



"Social and Emotional Education: the arts as a foundation for a healthy personal development in childhood".

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Venue: Philharmonic Hall, C.D. Loga Street, No. 2, Timișoara, Romania

With the support of the Jean Monnet Programme of the European Union.

ECSWE, in collaboration with the Romanian Waldorf Federation and the Rudolf Steiner Foundation-Timișoara, will be hosting a conference on "Social and Emotional Education: the arts as a foundation for a healthy personal development in childhood".

The social and emotional well being of a high percentage of Romanian children is at risk because of the separation caused by the emigration of their parents. The conference will look at the healing power of the arts in creating bridges; the role of schools in not only transmitting knowledge and learning, but supporting the psychological, emotional and social development of children, especially at times of need.

In Steiner schools, artistic expression is considered the children's main vehicle for self - development. The Steiner Waldorf curriculum includes many artistic subjects, all having equal status and underpinning the academic subjects.

An International Analysis in 2008 on Social and Emotional Education was led by Christopher Clouder, ECSWE CEO. The analysis gathers the different initiatives being taken in UK, Sweden, the Netherlands, Spain, Germany and USA in mainstream and alternative schools on this theme and highlights the role of the arts.

Through the conference ECSWE would like to share this expertise and best practice with a wider public in a country which could benefit from this approach, with the hope that the transfer of these practices could tackle some of the challenges of children's wellbeing in Romania.

Programme

9.00 – 9.30

Welcome

Mr Gheorghe Ciuhandru, Mayor of Timișoara City Council

9.30 – 10.15

"Gaining self-confidence and emotional balance – Creativity and Arts as a resource in counselling and psychotherapeutic work with children"

Martina Leibovici-Mühlberger, Psychologist, ARGE-Erziehungsberatung, Austria.

10.15 – 10.45

Coffee break

- 10.45 – 11.30** ***Child welfare and protection in Romania – an insight of NGOs***
Diana Nistorescu, Executive Director of the Federation of Nongovernmental Organisations for Children in Romania.
- 11.30 – 12.00** ***Social and emotional education and the role of the arts in schools***
Christopher Clouder, CEO, European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education.
- 12.00 – 12.30** **Questions**
- 12.30 – 13.30** **Lunch**
- 13.30 – 14.00** ***Presentation of the European Comenius project “KUSCH”, in the Roşia Waldorf School***
Annette Wiecken, founder of Roşia Waldorf School. **Mrs Ulrika Eller – Rüter**, art teacher at the Alanus Hochschule.
The project aims to use art to develop social and emotional well being of the Roşia Waldorf School pupils, who come from the poorest marginalized social groups that formerly belonged to the Roma population.
- 14.00 – 14.30** ***The importance of art therapy in decreasing the negative effects of abandonment in children without parental care***
Elena Creţu, specialist and educator in plastic arts, art therapy of Prietenii Copiilor NGO (Friends of the Children), Chişinău, Moldova.
- 14.30 – 15.00** ***The importance of Art therapy for the psychological, emotional and social development of children***
Mirela Navligu, art therapist, Art Therapy Centre “Dr. Elisa Ionescu”, Timișoara.
- 15.00 – 15.30** ***Promoting early childhood creativity by theatre performances – EU small Size project in Romania***
Carmen Anghelescu, Executive Director, Step by Step Association Romania (ISSA).
- 15.30– 16.00** **Questions and closure**

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