The main task of the Alfavit Foundation is teaching Russian language and literature, and to mediate and preserve Russian culture. A further aim is to teach Hungarian language to Russians living in Hungary, and to help the integration of people coming from Russian-speaking territories.

The basic course teaches Russian language to 6–16 year old children. Our pupils are free to use the book and film libraries, just as textbooks, workbooks, and various other methodological materials. The school of the Foundation starts its fifth year in 2013. However, not only those children learn at the institution whose Russian parents temporarily work in Hungary, but also children of bilingual families, and even children and youngsters who simply would like to get closer to Russian culture by learning to read, write and speak in Russian, or reciting Russian poems, singing Russian folk songs, and to learn certain subjects in Russian (e.g. drawing, visual culture, music).
Anthropolis
Anthropological Public Benefit Foundation

Mission of the Organisation

In 2002, the Association was founded by cultural anthropologists with the aim of combating global inequalities and injustice, and to make critical global civil attitude accepted. The attitude-forming activity of the organisation aims to make the global dimension widely present in the Hungarian education system, thus helping participants in education prepare to the challenges of our days. In the frames of national and international trainings and the first Hungarian Global Education Knowledge Centre we try to broaden the perspective of Hungarian curricular and extra-curricular education, to introduce methodological innovation, and to disseminate the international practice and experiences of global education, making it more and more popular.

Primary Service

The aim of the GlobEdu educational programme of the Anthropolis Association launched in 2006 is to call the attention to some everyday phenomena of the increasingly globalising world, and to give programme participants such an attitude that help them better understand global interrelationships and the mechanisms that create these phenomena, and also to help making decisions in the interest of sustainability. The programme recruits students, teachers, and trainers to take part in trainings related to human rights, environment consciousness, active citizenship, and intercultural education that considers peace as its main principle. Besides the Association operates the Global Education Knowledge Centre in the Library of the Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology of the Eötvös Loránd University. The library offers visitors background materials in the fields of international development, climate change, poverty, migration, human rights, sustainability, and globalisation as a complex multi-dimensional process. It also makes a wide range of teaching material available to teachers and students who hold lectures or seminars in different topics. The Knowledge Centre provides further ground to conversations and debates related to global issues.

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Artemisszió
Foundation

Mission of the Organisation

The Artemisszió Foundation works for building a culturally sensitive, responsible, conscious, and inclusive society. Using pedagogical means it enhances the dialogue, interaction, and cooperation among people with different social and cultural backgrounds, develops intercultural skills, and mediates attitudes and knowledge. It also promotes the integration of socially handicapped people discriminated owing to their cultural background, and calls for active social participation. Our target groups are:

- youngsters and children who are in the course of socialisation;
- mediators, and influential actors of socialisation (e.g. representatives of helping professions, policemen, instructors, teachers, animators, journalists);
- those who could become actors in cultural or ethnical conflicts because of their job (e.g. employees of the business sector, health care, or public administration, members of non-profit organisations);
- those suffering from social, ethnical or cultural conflicts (e.g. socially handicapped people or groups, members of ethnic minorities, immigrants).

Primary Service

The Foundation carries out its activity according to aims of public interest:

1. Education, skills development, knowledge transfer
   - developing an inter-community and international information and training network actively enhancing intercultural communication;
   - developing teaching programmes aiming to intensify transcultural communication, and creating educational and communication tools that help forming a positive public attitude;

2. Cultural activity: revealing the socio-economic situation and cultural stock of local communities with sociological and anthropological methods, elaborating development strategies, counselling local governments and civil organisations;

3. Enhancing the equal opportunities of handicapped groups;

4. Activity related to ethnic minorities in Hungary and Hungarian minorities abroad: improving the situation of handicapped groups, ethnic minorities, and refugees.

Field of activity: Culture

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The Transylvanian Hungarian Intellectuals Club was formed in the March of 1988 by refugees, as the first Transylvanian Hungarian organisation of the new political era after the Cold War. As an official organisation it became recognised by the court in April 1990, under the name of Association of Transylvanian Hungarians. From the very start we defined our main tasks as preserving and disseminating the Transylvanian traditions and values, undertaking the protection of refugees’ interests as well.

Hungarian and Rumanian political changes have caused some shifts of emphasis in our activity, problems related to refugees became partial compared to issues of tourism or temporary residence and helping Transylvanian Hungarian immigrants settle down in Hungary, but our aims remained the same. We developed a closer contact with those in the homeland, and our mediatory role towards the institutions and organisations of the mother country strengthened. A great part of our work is related to the protection of interests and conserving the identity of Transylvanians living in Hungary.

The very operation of the Association could be characterised firstly by the approximately 100–150 programmes per year, enhancing cultural mediation and knowledge transfer. Among them we find book and journal launch gatherings, reader–writer meet-ups, introductory presentations or presentation series to scientific topics or peculiarities, exhibitions, film club, children’s playroom, excursions, dance, theatre, partner-seeking club evening, ball, camp, sports day, etc.

We always invite people from Transylvania, too, but regarding common work the most successful scheme seems to be the organisation of exchange programmes. We devote great attention to the youth, supporting an active and enthusiastic group of youngsters within the organisation. They developed among others the Company of Recycled Tales (REtale), reaching considerable success in the field of fashion design. Besides all this our association compiled a library of approximately 30,000 books, ten thousands of newspapers, documents, postcards, and other audiovisual material mainly from the products of Hungarians living abroad.

We carry out scientific activity as well, taking part in the preparation of graduation papers related to migration, tourism and media, participating in meetings, conferences and scientific presentations, and at present we work with the conversion of Outer-Transylvanian media material to microfilms and CD-1.

Our professional team, consisting of therapists (psychiatrists, psychologists, non-verbal therapists) with multicultural experiences and training, generally treats the refugee clients at the reception centres. Their work is assisted by a social assistant and trained interpreters. Using our internationally acknowledged methods we treat annually 600–800 clients. We regularly provide training and supervision for professionals working with refugees.

