

The Basque children in East Anglia

The Basque children in East Anglia was the subject of a talk given to a very engaged audience at the Millennium Library in Norwich on the 21 April.

Organised by Norwich Schools of Sanctuary, the speaker was Mike Levy, a Cambridge-based researcher who was responsible last year for the project: "A Tale of Two Hostels" (one of which was the Cambridge *colonia*).

His talk covered the build up to the evacuation of the *niños* and the role played by British parliamentarians such as Leah Manning, Wilfred Roberts and the Duchess of Atholl. He went to outline the story of several *colonia* in East Anglia: Pampisford and Cambridge, Manning's hostel at Theydon Bois, the Peace Pledge Union's house near Colchester and the remarkable contributions made by Chloe and Poppy Vulliami at Diss, Great Yarmouth, Wherstead Park and Wickham Market.

The hour-long talk was followed by numerous questions – one couple wanted to know so much of this 'untold' story that they stayed on an extra hour! Mike was happy to engage with all the issues raised and told his audience that this remarkable history forms part of his current PhD at Anglia Ruskin University.