

THE CONVOY

If you would like to join one of our summer convoys you will need to raise a minimum of £500, if you are an adult, and £400 if you are a young person.

The trip lasts 13 days, which involves 3 days travelling each way and 7 days in Belarus.

You will not be working for the whole of the 7 days, providing we have met our target you will have the opportunity of spending days shopping and sightseeing.

You will also be invited to the British Embassy by HM Ambassador Mr Mike Haddock for a short reception.

WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR MONEY

Fare

Accommodation

Basic food (3 meals per day) – **snacks, sweets, pop, etc not included**

WHAT TO TAKE:

Clothing – work (painting gear), casual, drive, sleep, 1 smart outfit – 1bag

Passport , Personal Insurance and E111

International Driving License

Money – £1 = Dollars 1.89*, Euros 1.40*, Zloty 5.17* (you won't need a lot of these, just for snacks/sweets in Poland)

Camera & Video

Warm sleeping bag and pillow

Towel

Small travelling bag that can be accessed easily en route (Toothbrush, clean knickers, socks, wet wipes etc)

Take warm & waterproof clothes to wear in layers.

Mosquito spray

* Rates at 27.05.07

ACCOMODATION IS BASIC



We stay in a small hostel near to the orphanage.

It has a kitchen, dormitories and simple shower and toilet facilities. It is comfortable, it is inexpensive and we make it home.



With your help we can make a difference.

A little goes a long way in Belarus.

For more information or to make a donation, contact:

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'Leaves of Hope'

for Belarusian Children

Working for the Children of Belarus

CONVOY INFORMATION



Registered Charity Number: 1077872

'Leaves of Hope' for Belarusian Children



ABOUT US

'Leaves of Hope' is a small charity established in 1999. We work in the Republic of Belarus, which was formerly part of the Soviet Union.

We run programmes of refurbishment in orphanages and children's units in hospitals to give those children still living there a brighter, lively and more homely environment.

Volunteers travel overland regularly to work on selected projects. We also involve young people, some of whom are socially excluded from school and society. These young people return from convoys with a new outlook on life and a sense of self-value. For many it has proved to be a life changing experience.

We are currently working in Zhordina Orphanage, which is approximately 50 kilometers north-east of Minsk.



ABOUT ZHORDINA ORPHANAGE

Zhordina Orphanage is home to 98 three to six year olds.

This will have been their third home since being born and there will have been no preparation for each move. They will suddenly be placed in a new home.

Unfamiliar surroundings with unfamiliar people - a very frightening time for one so young!



The staff at Zhordina want their children to have a better life - we intend to help them in every way we can.

We work closely with the Director to learn what are their greatest needs and we then sponsor that project, but we can only do that with the help of our volunteers and supporters.



INFORMATION FOR YOUTH GROUPS & SCHOOLS

☞ The trip can be quite demanding, both emotionally and physically, we therefore ask that you provide an equal number of adult volunteers who know the young people, as young people themselves. We are on hand to give support at all times, but it is initially easier for young people to relate to adults they know.

☞ We do not have a mini bus and so we ask that you provide a safe means of transport for your group, plus an adequate number of drivers to undertake the long drive (at least 3 per vehicle). We do have a 6 berth camper van which will give the drivers a comfortable place to sleep when off duty. Where possible we will have spare drivers to ease the load.

We provide fuel and ferry fares.

☞ We will support all fundraising activities, but ask that you motivate your team and help the young people.