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In 2003, the Ebony African Culture, Arts, and Human Rights Association was founded to take an active part in the protection of interest and rights of the African diaspora in Hungary. Enhancing also cooperation within the community, the Association offers a platform for them to get closer to each other, to be able to join their efforts, and to take part proactively in initiatives preserving African tradition, culture, and universal values.

The main aim and service of the Association is to help Africans living in Hungary with their social integration by every means, and to promote the dialogue between the minorities and the majority, that is, between cultures. As another important duty we fight against racism and discrimination hoping to reach higher tolerance and better understanding among people. We also aim to reach a wide acknowledgement of working for a higher respect of human and civil rights. The Africa Centre, also brought into being by us, was functioning for a couple of years as a forum and meeting point for the members of the African diaspora, receiving help in legal, asylum-seeking and other issues as well. In 2010, we started a free legal assistance service, too, where we counsel immigrants, refugees, or people aiming to settle down in Hungary related to legal issues, translation, or integration. Over the years, the Association has initiated and organised plenty of attitude-forming, and instructive professional, cultural programmes and festivals.

At present we have the following programmes and forums: Close to Africa Club, Gastronomical Adventures in Africa, CimenAfrique Film Club, Colibri International Skills Developing and Green Playroom.

The Association has a diversified project portfolio spanning from culture and arts through community building and social services to human and civil rights or combating racism and discrimination. At the same time it works also as a free intellectual lab for the analysis, research, education, maintenance, and dissemination of the culture and traditions of African communities all around the world. We aim to make human and civil rights more accepted, and to take an active part in challenges related to them.

Based on Act No. CXXV of 2003 on enhancing equal treatment and equal opportunities, our organisation conducts procedures upon request or in some cases ex officio, when detecting the violation of the principle of equal treatment.

We are basically engaged in analysing whether in definite cases the requirement of equal treatment has been violated or not – e.g. whether employers have accepted an equal opportunity plan or not. Besides we give opinions on regulations related to equal treatment and on draft reports about organisational regulations in public law, we report to the public and to the Parliament about the situation of and experiences with equal treatment in practice, and we carry out many other activities listed in the 14th paragraph of the Act above.
The Foundation for Hungarian–Ethiopian Friendship and Cooperation has been founded with the aim of building and maintaining social, cultural, scientific and sports relationships between Hungary and Ethiopia, and to deepen friendship among the children of Ethiopian families living in Hungary. Another important aim of the Foundation is to pass Ethiopian culture and traditions to these children already born in Hungary, but also to Hungarian friends interested in Ethiopian culture. Simultaneously, in the frame of our programmes, Ethiopians living in Hungary get acquainted with Hungarian traditions, culture, and history, too.

We organise national feasts for Ethiopians living in Hungary, but with the participation of Hungarian families. We meet weekly, read Ethiopian Bible, and pray together. We believe that if we invite God to our community, love pervades everything, but if we imagine love without God, sooner or later everything falls apart. Hence we always try to turn to people with love, so that there be peace and understanding among them.

The Foundation for Intercultural Education was created to facilitate the educational and social integration of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees settled in Hungary through social research, event organisation and the identification of best practices. All people in the abovementioned groups who can be defined as learners according to the Lifelong Learning Programme belong to the target group of our activities.

In accordance with the principles of the Foundation, we define social integration as a two-way process. Therefore, our activities address the members of the host society. Through teaching, as well as producing and sharing knowledge we aim to build a more tolerant and open-minded society which nurtures critical thinking and takes responsibility for its decisions.

The Foundation carries out research in the field of social sciences, but operates in the field of education, too, and organises programmes according to its research topics. We are currently working on the development and the practical pedagogical implementation of the previously realised project „National populism in the countries of Visegrad”.

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Field of activity: Culture

Primary Service

Mission of the Organisation

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Our Foundation strives to solve social conflicts mainly through the means of culture and arts. Our programmes aim to change the negative views on immigrants by involving talented immigrant youngsters.

From among our services we would emphasise education. We help immigrants start their enterprise by organising related training courses and developing teaching materials. Besides, according to the needs, we also help immigrant non-profit organisations with capacity building and seeking financing opportunities.

The HHC’s main activities focus on protecting the rights of asylum seekers and foreigners in need of international protection, as well as on monitoring the human rights performance of law enforcement agencies and the judicial system, and issues related to equal access to justice. It pays particular attention to detention conditions as well as the effective enforcement of the right to defense and equality before the law.

Over the past decade, the HHC has gained special expertise and developed a profile in the following legal areas:

• Immigration law (visas, stay permits, expulsion, deportation, family unification);
• Asylum law (granting and withdrawing refugee, subsidiary and other protection status);
• Criminal procedures concerning unlawful detention, forced interrogation, abuse during official procedure;
• Assault against an official person;
• Civil damages for excessive use of force by law enforcement agencies;
• Complaint procedures concerning detention implemented in penitentiary institutions or police jails;
• Equal treatment;
• Cases before the European Court of Human Rights.
Hungarian Red Cross

The Hungarian Red Cross is a national humanitarian non-profit organisation with a respectable past, and a wide network of voluntary helpers. It works as member organisation of the International Alliance (The International Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Companies has 300 million members in 180 countries in the world). It was founded in 1881, since then its activity has been continuous.

In Hungary its basic activity – uniquely among non-profit organisations – has been determined by law (Act no. XL of 1993 on the Hungarian Red Cross). According to this the main objectives of the Hungarian Red Cross are as follows:
- protection of life and health;
- respect for human personality;
- mitigating human suffering and social problems;
- preventing diseases;
- helping the victims of armed conflicts and catastrophes;
- participating in the implementation of the Geneva Conventions;
- disseminating the principles of humanitarian rights and the Red Cross;
- education of social solidarity.

