young people at Klimovka. Social Protection has given her a flat which she will move into in a few months and we will make sure she gets all the support she needs.



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### **Great British Festival**

This was a very well attended and successful event held in the Old Town of Minsk on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

There were marching bands, lots of music, speakers and street stalls and CCP had a stall within the Charities area



We are very grateful for the wonderful donations we have received this year from Godel Technologies, Action for Disability, True and Fair Foundation and Persula Foundation.

Could you make a donation to support one of our projects?

- £25 would buy craft materials for children in an orphanage
- £50 would help to fund a nurse working in our Home Hospice Team
- £100 would buy urgently needed medicines for children in the Cancer Hospital
- £140 would sponsor a holiday for a young person with disabilities at a Holiday camp
- £250 would buy an airfare for a recuperative holiday in the UK

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