

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT (UK)

ПОДДЕРЖКА ДЕТЯМ БЕЛАРУСИ

Training Visits to Belarus Autumn/Winter 2016



Speech and language therapists from Inscape House School had a cold and snowy visit to Gomel in October. Seen here with our interpreter Masha Patskova who worked with them all week.

Sonya Mulvaney and Emma Bowers work at Inscape House, a school for autistic children in Cheadle, Stockport. After visitors from Belarus came to their school

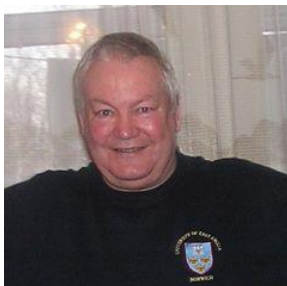
a few months ago, they volunteered to go to Gomel to deliver training in working with autistic children. This took place at the Regional Diagnostic Centre, and then Sonya and Emma visited Special School No 5; our Family Home 'Rodni Kut; Zhuravichi Boarding Home; and finally delivered some more training at an Early Intervention Centre in Minsk.



Early next year a teacher from School No 5 will come to Manchester and then staff from Pictor Academy will go out to Gomel to deliver further autism related training.

In early November Cheryl Parker delivered training to teachers, youth justice workers and medical staff in Gomel in how to work with young people who are taking drugs. The approach in Belarus is very different and Cheryl was attempting to move them away from punishment and towards rehabilitation and support.

In late November three psychiatrists from Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust will visit Psychiatric Hospitals and Polyclinics in Gomel and Minsk to find out more about current practice in Psychiatric medicine in Belarus and to plan a visit to the UK next year for the Chief Doctor of Gomel Regional Psychiatric Hospital with a representative of the Health Department.



And in early December Geoff Wright will be continuing our training programme in Social Work Skills in Minsk. He will co-train with Natasha Semenyaka from the Mayflower Centre who will then hopefully be able to pass on the training in other regions of Belarus.

We are very grateful to the True and Fair Foundation for funding much of our training programme this year.