Our organisation developed a professional network with the nation-level, local-level and civil actors of the social welfare system, and with institutions maintained by them. We carry out our manifold activity with respect to the internationally recognised principles, taking the social handicaps of the clients into account. Our life- and health-protection services are open to the complete population of Budapest, but through our charity and social welfare activities we aim to help primarily people, families, and declining groups who live in deprivation, danger, and among unsustainable financial conditions. Our main activities are:
- health protection;
- education, skills development, knowledge transfer;
- social service:
  - we give support in nature to those in need: collecting and distributing charity, and initiating other social welfare actions;
  - we run daytime and boarding social institutions;
  - we promote the equal social opportunities of handicapped groups;
- protection of human and citizen rights.

IDResearch Institute

“ID” in the name of the IDResearch Institute signifies the importance of cooperation of and the flexible borders between different scientific disciplines (InterDisciplinary) in our globalised world. On the other hand it points to the ability of developing new creative ideas (Idea + Development). The innovative strength and committed attitude of our institute is guaranteed by good teamwork and concentrated attention.

Our enterprise aims to write such tender applications and to take part in such projects that aim to solve social-ecological problems. To this end we built close relations with universities providing scientific background for our job, but also with the non-profit sector as the pledge of independent decision-making, and with private companies, too. For years we have been following the Cohesion Policy of the European Union, the Youth, Immigration, and Integration Policy of the Community and Hungary, and their Eco- and Climate-policy decisions as well. In terms of all this we focus our activity on the following research fields:
- youth-policy research;
- research & development and innovation;
- migration research;
- settlement, territorial, and eco-policy research;
- knowledge transfer and science development;
- research related to globalisation and the third world.
The Interdisciplinary Centre for Comparative Research in the Social Sciences

Mission of the Organisation

Our Foundation supports and carries out research especially in the fields related to xenophobia, migration, and the consequences of EU accession. Besides it provides postgraduate students and researchers with scholarships and research support, finances publications, supports and organises conferences, and prepares opinion-forming papers.

The Foundation is a strictly politics-free initiative, neither directly, nor indirectly it is involved in political action. For the sake of achieving its aims and carrying out its task it is open to cooperate with any organisation, community or person that/who help reaching common objectives, except for political organisations and parties.

Primary Service

The Foundation basically carries out research projects related to migration. Among our topics one can find the naturalisation and integration strategies of migrants, the acceptance of differences in gender roles across cultures, or the development of European cooperation in justice and home affairs. On our European Integration Modules project we give more detailed information among the Best Practices.

International Organization for Migration

Mission of the Organisation

The mission of the IOM is to help ensure the orderly, safe and humane management of migration. The organisation’s wide scope of activities cover the facilitation of technical cooperation between and among governments, provision of capacity-building projects for the Hungarian Government, assisted voluntary return and reintegration programmes, examination of the medical condition of migrants, combating trafficking in human beings, information campaigns on migration issues, assistance to unaccompanied minors, reintegration programmes, scientific research in the field of migration, facilitation and coordination of family reunification cases, resettlements, etc.

Primary Service

Since Hungary became a member of the IOM in 1992, IOM Budapest has gained particularly valuable experience in assisting third-country nationals’ voluntary and dignified return to home, which is an essential service mainly for migrants without proper financial means and/or without valid travel documents. The service is available for third-country nationals staying in Hungary, citizens of Hungary returning e.g. from Canada to Hungary, and every voluntary returnees transiting in Budapest regardless of citizenship or travel destination. Voluntary returnees are offered comprehensive logistical, practical, and material support ranging from obtaining valid travel document and flight ticket through taking the necessary measures people with special needs require to organising transit and arrival assistance and providing reintegration support. IOM provides up-to-date information on its services and on the changes that took place in the country of origin with the help of a multilingual website (www.volret.hu), toll-free, multilingual hotline (+36 80 205 018), printed and electronic information materials, and regular presentations. In close relation to these services IOM carries out capacity-building projects as well, including the enhancement and harmonisation of voluntary return mechanisms in Central Europe, the facilitation of information flow and exchange of experience among domestic professionals, and the support of their trainings.
Traditionally speaking the Association provides no services, but our programmes are open, we cordially invite everybody who is interested in them. For all those who would like to get into closer acquaintance with our culture, or who already know and love it, the gates are open to join us!

The Inti Raymi Association was founded in 2009 on the football field of Úröm. Its direct aim is the organisation of two yearly events: the Inti Raymi feast around June the 24th, and the Copa America/Hungarian Latin-America Cup and Family Day. A broader objective of the Association is to raise the social acceptance of the Andok-region community (Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia) living in Hungary, and to make the culture of the Andok region more popular.

The founding of the Inti Raymi Association was a point in a longer process. First Chilean immigrants arrived to Hungary (in 1972), then university students, and finally musicians came from the region (in the 1990s). Already in those days there were many programmes, but the gatherings became more regular with the first Inti Raymi feast and Copa America in 2004. Since then these happenings were organised every year.

Primary Service

The Jövőkerék Public Benefit Foundation has the overarching aim of enhancing and supporting programmes and initiatives that contribute to the development and utilisation of competencies, resources, and opportunities of local communities, civil organisations, and autonomous citizens. This is indispensable for the strengthening of European values in practice. The Foundation gives assistance to civil initiatives to make them become mature development projects, and help their practical realisation, too. In the course of this, it aims to put emphasis on methods and means of improving understanding, common thinking, cooperation, open communication and information exchange.

Our organisation builds an informal network between immigrants and Hungarian citizens. We organise workshops and creative programmes with a special methodology with immigrant and Hungarian participants. Our workshops are held in four topics (media arts, lifestyle, gastronomy, and interior decoration), on numerous occasions for two months per group. Topics are organised around everyday life problems, so participants have the opportunity to share their problem-solving strategies, experiences and knowledge related to them, thus forming new relationships. We generally invite to our workshops journalists and students in media studies, too.

