



Outward Bound Romania



2015
Annual Report



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Outward Bound is an international educational not for profit organization set up in 1941 by a German educationalist called Kurt Hahn. Hahn believed that learning by doing, rather than theory, was the way to real understanding. His theory of experiential education was widely embraced around the world, and today Outward Bound has schools without walls in 33 countries around the world.

Outward Bound Romania is a **not for profit organization**, founded in 1993. We are an independent member of the Outward Bound® International. The leader in outdoor education programs with the goal of personal development and development of interpersonal relationships. Since our establishment we have been continuously offering high-quality, developing, safe programs. Our main programs are focused on personal development, leadership, team-building for students, experiential education programs for teachers. We lead courses with the same goals for orphans, troubled, and economically disadvantaged youth. Until the present more than 30 000 participants have participated in our programs.

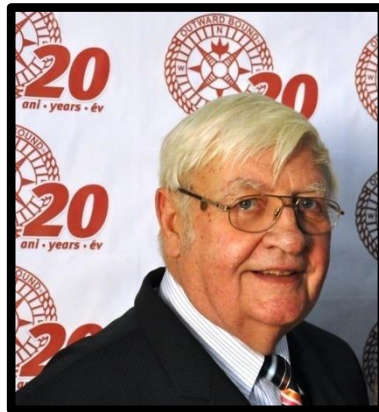




"A ship has sunken" **Tribute to our lost founder and chairman,** **Imre Fodor (1937-2015)**

If anyone is asked who was Imre Fodor, the answer is clear: the Mayor of Tîrgu Mureş/Marosvásárhely. However, it would be unfair not to talk about it, that Imre Fodor was active in a wide range of activities and he became a public person through his civic activities. From the very first moment he was a board member of the Pro Europe League an association which has the aim to overcome false stereotypes, nationalism, the development of a tolerant society. Imre Fodor believed that the European future of Hungarians, Romanians in Transylvania can be built up together.

Myself, as a German language teacher in the Imre Fodor in 1991, and since then, nearly a contact not only on professional level, but Ungváry Zrínyi a philosophy teacher and chair asked me if I wanted to be active with leave the harbor) organization whose aim is outdoor experiential learning methods. He initiator of this organization in Romania and the foundations of the organization Outward Bound. We spent lots of hours together, we this throughout many years in the office we dreamed of the Outward Bound Youth step by step the Youth Center which can 60 persons, and that organization which



High School „Bolyai Farkas” got acquainted with quarter of century, we have been in constant also personally as friends. At that time, Imre of the Hungarian Democratic Youth Organisation Outward Bound (which means the ship is ready to to contribute to the youth education through introduced me to the engineer Imre Fodor, the through his German connections we put together Bound Romania Trust for Youth.

We dreamed, developed strategies, created, wrote, all which he sustained on his own expenses. Together Center, bought the property in Sovata, developed nowadays offer board and accommodation for over trained over the years over 30.000 young people.

Although due to less energy because of his other public responsibilities he could involve himself less in the day-to-day activity of the organizations, he served as chair of Outward Bound Romania and he was present in every important moment of the organization, advised, encouraged, instilled perseverance, acquired supporters.

He participated in the preparation, closing ceremonies of our Youth Leadership Programs, he was extremely proud of the local and international role of our organization in the development of inter-ethnic relationships, of the fact that other European Outward Bound organizations called our trainers to support them.

He found very important to visit all issues of international outdoor race „Carpathian Adventure” which was organized in different mountains of Transylvania in cooperation with the association Perpetuum Mobile and to greet personally the racers who overcame with superhuman power the challenges offered by the track of more than 150 km length and of their own weaknesses.

He loved nature, for years, every weekend with his wife Katica together, until his health allowed, he walked out from Somostető to Némethkalap. When he became mayor, in order to keep better contact with citizens and in the spirit of the proximity to nature, we planned together the hike of the Mayors office for May, which he continued to organize also while he was deputy mayor. An important objective at the time he was mayor, was the development of relationships with civic organizations and of town twinning. The city Tîrgu Mureş/Marosvásárhely won the Flag of Europe from the European Council thanks to him.

I lost in him not only my colleague, but my teacher, my mentor. I could learn from him decision taking, precision, perseverance. Throughout our common journeys he dazzled me with his knowledge, be it about history, local history, people, families.

Upon his death a ship has sunken, whose freight were principles, values, direction in our steer-less world. A ship has sunken but we promise to take with us its valuable freight to new horizons.

Our mission:

“To help people discover and develop their potential to care for themselves, others, and the world around them through challenging experiences in unfamiliar settings.”

Ádám Horváth Kovács
Executive Direct





programs in NUMBERS

Our aim is to improve the participants' connection with nature and develop their personal, social and emotional skills. We are trying to make this possible for students, adults from all backgrounds.

