

CLT Newsletter

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This year's work

The Creative Learning Trust (CLT) was formed to take over all the educational work of The Clinical Science & Education Foundation (CSEF). The CLT has the mandate to continue this work in Romania and to extend it to include the United Kingdom. Special emphasis will be placed on the production of learning resources for both children and adults with special needs.

We expect that the CSEF will be removed shortly from the Charity Commission's register of charities. The CSEF bank account has been closed and new donations to this account are no longer accepted. Existing CSEF funds have been transferred to the CLT to be used strictly as the donors requested.

A number of projects were completed this summer. A classroom was refurbished at **Kozmutza Flóra Hallássérültek Speciális Iskolája** (formally (Hungarian) School for the Deaf No. 2). A large batch of specialised learning resources were made and given to three Romanian and three UK schools/clinics. We started to make laser cut and engraved plastics materials and a set of 16 miniature dioramas were completed for the children at the Transylvanian Autism Association in Cluj-Napoca. More details of these projects are given overleaf.

A special donation

Last year we saw a very interesting mural in the children's section of a Budapest bookshop (Libri in Duna Plaza). Our Hungarian colleague, Eszter Kopányi, who is the manager there told us it was created by a well-known illustrator, Panka Pásztóhy. With Eszter's support we contacted the artist who readily agreed that we could use, without any charge, some of her illustrations at the Kindergarten in the Hungarian school that we support in Cluj-Napoca.

Consequently, **Panka's Reading Corner** was born! This was to the great delight of both children and teachers.

We gratefully acknowledge the very kind and generous gesture of Panka Pásztóhy in allowing us to use her excellent illustrations in this Kindergarten.



photo from Csilla Kiss

Murals in Panka's Reading Corner at the Kindergarten in **Kozmutza Flóra Hallássérültek Speciális Iskolája**.

Essential skills

To achieve our goals to the highest standards we need to work with organisations that have great expertise in their field. We are very fortunate to work with several progressive firms that have helped us to greatly enhance our projects. Here we would like to mention four organisations, three Romanian and one British, that have been particularly supportive this year.

SC Creativbau SRL (formerly SC Policonstructii SRL)

In recent years these impressive creative builders have undertaken the classroom upgrades planned by the CSEF. Our contacts are Owner/Manager Istvan Szekely and the multi-talented carpenter, Levente Santa. All our bespoke furniture for the classrooms is made by them. In fact, they are unfazed by any challenging item we ask them to make and generally improve our original design!

SC Pretext Advertising SRL

If we need anything made in acrylic or other plastic Pretext is our firm of choice. The team at this Romanian firm have great skills. With the help of Claudia Jeler and Alin Pop there we have been able to produce many laser cut and engraved learning resources this year. We simply e-mail them the artwork created here using vector graphics and the materials are rapidly made.



Four of the 16 miniature dioramas designed and made for the Transylvanian Autism Association in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

SC Verla (Printshop) SRL

Educational posters and murals for use in Romania are superbly printed by Verla in Cluj-Napoca, with the help of Robert Nagy. Again, thanks to the Internet, our artwork e-mailed to Robert is printed rapidly to a very high standard.

Castlemount Ltd

Our large range of learning resources printed on plastic ID cards could not have been made without the expert help and tireless support of Owner/Manager Paul Bignell. This UK firm based in Bromley, Kent specialises in printing ID materials. Paul advised on the most appropriate specialised printer to purchase and the best accessories to use.

**We would like to thank
all our Romanian and UK colleagues
for their essential support.**

Next year's work

Transylvanian Autism Association.

Continued regular maintenance of therapy rooms and classrooms that we upgraded for the Association is needed. Next year we would like to refurbish at least two of their rooms. In addition, we want to introduce some of the recent resources we have developed for Speech and Language Therapy. This will include appropriate laser-engraved materials. **COST: £2,250**

Kozmutza Flóra Hallássérültek Speciális Iskolája.

(formally (Hungarian) School for the Deaf No. 2)

This year we refurbished the 'Blue Classroom' at the school that we had upgraded in 2006. The work included replacing the flooring that was in a very poor state. The form teacher wrote to us saying '... **The classroom looks soooooo (sic) nice, it's clean and it's like a totally different room. We managed to take our stuff back in today and worked a few hours so it looks like home ...**'



The room after the refurbishment.

During 2018 we would like to continue this essential work, which the school is not able to fund. The school's Director, Csilla Kiss, has identified two classrooms in need of some major TLC. **COST: £3,500**

The Laurie Whelan Education Awards.

The CLT actively supports the Romanian National Society of Family Medicine in Cluj-Napoca in its vocational training of young GPs. Our Romanian colleague, Dr. Emilian Costiug, together with Dr. Anca Balan, are currently organising a training course on 'Palliative Care and Pain Management'. At the time of writing this we have been told that the session will be run by specialised trainers and held at the end of November. Around 20 participants are expected to attend the course.

The CLT want to fund further training during 2018. **COST: £750**

UK Support

Three UK groups are now using resources developed by the CLT for Speech and Language Therapy. These groups are providing us with valuable feedback crucial for the improvement and development of our materials. Two groups are working with early years children, while the third is involved with adults having communication difficulties following strokes.

We believe that these collaborations should continue and be extended to include other UK groups. **COST: £1,500.**

Some of our laser cut and engraved acrylic resources made for children by the progressive Romanian firm, SC Pretext SRL.



New Resources

The design and manufacture of effective and interesting learning resources is an essential part of the work of the CLT. We believe that this year we have made a sound start to this work, but more can be achieved. Supported by UK and Romanian colleagues we intend to produce more diverse and useful materials next year for both children and adults with special needs.

Our goal is to have the means of readily making any themed resource of any size (domino. A7, A6, A5, A4. mural) and shape (square, rectangle, circle, etc.) in a wide variety of materials (paper, wood, plastics). To these ends we plan to develop further the use of laser cutting and engraving in the production of learning resources. This is a powerful method of producing reasonably priced, durable and tactile products. Direct UV colour printing on to acrylics also will be investigated. **COST: £1,500**

**Please help us continue
our work in the UK and Romania.**

Making a difference

Leaving a gift to charity in your will is a wonderful way for your generosity to last beyond your own lifetime. If your estate is liable to Inheritance Tax, you could reduce the amount of tax due by choosing to give money to charity. The value of any gift left to a charity in your will is not included when valuing your estate for the purposes of tax.



A legacy to the CLT can make a great impact on the future work of the Trust. The bequest can be a monetary donation or personal property that can be sold to raise funds. Legacies should

be made to the general fund and not to individual projects whose targets may already have been achieved.

We gratefully acknowledge the support our donors have given us this year

There are more immediate ways of supporting our work. You can send us a bank cheque, Charities Aid Foundation or Stewardship donation, made payable to the 'CLT'. The cheque should be mailed to:

**Dr. David R. White, CLT, 24 Cherry Walk, Hayes,
BROMLEY, Kent, BR2 7LT. (Tel: 020 8462 7944)**

Alternatively, you can transfer donations by Internet banking, using our bank details given below:

Account Name: The Creative Learning Trust (CLT)
Account No: 03444860; **Sort Code:** 77-70-48
BIC/SWIFT: TSBSGB21402;
IBAN: GB18 TSBS 7770 4803 4448 60

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