Our method specifically supports cooperation, and the handling of problems arising from intercultural interaction. It helps participants in finding new modes of communication, and to reformulate their earlier or common experiences together in a new context. The method builds upon the givens of the participants to a large extent, forming them coherent and stable characteristics, while shaping the common aims of the chosen activities. Besides direct relationships, the workshops widen also the common base on which participants may build upon later, in finding new relationships.
Laterna Magica

Mission of the Organisation
The organisation was established to create demanding and unique cultural and educational projects in Hungary and abroad as well. Besides the attendance of our collection (Hungarian Slide-film Collection), we give a helping hand to cultural and educational institutions to achieve their goals more effectively and efficiently.

Primary Service
We give a full service that includes the writing of the application, the organisation, the implementation, the PR and the distribution and dissemination of the results. We gladly join any initiative that is eager to spread the common cultural heritage in a fresh and creative way.

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Mahatma Gandhi Human Rights Organization

Mission of the Organisation
The Mahatma Gandhi Human Rights Organization was founded in 1992. Besides forming a more tolerant and friendly social environment through cultural programmes, its main task is the protection of refugees and asylum seekers. We provide administrative and legal help to a yearly number of 100–150 people – mostly refugees. We organise integration programmes in the field of education and sports, and enhance the integration of foreigners to the Hungarian society by happenings and campaigns.

Primary Service
The successful dialogue between cultures is a precondition for the mutual respect of human rights. The central element of our programmes is presenting the culture of the African Community in Hungary. African-born musicians perform their authentic music in folkwear. The main aim of our programmes is not only entertainment and the distribution of knowledge, but to start communication between the audience and the artists, that is, between the Hungarian society and the immigrant foreigners.

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The aim of our association is the social representation and helping the legal, social and cultural integration of refugees, asylum-seekers and other foreigners, and providing better chances for the successful reintegration of foreigners forced to return home. We aim to reach all this through social, educational and cultural programmes.

our mission is to engage with and support refugees and migrants through a solution-oriented approach of promoting employability and community integration. We offer training and education opportunities to enable them easy access into the labour market.

Our organisation (MigHelp) is deeply involved in the provision of computer education to all migrants and refugees in Hungary. We are also working with Hungarian higher education institutions to help the less privileged migrants and refugees to get higher education qualification. Our partner schools and organisations include the biggest Hungarian universities and International colleges alike.

Besides our organisation is working in partnership with the ‘Intercultural Dialogue Foundation’ to help migrants and refugees deepen their knowledge of Hungarian culture and language as well. We offer information and counselling to our clients who are new in Hungary. We organise social gatherings for our clients and help them attend other social events which are crucial for their integration into Hungarian society.

We have an ECDL-accredited computer skills training centre at the Bicske refugee camp for refugees.

We have established the migrants/refugee ‘Info Lab’ for advanced computer programming training courses in Budapest.

We have created a centre for advanced web development, data management and graphics training course in partnership with the McDaniel college, Budapest.

We are also running a small scale university scholarship program known as the ‘One Seat Project’. It aims to take qualified migrants and refugees to the university for a degree course.

MigHelp is also running a language centre in cooperation with Inter-Cultural Dialogue Foundation in Budapest.
Mission of the Organisation

Migrant Solidarity fights for human dignity by offering support and solidarity for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers living in Hungary, and also to Hungarians. We believe in the freedom of movement, that no one is illegal and that people’s identity should not be defined by documents. Therefore, we want protection for everybody who needs it. We believe that immigration is a positive process. We want all people to have equal opportunities in Hungary and in Europe.

We aim to abolish racist laws, exclusionary policies and involuntary deportations. In short, we want full integration and adequate social services for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Hungary and Europe.

Migrant Solidarity would like to include more and more people, be they migrants, refugees, asylum seekers or Hungarians. Everybody, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, gender or their religion, is welcome in our group.

As part of the inception phase of developing an integrated migration organisation the Government of Hungary established the Office of Immigration and Nationality (hereinafter: OIN) on January 1, 2000. The OIN - based on the Government Decree No. 162/1999 (XI. 19.) – is an independent central authority. Legal harmonisation and institutional development were part of Hungary’s preparation for EU accession. In order to achieve these goals, on May 29, 2001, the Hungarian Parliament adopted a new Act regulating the entry and stay of foreigners in Hungary and amended Act CXXXIX of 1997 on Asylum. This removed the legislative barriers from the way of developing a unified migration organisation. The amendment made to the Government Decree 162/1999 (XI. 19.) on the Office of Immigration and Nationality enabled the Government to set up the OIN’s regional branches, the so-called Regional Directorates.

The OIN is a legally and financially independent central office subordinate to the minister of interior, and in issues related to simplified naturalisation, to the minister of public administration and justice.

As an institution with national competence the Office has the following main duties:

• carries out all delegated tasks listed in laws and other regulations related to Hungarian citizenship, and prepares decisions regarding Hungarian citizenship to be taken by the minister of public administration and justice or the minister of interior;
• executes tasks related to home registration;
• carries out tasks defined by the law regarding the entry and residence of persons with permission to free movement and residence;
• carries out all the aliens policing tasks in the capacity of a central aliens policing authority;
• as visa authority it keeps contact with the central authorities of other Schengen member states; in capacity of a refugee authority it executes all tasks related to the administration of refugees;
• as passport office it deals with all tasks related to travel documents of immigrants, stateless people and those with residence permit, and also with tasks related to bilingual travel documents of persons with refugee or protected status;
• executes the duties defined by the law of the institution responsible for providing country information;
• executes tasks following from international contracts related to migration, supervises and coordinates the implementation of readmission agreements, and gives the permissions for escorted transfers;
• keeps contact with international organisations engaged in migration.
Oltalom Charity Society was founded in 1989 by a group of people who recognised the needs of disadvantaged, socially abandoned, vulnerable, endangered persons. As a matter of conscience, they established an organisation that would aim to alleviate the situation of such individuals and groups.

The aim of the organisation is to identify and support people in need and to raise the awareness and support of the general public. The Society works in the belief that it is possible to restore its clients to a decent human life. We serve those, too, who require only temporary help but they want to continue their walk of life independently.