119
programs

SCHOOL OF EXPERIENCE

OBP (OB Professional)

TRAINING

EVENT

PROJECT

OTHER

83

13

12

7

2

2

291
days of
adventure

6535
participant days



Our participants

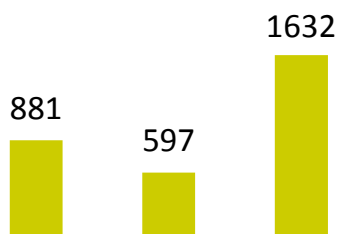


We believe that the outdoor experiential method is useful for all ages. Those schools, organizations, companies and individuals who took part of the courses/trainings have taken home the experience what they could use and practice in their life. We are glad, that more participants are coming from far distances.

PARTICIPANS

3110

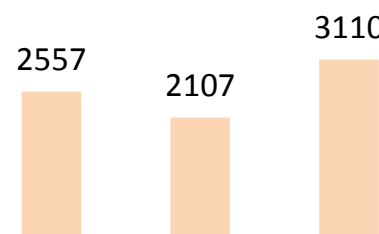
MIX* ADULT YOUTH



2013

2014

2015



*family programs, courses for 6-18 years old



„If we keep together
and we trust each other,
than we can overcome all obstacles.“ - 17 years old participant





Social Impact

They said:

Every action had a goal; they woke me up, who I am, where I am going. Thank you.

16 years old participant

This program developed my personality and helped me to correct my mistakes.

12 years old participant

The flying fox, because now I know, trying with common force is much easier.

12 years old participant

The positive attitude, if something is a failure, try it again.

17 years old participant



„The difficult situations keep the group together.“ 14 years old participant

At the end of their course...

84%

of participants learned that with teamwork they can achieve more...

78%

of participants reported feeling able to co-operate with the others and work as a team

78%

of participants will focus more and better on their environment...

74%

of participants reported feeling more trust in the others...

70%

of participants reported to help others more in the future...

69%

of participants feeling more brave to face their problems...

69%

of participants recognised more of their strengtnesses and weaknesses...

67%

of participants reported feeling able, to do more than they previously thought they could...

...then they did before coming to Outward Bound

Our participants fill out an evaluation form right after their course, where they can rank there experience with number's from 1(min) to 5(max). Our staff processes the data and evaluates the results.





Outward Bound for adults

Outward Bound Professional (OBP)

offers to corporate teams to improve their performance and efficiency. The activities are customized for their needs.

OBP trainings/events are a financial support what give opportunities for students to grow and be an active citizen in their society.

Professional accredited **trainings**, like Training of Trainers, Advanced Training of Trainers, Industrial Alpinism we train participants to be more professional in their life.

Academy of Experience training is for educators, facilitators who want to enrich their methodological tools through experiential learning, learn games and practice the holistic awareness of the importance of teaching, which are essential in educational and teaching methods.

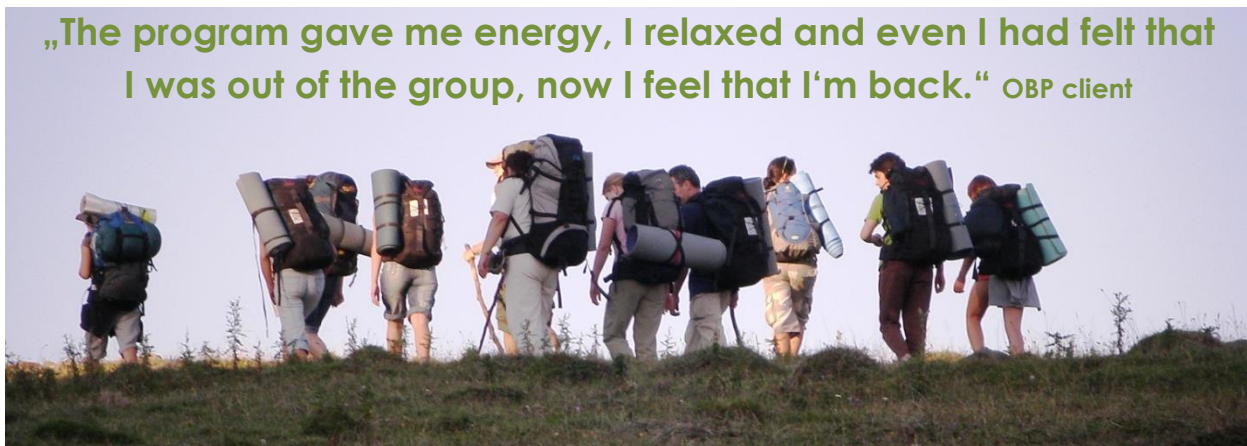
Unic adult Programs customized for those participants who want develop their skills, their team spirit and use the new experiences in their work, organization, environment.

