

Review of the Erdodi Trust September 2020

Trustees' annual report for year ending 31st August 2020

Charity Status:

Erdodi Trust is registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The charity number is NIC104191.

Trustees:

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Eva Brown

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No remuneration or expenses were paid to the trustees during the year.

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Report:

The Trust continues to support the Erdodi Children's Centre in Zalau, Romania.

The centre continues to provide a safe secure home environment for those who are living there.

During the year the trust made financial contributions of £3,100. As of 30th August the Trust was £4934.48 in credit. This has been retained to facilitate our commitments to the Centre.

All of the contributions raised by the trust are retained for that purpose with the exception of bank charges.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic contact with the family was maintained by telephone.

The charity is aware of its responsibilities relating to vulnerable adults and has discussed the matter with Julia and Bela. We appreciate that this is a difficult area to manage as we are not on the ground on a regular basis. This area will remain under review.

There are seven residents currently living in the centre. They range in age from 16 to 37 years old. Two have been diagnosed with Mild Learning Difficulties, two with Down's Syndrome and one has physical health problems.

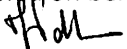
Others who have now left the centre keep in contact. The centre also provides assistance to some of the young people who live in Oradea by providing food parcels and assisting with rent and heating costs.

Health care is an important aspect of the work within the centre. Costs in this area are relatively expensive; visits to the Doctor and prescription medication have to be paid for. Dental charges are also an added cost. Trust contributions are vital in this area.

Part of the work in the centre is teaching new skills to the young people and providing meaningful work. All of the residents work in the kitchen and some are involved in the delivery of the food they make. Julia runs the kitchen and has taught the young people to bake. They bake cakes, bread and prepare meals to order and deliver to different parts of the town on a daily basis. They also produce food which is sold in the local market. The centre has a hen house, which is looked after by one of the young people. They produce enough eggs and meat to meet their requirements. All of the residents receive payment for the work they do in the centre. Romania, as across the world, have been negatively impacted by Covid 19. This has made it more difficult to produce and sell goods.

The Trust also provides financial support for the running costs in the Centre. These include general upkeep and repair and the utility bills for gas, electricity and water. The cost of maintaining an older building remains a significant challenge to the family.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.


Trevor Patton