

Next Year’s Work

Transylvanian Autism Association.

The Director of the Association has asked us to create a Transition Room for them. This is to be a room where children that have progressed well with one-to-one therapy are gradually introduced to working alongside or with other children. This will help to gently prepare them for school life. In design, the new facility will be between a therapy room and a classroom. Our draft plan is shown on the right.

In 2015 we carried out maintenance work on all the rooms that we have upgraded for the Association. Although not in a bad state, the wear and tear due to the heavy workload in the rooms meant that repainting was necessary. We want to continue this work during next year.

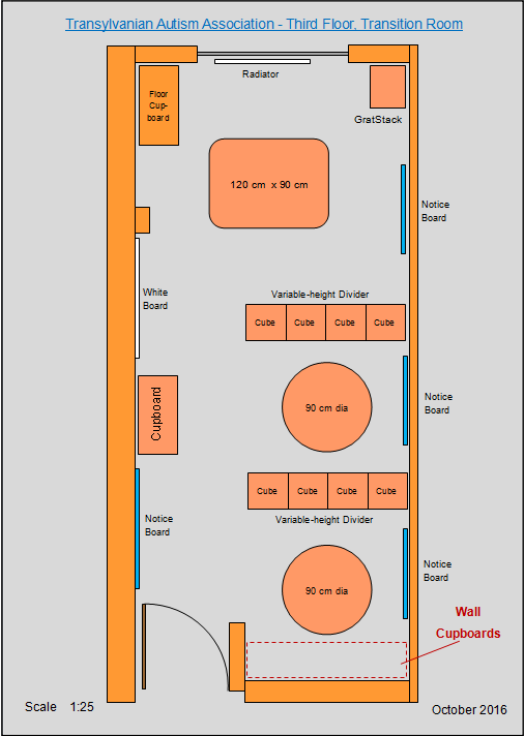
Further educational materials (posters, murals and picture cards) will also be produced. We have also been asked to provide similar materials for a Romanian group in Pitesti who are also working with children with autism.

(Hungarian) School for the Deaf No. 2.

We plan to continue refurbishing areas at the school that have not been well maintained for several years. After discussions with the school’s director and the teachers in order to assess their requirements, more teaching materials will be produced for the school.

The Laurie Whelan Education Awards.

We are currently arranging a grant of £1,324 to be given to the Cluj Branch of the Romanian National Society of Family Medicine. This is to help young GPs in the first five years of practice undertaking vocational training in Romania. We plan to continue this important support next year.



Draft room plan of proposed Transition Room for children with autism.



One of the new square murals (size: 100 cm x 100 cm) to be installed in 2017, extolling the reading of books!

Support needed

Transylvanian Autism Association New Transition Room Cost: £3,850	School for the Deaf No. 2 Maintenance & educational materials. Cost: £1,200	The Laurie Whelan Education Awards Travel, subsistence and conference fees. Cost: £1,500
Maintenance & educational materials. Cost: £1,600	PLEASE, can you help us continue this work	

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Our Future

We have been undertaking projects in Romania for 26 years. During this time we have always tried to evolve and adjust our approach to the current needs. The Clinical Science Foundation (CSF) was set up in 1990 after we had visited some hospitals in Romania on behalf of a UK charity, the Protekton Trust. We saw that there was a real need for basic hospital supplies, medical equipment and professional support. The Foundation was initially administered by an established Trust Fund at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, London, where most of our trustees were working at that time.

The CSF became a registered UK charity (No. 1038148) in 1994. The charity focussed its efforts on a number of clinical projects, mostly in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. These included the development of pathology and medical physics laboratories and the support of clinical services for young children and elderly people. We took many tonnes of urgently needed pharmaceuticals, vital supplies and laboratory equipment to hospitals, clinics and GP practices.

It then became obvious to us that these special schools needed to have much better teaching resources. The consequence was that as our clinical work gradually diminished as Romanian hospital facilities improved, we concentrated on upgrading classrooms to modern standards. Over 40 classrooms have now been modernised in Romania, including latterly, educational facilities for Romanian children with autism. Modern teaching materials were often found to be sparse, so we decided to start developing educational materials tailored to the needs of the children, in parallel with these room upgrades (see page 3).

It is our intention now to concentrate solely on educational projects. We want to continue to develop modern, creative learning materials, taking into account the specific language, communication and cultural needs of children in central and eastern Europe. That is, continuing and enhancing the educational work we do now.



CSF delivering medical supplies to a Romanian children’s hospital 20+ years ago.



Safety equipment was donated by CSF to pathology laboratories in Cluj-Napoca.



In 2001 the CSEF started upgrading classrooms at schools for the deaf.



In recent years the CSEF has been upgrading facilities used by children with autism.

We have always tried to evolve and adjust our approach to the current needs.

