

November on a Maternity Leave

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In November '89 I was five months on a maternity "leave". I derived much pleasure from having my son and I gave him all my attention and time. I didn't pay much heed to the real world, i.e. to what was happening behind the door of my apartment. Luckily, my ignorance lasted just for the very first days when things started to move. Thanks to people around me, especially to my sister, I quickly became aware of our chance for a new life. Nowadays I'm really happy that I could take part in those events at least through my participation in the mass meetings – together with my son in a stroller (I was changing his diapers in the gallery of the Slovan movie theater – if some of you still remember ☺).

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