

Happy birthday, IVS!



2021 marks 90 years since IVS was founded. Members organised celebrations throughout the UK which brought together former volunteers to share their memories. From Bristol to Leeds, people met up, reminisced and found out about IVS's future plans.

IVS's first workcamp took place in Brynmawr, Wales in 1931. A group of over 100 volunteers came together to support the local community which had been affected by the decline of coal-mining.

90 years later, IVS continues to bring people together from different backgrounds to help communities learn about each other.

All our activities are based on our ethos of peace, justice and understanding between people and nations.



90th birthday parties

Celebrations were held in Bristol, Northern Ireland, London, Cambridge and Leeds.



In Leeds (*left*), members visited Jean Inebnit's grave in Adel. He was a Swiss Quaker who moved to Leeds and was one of the founders of IVS.

In London (*below*), members met by the Gandhi statue in Tavistock Square.



A picnic was held in Cambridge (*above*).

In Bristol (*right*) there was a market stall, followed by tea in the park.



In Northern Ireland (*right*) volunteers came from all over Ireland (North and South) and Great Britain to celebrate. They planted a tree and unveiled a plaque to commemorate the anniversary.