For these groups, we create the conditions of a normal way of life: They are supplied with three meals a day, accommodation with clean bed-linen, a sanitary pack, and areas for washing; for the needy, we also give clean clothes and shoes. Tenants with health problems can seek advice and treatment in our hospital free of charge. Our services include dental surgery, dermatology and medication if necessary. Social workers offer help in job-hunting, searching for further education/training possibilities and in creating conditions for a successful life outside the hostel.

Oltalom Charity Society has maintained a hostel with a capacity of 25 persons as a shelter for refugees and asylum seekers since March 2000. Currently the hostel has two rooms with three beds, and three rooms with six beds.

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The films portray the lifestyles, adaptation strategies, hardships and victories of immigrants living in Europe. Separation and assimilation, new and old homes, homelands, families and friendships are reflected in the fate of individuals and communities.

In our experience, documentaries that give a sensitive and sensual portrayal of segments of reality with loveable, real-life protagonists may be an excellent means of teaching tolerance, in the struggle against prejudices and negative discrimination. With a comprehensible story, the viewer identifies with the protagonist, imagining his situation, starting to like her, and learning to treat differences as values in both cases.

Based on this effect, and with the support of the European Union Integration Fund we created this collection in order to grant free access to documentaries of appropriate content and quality to those who wish to use them for purposes of education or culture within the framework of the programmes against exclusion and negative discrimination.

Another project of the Foundation is maintaining and developing the DocuArt Film Arts Center since March 2008. The Center is home to our video library of about 1200 documentary titles accessible on location, and our 55-seat screening room for daily documentary shows. (http://www.docuart.hu)
The Reformed Mission Centre was founded by the Hungarian Reformed Church in November 2005 in order to be able to give more efficient help to groups living on the edge of society, and persons in the need for community. Under the aegis of the Mission Centre we have in operation the Homeless Mission, the Deaf Mission, the Hospital Mission, the Blind Mission, and the Refugee Mission, too.

The primary service of the Refugee Mission is giving responsible advices and practical answers to the (life) problems of refugees and other protected persons. We give real, practical solutions for help-seekers so that they be able to manage their lives independently. Both the Housing Programme and the School Programme offer an opportunity for a safer period in life when besides financial and physical support our colleagues form a virtual working group with the clients, and work on their future progress with total devotion. In the Housing Programme we focus on activities enhancing the soonest possible employment, including targeted job-seeking, Hungarian language courses adjusted to the needs of clients, and personal counselling by experts. The aim of our School Programme is, on the other hand, to offer availability to quality curricular education for refugees and other protected people through Hungarian language courses adjusted to the needs of clients, closing-up and talent-support services at the Immigrant Special School.

The Russian Studio Theatre was founded in 1997 upon the initiative of the actress, teacher, and stage director Zinaida Zicher-Sokolova, bringing together amateur actors motivated by the theatre and the Russian language. These people are of different age, having different professions and nationalities. One could find among them Russians, Ukrainians, Romanians, White Russians who were born in Hungary or moved there later. The theatre presents pieces of both Russian classics (Ostrovsky, Gogol, Bulgakov, Tshekhov), and modern playwrights (Koliada, Razumovskaya, Kurochkin), but organises evenings of poetry and music, too. The theatre’s repertoire includes a Hungarian piece as well: the Hanshájem case, a TV-play by István Órkény. The main aim of the theatre is preserving and making more popular Russian language, literature and theatre culture in the circles of interested Hungarians and Russians living in Hungary, thus helping the successful integration of the latter, too.

The Russian Studio Theatre has been the only theatre in Hungary in the last 16 years that plays Russian pieces in their original language – and with Hungarian subtitles. The centre of the theatre is the Russian Cultural Centre, however, it is frequently hosted in the country (Pécs, Szeged, Győr, Eger, Paks, etc.), and abroad as well. Recently the Theatre participated actively at theatre-season-opening ceremonies, at the Night of Independents programme, and in Hungarian and foreign festivals, too:

- 2005: together with L. Dodin’s theatre in the programme of the Year of Russian Culture in Hungary with M. Bulgakov’s piece: Zoya’s Apartment.
- 2006: at the Fringe Festival in Budapest with a modern Russian piece, the Parrot and Birch Broom;
- 2007: with the Russian poetic compilation, Of the Woman, of Love.
- 2011: with a piece of István Órkény adapted to Russian, the Nightmare.
- 2011: in the programme Theatres of national minorities and Hungarian minorities abroad with Tshekhov’s Doctor at the Merlin theatre.

Abroad the company took part:

- in 2006 at the Belaya Vezha festival in Brest;
- in 2007 at the Satire, Humour, and Pantomime festival in Tpolovgrad, Bulgaria;
- in 2008 and 2010 at the Ethno-Dia-Sphere festival in Munkacevo, Ukraine;
- in 2009 at the Uspeh festival in Russia;
- in 2011 at the Brauderschaft in Prague;

and

- organised its own Lukomorje Festival where professional Russian directors take visits and hold master courses for all those interested in the world of the theatre.

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The mission of our school is to provide quality language courses with modern methodologies, according to the educational requirements of the 21st century. Our most valuable asset is the teacher staff, whose main aim goes beyond holding practice-oriented training courses: they aim to create a friendly, inclusive environment for the students, helping them in their social and labour-market integration.

We take it as an important task to help immigrant students acquire a good conduct of Hungarian, become familiar with administrative procedures and to bridge cultural gaps. We devote particular attention to the educational needs of vulnerable groups (women and the elderly) – we organise separate courses for them.

The aim of our project is teaching, training, and helping the social and labour-market integration of third-country citizens living in Hungary through practice-oriented training courses and programmes. They have problems with everyday communication, with the lack of knowledge in administrative procedures, with entering the labour market and bridging cultural gaps. Our students learn writing and reading Latin letters, and apply our Hungarian-language teaching material in real-life situations, getting acquainted with Hungarian culture, too. We organise our courses flexibly, according to the needs of the target group, with special attention to the needs of vulnerable groups.

