



About the Foundation in nutshell

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The emphasis of the Foundation is to support academic talent development beginning at age of 10 until as a young adult - the programme participants enter the labour force. This programme is called „Életút Program”, which is unique among the talent development programmes in Europe. The Programme is supporting 225 students (91 elementary age students, 116 secondary school students, 6 higher education students and 12 university students). The Foundation has 5 community centres (Kaposvár 3 groups - 47 children, Pécs 3 groups - 45 children, Jászberény 3 groups - 50 children, Nagybajom 3 groups - 41 children, Szeged 3 groups - 42 children).

Following the Foundation’s entrance procedure this year altogether 45 children were invited into the programme in Pécs, Nagybajom and Szeged.

The individual and group developmental modules promote child-centres, individualized education plans promoting talent, creativity and knowledge acquisition under the leadership of 15 dedicated mentors. With the help of professionals working with the Foundation, mentors plan individual and group activities tailored to the needs of each student. On regular basis 50 educators work in close collaboration with the Foundation. These are the people who have direct contact with the children, observe their development and are familiar with the children’s families and surroundings. The primary emphasis of the Foundation is to support academic talent development, therefore children receive for 9 months at least 26* lessons (secondary aged students 29* lessons) in the frame of their individualised education plan. (*4 Maths lesson/month, 4 creative writing/month, 4 drama and self-awareness courses/month, 12 English or German lessons/month, 2 tutoring, furthermore 25 IT lesson blocks with the goal of preparing them for the ECDL exam.) Up to this year altogether 63 students mastered our IT lesson blocks, completing the ECDL exam. We put a high emphasis on language acquisition, up to this year altogether 81 succeeded in taking a language exam: 76 in the field of the English language and 5 in German. Regarding entrance exams. The foreign language acquisition is also supported by COMPASS and AIESEC volunteers (coming mainly from Brazil, Far East, Germany and Canada) who come for an internship for a period of 6 weeks. The following successful entrance exams were made: 22 children into secondary grammar school, 6 children into secondary vocational school, 4 students into vocational high school and 7 into higher education/university.

In 2013 the Foundation organised 13 thematic camps: 2 local ones, 3 camps in inland and 8 abroad.

Non-exhaustive list of partners supporting our programme are the following: Bonafarm group, First Aid Programme called Léghajó, Polgár Judit Chess Foundation, Fulbright Commission, OTP Fay András Foundation, and MCC.

9,5 Million HUF was given by tax-payers offering 1 % of their personal income tax to support the activity of the Foundation.

The Foundations’ programme is directed and coordinated by the President of the Advisory Board and the Chief operating director. Their job is supported by the financial officer, 4 PAs and a caretaker.