



Kindertransport

The Kindertransport (which is German for 'children's transport') was a rescue mission which took place over 9 months, starting in December 1938.

The purpose was to help children in countries threatened by or under German occupation get to safety in the lead up to the Second World War.

In the end, the United Kingdom took in nearly 10,000 children from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Free City of Danzig.

Most of the children rescued were Jewish and, sadly, many of them were the only members of their families to survive the Holocaust.

Travelling to Safety



Most children travelled by train from German and Austrian cities. They crossed the North Sea from Holland and arrived in Harwich.

Later, trains were organised to bring children from Czechoslovakia and Poland to England.

A small number of children were flown from Prague to Croydon (at the time England's only international airport).

Kindertransport Timeline

