



## **Languages Training and Development**

### **Supported work placement in Hungary funded through Erasmus Plus (CAVE)**

#### **Background**

Languages Training & Development (LT&D) was formally incorporated as a limited company in March 1996. Prior to this, key members of the team had worked together for three years developing English Language Teacher Training programmes in several different areas. Since then it has increased the number of programmes it operates, these now comprise:

- ESOL training for migrant workers from the EU,
- Integration training for recently arrived migrants such as refugees,
- Employability training for young people from the NEET group (not in education, employment or training)
- Apprenticeships in various areas,
- Teacher Training for both those delivering in generic subjects and our main specialism of Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages through the Trinity College London Certificate and Diploma.

#### **European Union Lifelong Learning Programme**

We have organised several work experience mobility projects through the above programme:

##### CAN-DO and CAN-DO 2 (Collaboration to Assist NEETS to Develop Office Skills)

These programmes enabled young people from our programmes to obtain a short, two-week work experience placement at the premises of a Language School in Spain. They were funded by the EU Leonardo scheme.

##### CAVE (Collaboration to Assist in Vocational English)

This programme has been in operation since 2014 and enables teachers from both entry level and those with more experience to attend the premises of our partner organisation, St Laszlo Technical School in Szekszard, Hungary for supported work experience, similarly for two weeks. It is funded via the EU's Erasmus Plus scheme.

#### **Objective of the CAVE project**

For those already holding the initial English Language Teaching Certificates (CELTA or Trinity College TESOL) to give the opportunity for supported work-placement in order to:

- Consolidate experience. St Laszlo's learners are mainly younger people operating in a mono-lingual environment. This is often very different to the context where people have done initial training, where learners tend to be adult and multi-lingual.
- Give an opportunity to obtain this experience, in a supported context, while applying for jobs.

## Szekszard & St. Laszlo

Szekszard is a small regional capital of the Tolna region in Hungary and one of the country's foremost wine producers. St Laszlo's school, our partner, takes in about 800 young people from Szekszard and outlying villages for vocational programmes such as electronics, construction, catering etc.

Students elect either to study English or German as part of their programme. The CAVE project allows English teachers from outside Hungary to assist with these classes. Learners very much appreciate the opportunity to:

- Interact with native speakers and hear regional English accents (as the local teachers of English are Hungarians)
- Obtain an insight into the wider world outside Szekszard

The Hungarian teachers of English benefit through the chance to observe these teachers as well.



**Szekszard's main Garay Square (above) & St Laszlo School (below)**



## Support

Via the Erasmus Plus scheme you will receive:

- Transportation from our offices in Witney, Oxfordshire to the departure / arrival airport in the UK (usually Birmingham, Stansted or Luton). Parking is available if you wish to leave your car with us. You may also make your own way to the airport, if you wish, at your own expense.

- Flights to and from Hungary along with travel insurance
- Transportation to Szekszard from Budapest Airport
- Single room accommodation in St Laszlo's Hall of Residence
- For those participants who have recently completed the initial CELTA or Trinity Cert TESOL qualifications a stipend, equivalent to the individual Trinity College London Certificate Moderation fee operating at the time (currently £132). This stipend is paid retrospectively after satisfactory completion of the mobility to Hungary and completion of the EU's mandatory evaluation questionnaire and necessary paperwork.
- Support from LT&D's staff. All cohorts to Hungary are accompanied. LT&D's staff who will co-ordinate with the St. Laszlo management.

### **What to expect**

You will be assigned a class (or number of classes). You will normally have the opportunity to observe the class before you teach it. LT&D or the Hungarian teacher will advise you on what to teach. The LT&D staff and / or local teacher may elect to observe your class to give you developmental pointers to consolidate the experience you have already gained. Where all parties are happy you will have the opportunity to deliver classes unobserved. You may also wish to observe the classes delivered by your colleagues.

You will be assigned an individual learner (or a couple depending on demand) to meet up with over a series of evenings. You will carry out a needs analysis and deliver some 1:1 interventions.

Each cohort of approximately 10 participants may consist of teachers at various stages of their development. You are free to attend the input sessions, arranged for trainee teachers (either Certificate or Diploma), if you feel you would benefit and as your teaching timetable allows.

Lessons at St. Laszlo typically take place between 07.45 and 14.00, with English lessons spread out at various times in the school timetable.

Compared with young people in the UK, the learners at St. Laszlo tend to be very well-behaved with a great deal of respect for their teachers. They are, however, sometimes a little reticent in speaking.

For preparation of materials and for job applications, there is a computer suite and a small library of coursebooks. Wifi is available so may bring your own laptop etc. if you wish.

### **Dates for CAVE mobilities to Hungary summer 2016:**

9 July – 24 July, 18 September – 3 October

Dates thereafter remain to be confirmed with our partners.

N.B – Participants must undertake to attend the whole mobility period

## **Application Procedure**

Please send a CV with cover letter stating what you would like to obtain from the scheme to [philip@ltd-oxford.com](mailto:philip@ltd-oxford.com) (tel: 01993 708637). Address: LT&D, Windrush Court, 56A High Street, Witney OX28 6ET. Please state what qualification you already hold in English Language Teaching and what experience you have. We will contact you for a discussion, normally via Skype.

## **Deposits**

Although all financial support described above is covered, a deposit of £150 is levied to cover air fares. This will be returned, into your bank account, when you travel on the arranged flight to Hungary and should be available for on-going costs while you are there. The deposit should be paid 6 weeks prior to departure to Languages Training & Development, HSBC Winchester, Sort Code 40-46-39, Account number 31365797 (Please put your name in the message line).

The £150 deposit, when returned, will easily be enough to cover meals for 2 weeks in St Laszlo's canteen. For indication, typical costs locally:

- Meal approx. £2.50 - £3.00
- Coffee, soft or alcoholic drink in a café approx. £1.00
- Bus fare Szekszard to Budapest approx. £7.00

## **Free time**

You should have opportunity during your stay to visit Budapest or other towns nearby as well as borrow a bicycle from St. Laszlo for short trips around Szekszard.

## **Professional Development**

After 2 years' full-time teaching candidates may wish to enrol for the Level 7 Trinity College London Licentiate Diploma in TESOL, a qualification which is also delivered by LT&D for those wishing to refine and expand their awareness of language and methodological issues. The award of the Trinity Diploma indicates that the holder is considered to be a fully competent and effective practising member of the profession.

## **Caveats**

Although LT&D will undertake to do everything in its power to ensure that mobilities go ahead as planned, where it is necessary to cancel them participants will be offered an alternative date. Where this is not practicable deposits will be returned.

Travel insurance makes the assumption that participants have obtained, free of charge, the approved EU medical card from <http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>. To undertake mobility you must be an EU citizen or naturalised citizen normally resident outside Hungary. You are normally eligible if you are a citizen of several other participating non-EU countries, please ask for details upon application.

