



MOBILITY PROJECT STUDY TRIP REPORT



« VISIT TO LOCAL PROJECTS OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IN SCOTLAND » HUNGARY – SCOTLAND

- **Number of participants:** 4
- **Age of participants:** 50, 64, 70, 72 years
- **Country of origin:** Hungary (Miskolc)
- **Date:** 24 to 28 August 2009



→ **Aims of study trip:** To find out about the work and the structure of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Scotland, both nationally and locally. To visit the Ozanam Clubs for disabled children, and visit other projects to gain inspiration for work in Hungary. To form sustainable, cooperative relationships with one or two Scottish SVP conferences to start with.

→ **Activities you have taken part in locally:** A meeting with the National President and his team, followed by a very interesting discussion about the overall organisation of the National Council. Visit to a retirement home. Visit to an Ozanam Centre (collection and pick up of various donations). Dinner with two local Vincentian groups, giving them ideas and advice for helping the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Hungary. Visit to a day centre for male drug addicts going through detox, where the local voluntary group is very involved. Visit to a centre for young disabled people.

→ How does this study trip influence their voluntary work?



The Hungarian volunteers reported back to their own Conferences and other voluntary groups to share their best experiences from this trip. They intend to organise their own, existing work better, such as the sorting centre. They also have new ideas and they hope to adapt everything they have learned in Scotland to help the homeless, old people and the many disadvantaged families better. The welfare workers and members of the conferences are really motivated to work more efficiently.

→ **Testimony:** « The Mobility Project has been a great help in looking for and finding experienced groups. The Scots have shared their own knowledge with us, exchanging methods of working and good advice. We really all believe that such a well-organised, fruitful trip will help us to make a real contribution to our Hungarian SVP groups. This study trip has proved that we have a huge amount to learn from each other».