Moving beyond the classical way of teaching Hungarian language, we provide such a practice-oriented training that guides the target group in making their way through the labyrinth of Hungarian bureaucracy. Practice is carried out on everyday scenes (post office, public administration, labour office, market, museum, etc.). Besides we transfer historical and cultural knowledge to our students, too. We developed a programme in the course of which students may try in practice what they learned in theory, thus increasing their chances to get employed.

The course of 120 lessons puts emphasis on teaching the basic knowledge and norms of behaviour needed for labour-market integration. The aim of all this is to make the integration of immigrants easier.

UNHCR has been present in the Central European region since the beginning of the 1990s, in Budapest since 1989.

Initially, the UN Refugee Agency’s activities focused on assisting the Government in creating its national law to implement the 1951 Geneva Convention and building up the institutional structure. The Agency also provided support in dealing with the arrival of Romanian and Yugoslav asylum-seekers. UNHCR also conducted refugee status determination under its mandate as Hungary acceded to the 1951 Convention with a geographic limitation: it only concluded such determination procedures in case of European asylum seekers. Following the 1998 entry into force of the asylum law that lifted the geographical limitation, the Refugee Agency’s activities have shifted towards supporting the development of national asylum legislation and institutions. In addition, UNHCR’s operations reoriented towards capacity-building programmes targeting both governmental and non-governmental actors in the field of asylum and migration.

Today, the Regional Representation for Central Europe covers 7 countries: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. With its Hungarian activity, the UNHCR safeguards the effective access of asylum-seekers to EU territory and asylum procedures at the external borders of the Union. It also continuously monitors and improves the living conditions of asylum-seekers in reception centres and other refugee facilities and make sure that they are treated with respect for their age, gender, diversity, and special needs. It ensures that the Refugee Determination Procedures be fair and efficient and that asylum legislation and the work of asylum authorities be in accordance with international legal standards.

In Central Europe, the UNHCR aims to reach that asylum-seekers be able to enter the territory of the region in any of its countries, and to make correct and efficient asylum procedures and an acceptable environment of inclusion available for them. Besides we support the integration of already recognized refugees to the host community, or their resettlement to a third country if – for one reason or another – they must not stay in the host country. Aiming to guarantee that the interests and aspects of involuntary migrants be of decisive influence in decisions related to the protective and supporting programmes of the organisation, its colleagues call on detention and hosting institutions or private homes where refugees can tell about their actual problems and needs. The UNHCR devotes particular attention to the special needs of exposed groups – among them children, the elderly, and the disabled.

The UNHCR in Central Europe makes continuous efforts to inform interested people about the conditions and problems of the stateless and of involuntary migrants. To this end the organisation published different packs of information material, made available also on the website of offices in all countries of the region.
Best Practices

In the frames of basic child-care services we provide daytime care for 0–3-year-old children in 6 institutions with 420 places. We aim to involve the families into taking care about the little ones. Our task is to support the physical, mental and emotional development of children, and to preserve or even contribute to the value system of families.

We provide daytime child-care to the 0–3-year-old in 6 institutions with 420 places. All our institutions are open between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Beyond our basic services we offer family-support services, too. These include education and care guidance, temporary baby-sitting, home baby-sitting, toy and tool rental, weekend playroom, family days. We joined the “Sure Start” programme, too.

The IntegrArt project has been carried out by five partner countries (England, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Turkey). It started in August 2012 and will end in July 2014. Participants in the project are organisations dealing with global education, awareness raising, helping immigrants in the countries mentioned, and also refugees. The comprehensive aim of the project is

- to assist organisations working in five different regions of Europe to exchange their experiences about their asylum systems and legislation;
- to help refugees, refugee candidates to tell their personal stories in the form of digital story-telling and short movies, organised by the partner organisations, and by this contributing to the realisation of an international exhibition;
- to make it possible for the public to get a picture, through these personal stories, of the past vicissitudes, the present living conditions and the future objectives of the participating refugees, of the relationship between the refugees and the country they are living in, and by this to change the picture, full of prejudices, being present in the public opinion of the various countries about refugees, refugee candidates and about immigrants in general.

The international coordinator of the Grundtvig Learning Partnership Project is the Fotomemoria Foundation. Hungarian participants are the Anthropolis Association and the Menedék (Shelter) Hungarian Association for Migrants. The movies can be watched at the http://www.storycenter.hu and the http://www.fotomemoria.eu websites.

Artemisszió Foundation

Our programme “SANSZ” (Chance) for the Labour Market Integration of Immigrants aimed at helping immigrants in integrating into society and the labour market by means of developing a complex service system. The programme involved foreign citizens having arrived and staying for more than three months in Hungary. We offered our services adjusted to their needs for 36 people in two groups. The programme was accomplished together with the Menedék (Refuge) Association for Helping Migrants. The needs and individual situation of the candidates for participating in the programme were assessed by our team mate working at the Association. The programme helped integration in the following main areas: a mentoring programme involving volunteers and community programmes supplementing it, namely, intercultural trainings, evening events serving community building, development of communications, help in deepening relations with the majority population. Labour (cont’d on the next page)
market integration was helped by individual counselling, organising internships and school enrolment. If needed, orientation support was provided by using a competence assessment method called DÉT (Digital Career Map).

The programme involved volunteering mentors (17 persons) and tutors (10 persons). We deemed it very important that members of the majority population be actively involved in the integration process, thereby making them more sensitive to migration issues. Hungarian language tutoring was realised by the involvement of volunteers, while language teaching by established language schools. We also offered legal and psychological guidance to the participants.

As a dissemination activity of the programme, in December 2012 we published a storybook entitled *Ott minden sokkal jobb, mint itt, cukor is van, méz is* (Everything is better there than here, there is sugar, there is honey). This book contained various stories by immigrants living in Hungary, stories related to their country of origin, also giving individual portraits. In an indirect way the story book also served the aim of the programme, namely, to form a positive picture about the immigrants, thereby contributing to making the majority population more open and curious, thus helping in accepting immigration, which in turn helps the integration of immigrants living in Hungary.

