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**Title:**

## “Children of Chernobyl say thank you”

**Body**

**Staff at Kingswood Leisure Centre were this week highly praised.** The centre has been praised by the charity Chernobyl Children Life Line, for their kindness and generosity in organising events for 18 children, who were in Bristol on a months respite holiday from Belarus. Leisure Supervisor Kurt Branch and his colleagues at Kingswood Leisure Centre were commended for the events and activities that they organised for the children at their centre.

Charity officials were able to invite 18 children from Belarus for a months respite holiday, from the area of the 1986 nuclear disaster.

Roger Coales from the charity said “The evening at Kingswood Leisure Centre is always one of the highlights of the children’s stay with us, so please pass on our thanks to Kurt and his colleagues who contributed to making the time the children spent at the centre so enjoyable”. He claimed to be “constantly amazed and heartened by the generosity” shown to the children.

Centre manager Lisa Vyner said “it’s always a pleasure to work alongside charities, which give something back to children that have been affected by poverty, war or natural disasters. The knowledge that we get in knowing that we are making a positive difference in a young person’s life is the reason why we get involved in many of our charitable endeavours”.

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**Notes for Editors**

- **South Gloucestershire Leisure Ltd**

South Gloucestershire Leisure Ltd is a charitable trust established in November 2005. It operates the five leisure centres in South Gloucestershire on behalf of South Gloucestershire Council. The Trust is overseen by a board of voluntary trustees.

- **Chernobyl Children Life Line**

(To help children suffering from the after effects of the Chernobyl disaster and economic situation). The reactor accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant was the worst in history, resulting in a severe nuclear meltdown on 26 April 1986. Large areas in Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia were badly contaminated, resulting in the evacuation and resettlement of over 336,000 people. According to official post-Soviet data about 60% of the radioactive fallout landed in Belarus.

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