In 2001 The Clinical Science & Education Foundation (CSEF) was established as a UK registered charity (No. 1086712). The CSEF took over all the clinical projects of the CSF, but extended the scope of its work to include improving the education of deaf children in three special needs schools in Cluj-Napoca. We took them hearing aids, set up a special earmould laboratory and provided glasses for those children having difficulties with their sight. Over this period we gave hearing aids to 400 children and carried out 750 vision checks.

But we also want to include the growing multicultural communities in the UK. Including the UK is a new and exciting extension to our work. The Laurie Whelan Education Awards, helping Romanian healthcare workers take part in specialist vocational training, will continue to be supported.

We believe that the wide experience the CSEF trustees and specialist advisers have gained working in Romania is most appropriate for this extension of our work. To these ends a formal application to the Charity Commission requesting these changes has been made. The trustees hope you will be able to continue to support our on-going and new projects.



Room Upgrades

It is a sad fact of life that financial constraints in Romania mean that routine maintenance on classrooms is not carried out on a regular planned basis. This means that all the hard work to create bright, fresh rooms is gradually eroded with the passage of time. This year we were able to re-paint and refresh some of the 40+ rooms and areas we have upgraded in Cluj-Napoca.

At the **(Hungarian) School for the Deaf No. 2** we were able to have the much used Skills Room re-painted. In addition, two stair ways and two long corridors where all of our educational posters are on display were also refurbished.



One of the classrooms that was refurbished at the Transylvanian Autism Association.



A refurbished themed therapy room used during therapy for children with autism.

Essential grants for this work were provided by three charitable groups.

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and **Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners Charitable Foundation**
Without their kind help this work would not have been completed.

The Laurie Whelan Education Awards

The Laurie Whelan Education Awards were established in 2015 to honour the memory of Laurie Whelan, who was a long-serving Trustee of CSF and CSEF. The awards allow selected Romanian healthcare professionals to take part in short-term vocational training. The support enables them to attend conferences and seminars and to visit institutions and individuals associated with their profession. This essential training allows them to gain valuable practical knowledge and experience at the beginning of their careers.

In 2015 the bursary was awarded to Dr. Raluca Achim on the basis of her written application and performance at interview. Dr. Sorina Pop was given a special professional bursary for her work in developing and promoting general practice in Cluj County.

The trustees have decided to modify the approach this year and subsequent years. Grants will now be given to the Cluj Branch of the Romanian National Society of Family Medicine. All Grants will be administered jointly by Dr. Emiliana Costiug and Dr. Anca Balan, who have been closely involved with the awards scheme since its inception. The donated money will be used to help young GPs in the first five years of practice undertaking selected vocational training in Romania.

The courses will be restricted to the development of GP skills in chronic disease management, doctor-patient communication, care of the elderly, and mental health or terminal care. It is hoped that in the future nurses working in Romanian GP practices will also be supported so that they may attend appropriate vocational training courses.

Educational Materials



We have been designing and producing educational materials for special needs children for many years. Here is a summary of the principal materials we have made to date and taken to Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

School for the Deaf No.2

All materials in the **Hungarian** language.

i) 47 **educational posters** + 2 books permanently on display.
Total of 188 posters in Snapframes (displays over 2 year cycle).
There are also 200 more posters designed, but not printed yet.

ii) 12 **bookbags**. Each bag contains ten sets of classroom activities based on a popular children's book (e.g. Cinderella, Jungle Book, etc.). The bags have 1,200 pages of worksheets.

iii) 6 **activity boxes**. Each box contains ten sets of classroom activities based on a specific theme (e.g. food, clothes, etc.). The boxes have 600 pages of worksheets.

iv) 44 interactive **PowerPoint programs** designed for touch screen applications. The programs contain 9,000 screens of educational information.

v) 11 sets of **speech and language and memory cards**. 400 high resolution pictures are printed on to ID cards. Semantic categorisation and semantic network folders are provided for the speech and language cards.

Transylvanian Autism Association

All materials in the **Romanian** language.

i) 14 **educational posters** + 3 murals permanently on display.
Total of 56 posters in Snapframes (displays over 2 year cycle).
There are also 20 more posters designed, but not printed yet.

ii) 16 **educational pictures** permanently on display.
Total of 44 pictures in frames (displays over 2 year cycle).

iii) 9 **diorama** scenes. Miniature scenes are contained in a series of small boxes (26 cm wide x 20 cm deep x 18 cm tall). Scenes such as a living room, bedroom, farmyard, etc. are included.

iv) 12 sets of **speech and language and memory cards**. 450 high resolution pictures are printed on to ID cards. Semantic categorisation and semantic network folders are provided for the speech and language cards.

ALL of our materials are available in the **English** language.

CSEF currently has a total of 1,146 Publisher files relating to educational materials!

Educational Materials Issued During 2016



A selection of the speech and language cards produced in the form of ID cards.



An activity box created on the theme of the living world ready to be given to a school.



A diorama of a miniature model bedroom made with dolls house furniture.

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