**Cordelia Foundation**

**Psycho-social Rehabilitation for Traumatised Refugees**

This project, supported by the European Refugee Fund and the Hungarian government aims to improve the mental state and life quality of tortured or otherwise traumatised refugees by way of complex psycho-social therapy rehabilitation. Serious traumatisation cannot be processed and its consequences resolved without professional assistance. The everyday health care system is not prepared to treat this problem. Cordelia Foundation has been trying to solve this problem, unresolved by state institutions, for 15 years now as the sole NGO dealing with this topic in Hungary. The main problems to be solved are: lasting psychological and somatic damage caused by the trauma, secondary traumatisation (losing roots, expectations, uncertainty) and psychic problems caused by difficulties in integration.

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The special training organised by the Hungarian Red Cross at a secondary school in Budapest can serve as a model for future activities. This voluntary training was held in a class of migrants, to help their integration into the community. To ensure the functioning of any creative organisation it is inevitable to educate and train the new generations in both the professional and the voluntary sphere. The young ones involved often remain at the Red Cross either as fellow workers or as volunteers. Youth education is a priority at our organisation – the present leaders at the Red Cross were once young volunteers in the Red Cross movement.

We are involving the youth around us in our activities where they can work as volunteers, thereby developing their independence. In the course of their voluntary work they gather a lot of experience which helps developing their responsibility, so much needed in their adulthood. The Red Cross is a place you can belong to, it promotes the development of a helping community, and provides opportunity to spend the spare time in an active and useful manner. The Organisation of the Capital Budapest of the Hungarian Red Cross holds at its task to organise cultural and spare-time programmes as well. To develop healthy personality, we make the young ones do self-knowledge and communicational practices. Our volunteers, complying with the ideology of the Red Cross, learn to be active in a community with good social basis.

The ICCR-Budapest Foundation – The Interdisciplinary Centre for Comparative Research in the Social Sciences

The idea of elaborating a uniform framework strategy consisting of European integration modules helping the integration of immigrants into various European countries was first raised during the German presidency of the European Council. In the course of 2011 a series of expert seminars dealt with the further development of the integration modules, as a result of which a draft document on the modules was published on the website of the European Commission.

Many of the Hungarian experts dealing with the integration of immigrants do not know these integration modules which so far have not been discussed at professional forums. Thus the issues relating to the European integration modules, to the best practices mentioned in them and their applicability in Hungary have not been on the agenda as yet.

The aim of the project is to make Hungarian experts in the integration of immigrants learn about the system of European integration strategy. This project is targeted at experts and researchers dealing with and/or interested in the integration of immigrants in Hungary.

In February a professional jury will select 12 experts and researchers interested in immigrant integration who in the course of a two-day field trip will get acquainted with the modules to be studied and the best practices. They will write summaries and analyses of their experiences which will be discussed in a workshop. To conclude the project, a summarising publication will be made containing recommendations, too, and the final results will be discussed at a concluding conference.

The project is supported by the European Integration Fund.

In order to facilitate the successful integration of third-country nationals, on 1 January, 2012, the IOM launched At Home in Hungary: A Comprehensive Multilingual Online Resource for Third-Country Nationals, a one-year project funded by the European Integration Fund. The programme addressed a specific challenge: third-country nationals faced in integration, which stemmed from the fact that before the implementation of this project there was no single consolidated resource available online and in print which accurately and thoroughly provides information regarding admission procedures and aspects of everyday life in Hungary for third-country nationals.

As a result of the project implementation an information source material was compiled containing three primary components:

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According to the number of website visits, the project could reach over 4,000 third-country nationals during the one-year period of funding, but due to the nature of the project, it is still facilitating the successful integration of third-country nationals.

**Best Practices**

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(1) information packages on admission procedures and daily life in Hungary available in 7 languages (Arabic, English, Farsi, French, German, Hungarian, and Serbian); (2) launch of an interactive website (http://www.athomeinhungary.hu/en/) displaying up-to-date information packages in several languages; (3) information and dissemination campaign with leaflets, posters, newspaper advertisements, and the At Home in Hungary handbook.

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**Laterna Magica**

Is the Far East Far Away?

The primary aim of this project is to help the integration of East and South-East Asian citizens in Hungary by means of culture and arts. To achieve our aim, we are organising a series of inter-cultural artistic workshops and an Asian-Hungarian common cultural festival. The project intends to contribute to solving problems and easing difficulties deriving from cultural differences as well as to commencing communications between immigrants and the society of their new home by the universal and mostly non-verbal means of arts and culture. It aims to present multicoloured Asian culture to Hungarians and also traditional Hungarian folk culture to Asian people living in Hungary.

**Menedék – Hungarian Association for Migrants**

We Are All Alike in Different Ways

The goals of the new project are to raise society’s awareness on migration and to improve sensitivity towards the topic. The project targets a highly receptive group, elementary- and middle-school-aged children, through delivering interactive, playful, informative activity sessions. We consider it important that children start to learn about these issues in an early age as this is the time when they are most receptive to new knowledge and experiences, at the same time having less misconceptions and negative opinion than later.

Participants of the project include one middle-school class and one elementary-school class from each of the five participating Budapest-based schools; one elementary school class from each of the five participating schools located in Hungary’s other regions. The project delivers five-session training series for each class of students. Elementary school children will learn about the unique characteristics of five world regions through playful activities, including looking at pictures together, discussing, learning different ways of writing, reading stories, playing games and preparing arts and crafts pieces representative of the regions. Middle-school students will familiarise themselves with cultures, cultural differences and intercultural topics (religion, dining, clothing, family etc. through interactive exercises.

Each participating school will organise a ‘migrant day’ featuring their students of migrant origin and delivering exciting programmes to introduce a wider audience of students to the topic. The project’s closing event, a Migrant Family Day, will take place in Budapest. See more at: http://menedek.hu/en/projects/we-are-all-alike-in-different-ways

**Migrant Help Hungary Association (MigHelp)**

The establishment and accreditation of European Computer Driving License (ECDL) Centre for refugees living in the refugee camp in Bicske, Hungary, was one of our best practices. This was the very first time it happened in Hungary and the idea has helped many refugees acquire helpful computer skills.

