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### HOME WORK CLUB ORADEA

Through working with Fundatia Increderea (FI) it has been possible to set up and run a homework club for 12 of the neediest children in Oradea that are known to FI. These children and young people are all from disadvantaged families, where lack of space, lack of heating, poor nutrition, poor lighting etc have made it impossible for children and young people to study at home. Schools require and expect that children and young people will do follow up study after school, but for some this is impossible.

In 2014/2015 we provided funding to run a homework club at FI's premises for 12 children, 2 days a week, after school, using 3 volunteers each session who were rewarded with a monthly travel pass. The children and young people were provided with a sandwich each day and once a month with a cooked meal. This has proved very successful, with grades improving and the children and young people eager to learn; some of the neediest children who seemed to have special educational needs have improved the most dramatically. There is a waiting list for the homework club.

There have been some excellent volunteers who were students at the university, so inevitably some will move away. It is unlikely to be feasible to run the club for 4 days a week with longer sessions using only volunteers. It is therefore suggested a teacher should be employed part-time and work with one or more volunteers each session.

What we would propose would be extending the length of the homework club to allow for 2 sessions and running it 4 days a week, still providing the meal, as it is important for the children to receive some nutritional food. Though the sessions would be slightly shorter, there would be 4 sessions per week instead of 2 so overall each child and young person would have more learning time in a safe environment.

### Budget

€	£	Item	Notes
	£3,996	Salary (+ taxes) for part-time teacher and volunteers' expenses	Allow full time teacher salary and for Nelu to adjust as he sees fit to reimburse volunteers with bus-passes £333 x 12 month
€4,750	£3,325 #	Food for children and young people (purchased ready made to avoid any potential difficulty with hygiene requirements)	Allow 38 teaching weeks for 25 children and young people: Food 25€ a day sandwich; 50€ a day cooked meal (1 meal in 4) # calculated at 1€ = 70p
	£550	Heating, cleaning, water, repairs, etc	No allowance was previously made for this
	£129	Pencils, paper, consumables	No allowance was previously made for this
	£8,000	Total requested	

Pictures from Homework Club