„I became more open minded towards my bosses and I realized that I can work together with my colleagues and together we can solve any problems.“ OBP client

Collaborations in 2015:

American International School of Bucharest (AISB)
Foundation LOC
Association Amurtel
Foundation Wellenbrechner
TAT (Turism Activ Trascau)
National Association of Deaf, Mures
Foundation Viamarie
University Transilvania, Brasov

„The program gave me energy, I relaxed and even I had felt that I was out of the group, now I feel that I'm back.“ OBP client

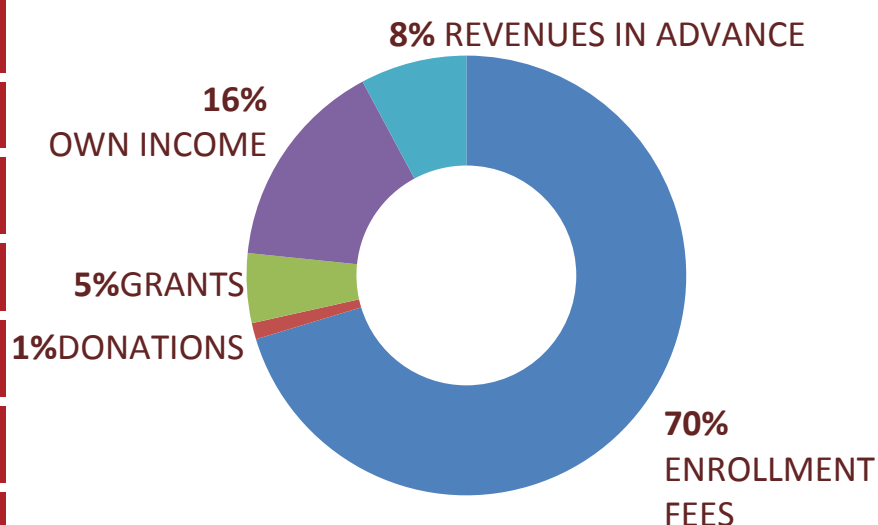


Financial results 2015

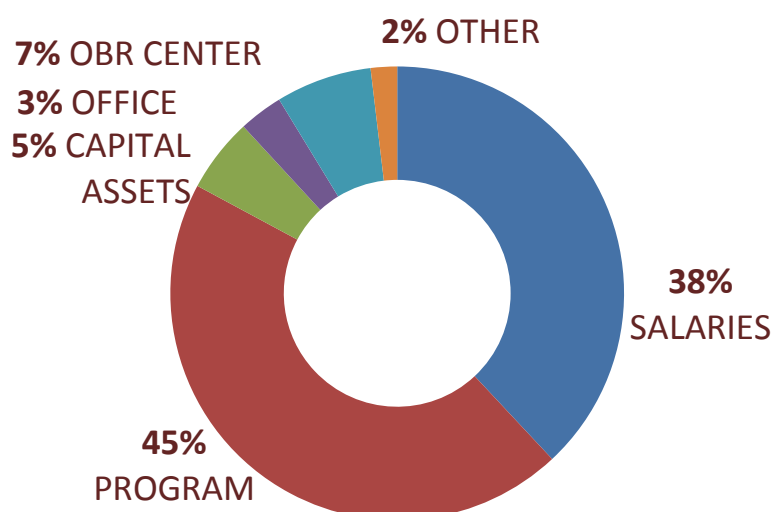


Based on financial situations we try to keep the program fees as low as possible in order to give possibility for as many as possible young people for development, because we believe that our courses have a positive impact on society through our participants. We achieved these high participant numbers, thanks to those companies that chose us and our programs to develop their own working community.

REVENUES	Amount EUR
Enrollment fees	116.839
Donations (individuals and sponsorship)	1.992
Grants	8.500
Own income from for-profit activities	25.837
Revenues in advance for 2015	13.000
TOTAL	166.168



EXPENSES	Amount EUR
Salaries	61.353
Program related expenses	72.285
Expenses related to capital assets	8.541
Office expenses	5.067
OB center expenses	11.026
Other	3.030
TOTAL	161.302





Our projects



LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR STUDENT NGOs LEADERS

The main objective of this project was the initiative taking and leaderships skills development during a four-day canoe expedition. As a result the participants and the organizations led by them will work more efficiently and have a positive effect on their environment.



DIVERSITY

The main objective of the project is intercultural education and building tolerance. The teenagers developed their skills, abilities and personalities that help to act and live in our society effectively and constructively. Romanian, Hungarian and Roma participants were encouraged to communicate in "foreign language".



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TAVASZI SZÉL (SPRING WIND)



A 2-year-old Spring Wind Program aims to contribute to young people living in foster homes for growing up in a more effective way. The educators trained to teach how to give support, facilitate and educate in order to become a responsible, proactive, creative and enterprising citizen of their society.

EWOCa3



Funded by North Rhine-Westphalia, that supports and organizes international youth meetings. Three countries, three international work camps are organized during three years - one camp one country. Each work camp based on different topic.



STEPPING OUTDOORS

The European Voluntary Service project, entitled Stepping Outdoors, was organized in partnership with the Hungarian Élményakademia Közhasznú Egyesület, Hungary and INEX, from Slovakia. Through this project we had two long-term volunteers, each of them for 9 months.

Other mobilities

We are pleased to announce that through our organization more than 20 young people from Romania got the possibility to develop their skills abroad through Erasmus + Programs and through other foreign cooperation. We are glad that we had partnership with countries like Slovakia, Poland, Netherlands, Denmark, Hungary, Germany, and Estonia.





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