MigHelp Info Lab: Making a well equipped computer lab available for refugees and migrants has reinforced the spirit of competitiveness among them. Now there is a place for migrants to spend their free time doing something useful. A growing number of them are now talking about education and a brighter future.

One Seat Project: This project was developed to draw the attention of Hungarian university professors and their highly talented students to play a stronger role in the development and integration of migrants and refugees in Hungary. The project has yielded 4 university scholarships for refugees and has brought refugees/migrants and the schools closer than ever.

These projects have awoken the spirit of learning, hope, motivation, curiosity, ambition, unity, forward movement and renewed energy.

Since November 2012 the Migrant Solidarity Group (MigSzol) has organised several successful demonstrations with the participation of refugees, protected persons and candidate refugees to make the problems of these people public. The newspaper articles and videos on these demonstrations informed several thousand people both in Hungary and abroad about the problems of refugees. Thanks to the activity of this group, 82 refugees and protected persons – among them women and families with children – were not forcefully evicted from the Bicske Reception Centre for Refugees and made homeless on April 1, 2013. Among others, this could not happen because the Group called the UNHCR’s attention to the unresolved and inhuman situation of these people enjoying international protection. The MigSzol Group has continually been attempting to have dialogue with organisations active in refugee affairs. By this refugees, protected persons and candidate refugees can also tell their opinions, can represent their standpoints, and thus they can take part in forming their fate, which is a crucial element of integration into their new home country.

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**Migrant Solidarity Group**

Best Practices
The local government of Győrság municipality cooperating with the Office of Immigration and Nationality accomplished an 18-month model programme supported by the European Refugee Fund. In the framework of this programme an Afghan family could move to Győrság municipality. The programme helped the integration of this refugee family into the small provincial community of the municipality where due to the small number of inhabitants, cooperation with the official bodies, employment, enrolment into school, and the development of personal relations with the local inhabitants, that is, the process of social integration was quicker, easier and more effective.

The model programme consisted of elements promoting social integration built upon each other. The family was placed in Győrság municipality in a renewed, furnished maisonette of the local government with household equipment for the period of the programme. Their housing was a basic integration condition, as living in calm conditions made it possible for them to concentrate on the other elements of integration.

The adults could start learning Hungarian – are built upon each other in a harmonised way so as to achieve the highest possible efficiency. Besides two social workers, one assistant, one Hungarian language teacher and a project co-ordinator, a great number of volunteers help the clients in achieving their aims. Presently we are providing housing for 60 people in 13 flats, but we are paying great attention to follow up our earlier clients. Guidance and personal contacts are mainly realised in the flats provided by the Programme. Education

The complex project named ‘Strangers in My Garden’ started in 2009 and encompasses several years. The initial aim was to collect documentaries of 30 European authors relating to migration in order to make them available for teachers at public and higher education as well as for people and organisations working in the fields of education, research and culture. The collection contains 34 documentary films with Hungarian captions.

The collection also has a catalogue containing the data of the above-mentioned documentaries, eight subjective essays dealing with migrants in Hungary and having a positive message, four studies, as well as a list of institutions/persons – with their data of availability – dealing with migration whose competence can be used. To help the use of these documentaries in education or training we have made a methodological handbook.

At present we are working on making these documentaries available for everyone at www.idegenekakertemben.hu, and also plan to add eight new films to the collection which will contribute online to helping migrants’ integration as well.

The Office of Immigration and Nationality

The paterfamilias was trained to become a CNC turner, his wife an artificial nail maker and make-up woman. Their employment is in the process of realisation. The ten-year-old boy and the six-year-old girl had learnt the Hungarian language during their stay in Hungary and could speak it very well, so their integration into school and kindergarten was not a problem.

A mentor, employed four hours a day, kept continuous personal contact with the family and helped them in their everyday life. In order to help the clients to become permanent residents, it was important to inform the local inhabitants, to involve them and to make them interested. A public forum and a joint supper were organised where the local inhabitants could learn about the family’s country of origin, its culture, habits, as well as some basic knowledge about refugees’ integration. These forums made it possible for both the family and the local inhabitants to get acquainted with each other and to ask questions and raise problems and proposals. Since the beginning of the project there have been positive responses from the both the family and the local inhabitants, and this might give hope that this kind of integration strategy may become a sample to be followed in other parts of the country as well.
and other supplementary activities are carried out in the community house of the Refugee Mission (78–80 Váci utca, Budapest).

The School Integration Programme aims to provide access for 6–24-year-old refugee and protected students to high quality education. We do our best to prepare them to comply with the entrance requirements so that they could be enrolled at the institutions suitable for them, and then to provide supplementary catching up education. As laid down in our co-operation agreements with schools, we are holding our personalised lessons in small groups either during or after teaching time. Our Hungarian language teachers and those active in catching-up education, as well as our volunteers and social workers ensure the progress of these students. Thanks to our partner institutions, our older students have an opportunity to take part in internships, obtaining thus experiences that can be used in their future career.

These projects are financed by the European Refugee Fund.

Our project "Let Us Know Each Other Better" aimed to help the integration of migrant families and their children in Hungary. The ratio of kids from migrant families is about 10–15% in the nurseries of our district. Within the framework of this project, our whole professional staff (86 persons) took part in a 40-hour training. This provided lectures on Hungarian and EU regulations relating to migrants, on the economic, linguistic, cultural and religious customs of Asian and African migrants, as well as on the psychological characteristics of the so-called cultural shock. Titled "Culture Tasting" migrant parents are singing or telling the children nursery rhymes in their vernacular. On Saturdays we were holding "Family Days" where parents of different cultures showed objects, relics, clothes and music originating from their countries, and cooked together some national food to which all the participants were invited to eat. There were two publications and a film made which were distributed to all our fellow workers and all the families whose children visit our nursery. Twenty-two of our team mates made a field trip to England where they visited nine institutions dealing with migrant families.