



Bridge Language Study House

~ **Presentation of our Mission, History, Activities and Projects** ~

Our Mission

Bridge Language Study House strives to promote language acquisition, academic achievement and intercultural communication through the provision of quality language instruction, translation services, professional development for language instructors and cultural awareness programs. Our intention is to address a large palette of people with our services, activities and projects, giving the chance of learning to children, youth or adults, workers or unemployed, firms or individuals, citizens of our country or foreigners.

Short History of Bridge Language Study House

Bridge Language Study House Association was established in 2002, being a non-profit, private institution.

In 2003 we became an examination centre for the “European Consortium of Attainment in Modern Languages” (ECL) and in the same year our translations office started its work.

Two years later, in 2005, our professional work in language tuition was awarded by the acceptance of Bridge Language Study House within the “Quest Romania Association” as full member and in 2007 in the position of Vice-President. Quest is the Romanian Association for Quality language Services and the Romanian representative of EQUALS quality-assurance board. Our language teaching activity is also accredited by Quest Romania, approved by the Romanian Ministry of Education. In 2006 the language school also became a London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) examination centre. The LCCI examinations we offer vary from general languages to vocational qualifications, such as office skills, tourism and retail management.

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An outline of Our Activities

Since our development was steady and progressive, we enlarged our company during time. Hereby, at this moment we offer our services in three different locations from Romania: Cluj-Napoca, Satu-Mare and Oradea.

We have also increased our service-offer during time, so in present our activities are devised in the following categories:

1. **General Language Courses and Examination Preparatory Courses**
2. **International Language Examination and Vocational Qualification**
3. **In-house Language Training**
4. **International Romanian and Hungarian Summer Courses**
5. **Intensive Summer Courses**
6. **Language Camps for Children**
7. **Translation Services**
8. **Local and European Projects (2002-2010)**

1. General Language Courses and Examination Preparatory Courses



The main activity of Bridge Language Study House is the administration of general language courses and examination preparatory courses. The general courses are designed to develop the four basic language skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking and are structured according to the Common European Framework. Our teaching methodology is communicative and task-based and follows the most modern teaching tools and techniques.

We offer high-quality language education and the possibility for examination in a great variety of languages: Hungarian, German, French, Italian, Finnish, Polish, Romanian, English, Spanish, Swedish, Norwegian, Russian, Arabic and Portuguese and for many categories of age: children, youth or adults.

Each module ends with a course-ending evaluation, based on which we issue our learners with attendance certificates, approved by Quest Romania and accepted by the Romanian Ministry of Education.

2. International Language Examination and Vocational Qualifications



The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry is specialized in offering international certificates for English language and vocational qualifications as for example financial, quantitative, business, administration, IT and even marketing and customer care service qualifications.

Since we are LCCI examination centre, we are able to provide international certificates recognised by universities, specialists and employees from all around the world. The most widely spread examinations requested by our students are the “General English”, “Business English” and “English for Tourism”.

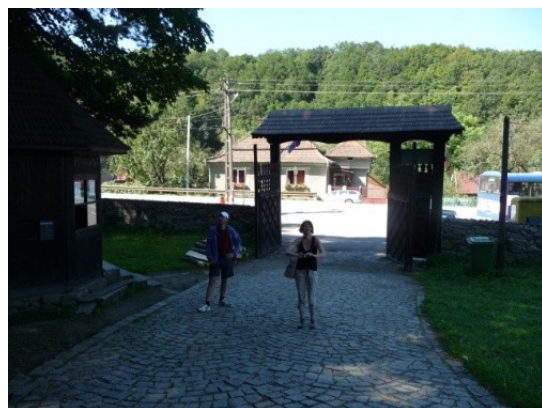
3. In-Company Language Training



The In-Company Language Training is aimed at companies of all level and involves the language training of the personnel in the workplace. This service is ideal for companies who require their staff to communicate in a foreign language with partners or clients. The courses include assistance and training for all types of communication: reading, listening, writing or speaking and the emphasis can be directed toward general or specific language skills. We offer training courses in English, German, French, Italian, Swedish, Spanish, Portuguese Norwegian, Hungarian and also Romanian as a foreign language.

4. International Romanian and Hungarian Summer Courses

Since 2003 Bridge Language Study House has been offering Romanian and Hungarian courses for students from other countries during the summer period. The programme offers a unique combination of Romanian or Hungarian language learning with cultural events and activities organized for learners. For more efficiency we have host-family possibilities, where the participants can practice the language in real situations. Cultural events vary from one student to another in order to meet their needs and preferences and they can include trips to cultural places, traditional food tasting, visits to museums, churches, castles or to cultural events and many other activities.



5. Intensive Summer Courses

The Intensive Summer Courses are designed for learners who want to develop their German or English language knowledge but can not participate at general courses during the academic year. The programme lasts for two weeks and has a very original format, since it combines 30 hours of language learning with 35 hours of didactical activity as for example workshops, excursions or visits. Communication during didactical activities is in the target language in order to facilitate learners speaking abilities. In order to achieve best results in short time, we implicate more teachers for each group and in the case of English courses, one of our teachers is a native speaker of the language.



6. Language Camps for Children

The main objectives of our camps are to promote the importance of language learning for children, to facilitate accessibility to language education for disadvantaged children, to present our participants new learning methods and materials, to compensate school education which is often of bad quality and to compensate childrens knowledge about culture and in the field of self development. This are the main reasons why the organization of camps designed for children and youth became a tradition for Bridge Language Study House. This camps imply children from all around the country, aged between 8 and 16 years and are organized in different locations, as for example in Cluj-Napoca, Rimetea, Bucin, Somesul Rece or even in other countries of Europe. The camps offer possibility to learn German or English language, but in the same time it provides relaxing, cultural games or activities for personal development. We are also trying year by year to involve children with fewer possibilities in our camps. As a result of this effort, in 2005, 20 children with fewer possibilities participated for free in our camp. The project was financed by the Romanian Communitas Association.



7. Translations Services



Collaborating with more than 25 authorised translators, Bridge Language Study House offers interpretation services for the following languages: English, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Hungarian, Romanian, Russian, Arabic and Japanese.

The quality of our translations is given by a very talented team of translators, who have experience in different domains such as marketing, economy, insurance, accounting or politics.

8. Presence in Local and European Projects (2002-2012)

Along with our activities, Bridge Language Study House Association has taken part in many European projects, including Leonardo de Vinci (VOWEL, 2004-2006), Grundtvig Partnerships (TUROSPA, 2006-2008, ADHER, 2009-2011, PractiCAL, 2011-2013) and Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation project (MOVET – Movies for Vocational Education and Training, 2012-2014).

We are also involved in many locally/nationally financed projects to improve the language skills of the unemployed and the elderly (Cluj City Council). Furthermore, our ‘Bridge Mobile Classroom Project’ and “Elderly Education of Youth” (Soros Foundation Romania) is putting our teachers into rural communities to help boost the school retention figures of children and increase the chances of employment in these areas.

A more detailed description of our projects are described in the Projects catalogue (for the period of January 2004 – August 2012).

Our administrative and management team

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Our teachers

The language teachers play an important role in our associations’ life and activities. As a whole, we have approximately 60 language teachers. The teaching team demonstrates flexibility, energy and spontaneity. Professionalism, a sense of responsibility and awareness of the most up-to-date methods in language teaching all contribute towards a very unique working/learning atmosphere at our language centres. Most of our teachers took part in international methodological training and/or teaching experience, and obtained internationally recognized teaching qualifications. Along with this qualifications and trainings, our association offers them many teambuilding activities.



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