

Year of Diversity

[Год разнообразия]

"It is time ... to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength"

"Пришло время… показать молодым людям, что в разнообразии кроются и красота, и сила"

- Maya Angelou



Year of Diversity (Год разнообразия) 2012

Mission Statement

As part of WEast Chernobyl's Year of Diversity will be hosting a "Dozen Diversity Days" programme (Дюжина разнообразных дней) at our base in Orphanage 5 in Minsk. Where residents of the school can work with our volunteers developing new skills and exploring diversity through a range of mediums.

Beginning to build a relationship of trust and participation within the staff and students of Orphanage 5 (Школа-интернат 5) in Minsk (Минск) we will work together in partnership to achieve our shared goals and bring diversity into our lives.

This diversity will pave the way for open Communication, starting with our Year of Communication in 2013, the second of our five-year commitment to the Orphanage 5 facility.

Year of Diversity Programme

Building Programme









In September 2012 WEast Chernobyl volunteers will be refurbishing an area of the Orphanage 5 complex known as the "apartment".

This "apartment" will serve as a preparatory real-world apartment for final year students leaving the orphanage.

Preparing them for their lives outside, including cooking, money management and the day to day running.

Working with our development partners,
Orphanage 5, we will work towards solving
the damp problem within the apartment,
tiling the bathroom and floor and installing
functioning appliances. As part of our year of diversity volunteers will work with senior
students of the school in the final stages
- making the apartment a "home".

Resident Centred Programme

WEast Chernobyl's September 2012 trip will be focused around the promotion of diversity within Orphanage 5. Through a multi-faceted programme WEast Chernobyl volunteers will work with young people in developing their personal, social and professional lives through the arts – art, craft, drama, music, film and multimedia, with industry professionals accompanying us to support our work and pass on their valuable experiences and skills.

Drama

WEast Chernobyl will work with the young people of Orphanage 5 towards the production of a short film. This will be facilitated through drama workshops and teach the students a variety of new skills. Participation in the area of the programme will further their personal and social development through encouraging them to explore their experiences for inspiration.

Music

Our 2012 music programme will encourage young people to develop their musical skills and draw elements from both Belarusian traditional music and western in order to promote diversity.

Multimedia and Photography

Students of Orphanage 5 will further their skills with various types of multimedia, gaining experience from our professional volunteers. In this area of the programme students be encouraged to explore relevant social issues through the media of photography in advancement of their personal, professional and social development.

Humanitarian Aid Lorry

Following WEast Chernobyl's March 2012 trip we have decided to send a humanitarian aid lorry to a number locations in the Belarus region.

Below is a list of internats we hope to help:

Orphanage 5 in Minsk

Director Nikolai's Adult Institute in Kosava (southern Belarus)

Director Alexander' Adult institute in the Grodna Region (southern Belarus)

Director Sergei's Adult Institute in Orsa (western Belarus)

This will provide much needed support to these facilities and support us in facilitating our 2012 programme at Orphanage 5.

Financial Support Aid

Director Pavel Dunilovich's Adult Institute (northern Belarus)

Impressed by director Pavel's progressive attitude to the development within his complex, WEast Chernobyl has decided to support his initiative to convert the soon to be unused accommodation building into an arts and crafts centre.

In our 2012 year we will be sending our overseas partner,
Director Pavel, €3000 to install new windows in the bloc.



Based in northern Belarus, Director Pavel and his интернат is home to a number of patients with various levels of disability. Director Pavel believes in community participation and his patients regularly use the facilities at the local school and engage with a number of its pupils. His patient's have competed in football tournaments at both a national and international level, which he documents proudly in the institute's records.

Open Volunteer Opportunities



Trades Volunteers

Do you have trade skills? But lack field experience? Or are you an accomplished tradesperson and are seeking a worthwhile project?

WEast are seeking enthusiastic individuals with a variety of trades skills and experiences to volunteer with us. In Belarus you will be based at Orphanage 5 and will focus on our building programme – the "apartment" facility.

We look forward to hearing from prospective volunteers from any trade discipline and are in particular seeking those with experience with damp, tillers, joiners, electricians, plumbers and general labourers.

Generalists

WEast Chernobyl would like to offer you the opportunity to be part of our 2012 team and travel with us to Belarus in September 2012.

We are seeking enthusiastic individuals to join us. In Belarus you will be based on one of our sites, Orphanage 5 or an adult institute, and will focus on the resident/patient centred programme. Generalist volunteers will support our specialist volunteers in the delivery of our 2012 diversity programme. The backbone of our overseas operations, generalist volunteers, help make our work achievable.

Drama

In 2012 year WEast Chernobyl has an opportunity for individuals with a variety of drama skills and experience to volunteer with us and lend a hand in supporting our Year of Diversity programme.

Drama focused volunteers will aid in the delivery of the programme and have the opportunity to add input from their own skills and experiences.

Based at Orphanage 5 in Minsk and co-operating with our other arts volunteers, drama volunteers will work with small groups of young people from the orphanage.

Health and Social Care

Are you interested in a career in the health and social care field? Or are you an experienced professional looking for an opportunity to put your skills to good use.

WEast Chernobyl has an opening for health and social care volunteers to work with us in our 2012 year.

Volunteers will be based on one of our sites, Orphanage 5 or an adult institute, and will focus on support our 2012 resident/patient centred programme.

Due to restrictions, the above opportunities are available only to volunteers aged 18 and over.

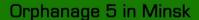
Home Volunteers

An important but understated role. WEast Chernobyl home volunteers provide much needed support back in Northern Ireland.

In our 2012 year we are seeking individuals with a variety of skills and experiences to aid us in the facilitation of our organisation.

We look forward to hearing from all interested individuals and particularly interested in those with secretarial or accountancy experience.

Wish Lists



Arts and Crafts:

Art Tables
A4 and A3 Paper
Pencils
Quality Paint Brushes

Music:

Guitar Bass Sound system with iPod Dock

Drama/Film:

Script Printing Facilities (for our short film NI based)

Montana Spray Paint

A1 and A0 Card

Industrial Paint Brushes

Photography:

5 Digital Cameras/ SLR
MacBook Computers
A3 Printer
Adobe Creative Suite
Microsoft Office Suite
Photographic Printing Paper

Educational Materials:

School chairs and Tables
Craft Tables
Educational Resources
Football Bibs
Football Nets
Volleyball Nets
Sport Cones
New/ Very Good Condition Books/Novels

Director Nikolai's institute

Hospital Beds
Bed Hoists
Trolleys
Shower Chairs
Zimmer Frames
Crutches
Wheelchairs

Director Alexander's institute

Modelling/Art Cla
Sensory Equipment
Smocks
Educational Toys/Games
Large Lego Style Building Blocks
Safety Scissors
Canvas and Easels
Large-scale Jigsaw Puzzles
A4/A3 Coloured Paper

Director Sergei's institute

Knitting Needles
Wool
Winter Wear
Colouring Books
Art Straws

If you have any additional materials you feel may be of use to WEast Chernobyl, we would love to hear from you.

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