

NEW MONUMENT IN SANTURCE TO REMEMBER CHILDREN EVACUATED IN 1937

This past February, the **Socialist Youth of Bizkaia** filed a motion at the City Council of Santurce urging the placement of a monument in memory and remembrance of the war children to coincide with the 85th anniversary of their departure in 1937 at the height of the Civil War. This motion requested "the instalment of a permanent sculpture, visible and recognisable, in the fishing port itself or in its neighbourhood" to be celebrated by the City Council in the form of a tribute to the exiled children.

The motion, which was filed via the Socialist Party of Santurce, was finally approved as an institutional declaration by all the municipal groups in the plenary session of February 24th.

The Basque Children Association of 37 UK and our sister association in Euskadi have supported this proposal since we became aware that the Socialist Youth was going to make the proposal at the City Council of Santurce. In 2021 Carmen Kilner ,on behalf of the BCA'37UK and BCA'37UK- Euskadi, held a zoom meeting with members of the Socialist Youth of Bizkaia. We have been told that this inspired and motivated them to set up this initiative in memory of the war children for this 85th anniversary.

We congratulate the Socialist Youth of Bizkaia on their success and look forward to hearing of the progress of the project.

View the declaration (in Spanish and Basque) here:

<http://www.basquechildren.org/-/docs/articles/declarationsanturce>

English translation by MDL Power here:

<http://www.basquechildren.org/-/docs/articles/declarationsanturce-e>