

# Activity REPORT



## **PROJECTS**

## Live from Giulești / 05 - 09 2016

As part of Bucharest's bid for the title of European Capital of Culture 2021, and in partnership with Asociația Arena, we coordinated an urban art project. A team of artists worked with 19 children from Giuleşti, who shared stories about their life in the neighborhood. Artists then created a comic book - "Where are you from? From Giuleşti!" (Alexandru Ciubotariu & Adina Popescu), 2 in-situ art murals (Pisica pătrată), a photo exhibition (Roald Aron) and a video installation (BHM).

250 comics were donated to schools and libraries.

## The New Storytellers / 05 2017 - 06 2018

The New Storytellers is a project for children's literature writers who give voice to Roma characters. For the first edition, we organized 12 creative workshops with a group of children from the Alternative Education Club of Ferentari (AEC). Their stories were a source of inspiration and documentation for "The Story of the Lost Kendama" by Adina Rosetti & Irina Dobrescu.

500 books were donated to 18 schools from Teach for Romania, 2 schools in Tulcea, and to AEC.

#### **Enormous smallness / 03 2018**

In partnership with Reading Together Romania, we organized a seminar for 17 Romanian authors and illustrators. Jane G. Meyer, a writer and book editor for children from Santa Barbara, held a training course on how to write short picture books.



## **EVENTS**

## Book launch - The Story Of The Lost Kendama June 1, 2018

In partnership with Arthur, a local publisher, we organized the launch of the "The Story of the Lost Kendama" - the first book for children with Roma characters in Romanian literature - at Bookfest International Fair in Bucharest.

# The Month Of European Literature October 9, 2018

Adina Rosetti came back to the Alternative Education Club in Ferentari for a reading workshop. Our young storytellers read for the first time together "The Story of the Lost Kendama", the book inspired by their life.

## Street Delivery Craiova September 7 - 9, 2018

During the first Street Delivery event in Craiova, our association had a designated stand in the city center. We read "The Story of the Lost Kendama", we organized reading mini-workshops, creative activities, and discussions with children and parents.



## **KEY NUMBERS**

- children from Giuleşti and
  Ferentari participated in
  creative workshops and became
  book heroes.
- comic books "Where are you from? From Giuleşti!" have been donated to schools and libraries.
- copies of "The Story of the Lost Kendama" have been donated to Teach for Romania schools, and to the Alternative Education Club in Ferentari.
  - teachers used the educational toolkit that we developed for "The Story of the Lost Kendama".
- 400 students read "The Story of the Lost Kendama" and worked on book-based activities.
  - authors of children's literature attended a 2 & 1/2 days workshop about short picture books, that are essential in early literacy.



## **2019 GOALS**

#### **Colorful Stories Incubator**

In partnership with Reading Together Romania, we are organizing a creative writing workshop for 22 writers and illustrators (March 22 - 24).

The workshop will be held by Michel Van Zeveren, a well-known writer and illustrator from Belgium.

We will also organize a contest and the award-winning book will be published.

We will donate 1000 copies to 66 kindergartens who work with OvidiuRo, a leading early literacy NGO. Educators will use the book in in-class literacy activities.

The project is funded through a grant from AFCN, Romania's national arts funding organization.

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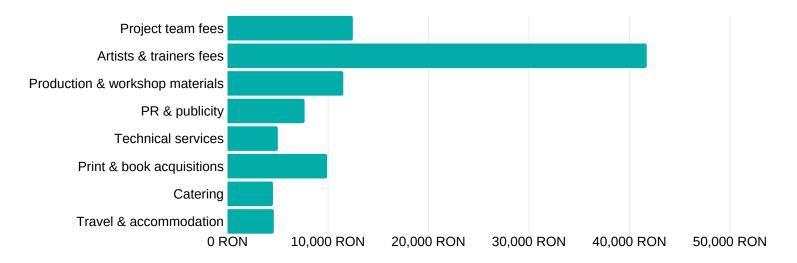
We are in the process of organizing the second edition of the New Storytellers. For the second edition, we want to publish a picture book for preschoolers.

We are currently fundraising for this project.



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### **Expenses 2016 - 2018**



Total: 97 261 RON / 23 180\$

#### Income details 2016 - 2018

LIVE FROM GIULESTI was sponsored by ARCUB, as part of Bucharest's bid for The European Capital of Culture 2021 / Ideas Accelerator. Total budget: 43 500 RON (10 365 \$)

THE NEW STORYTELLERS was funded by individual donors through a fundraising campaign, by Autonom Foundation, and by the Council of Europe. Total budget: 39 779 RON (9480 \$)

ENORMOUS SMALLNESS was sponsored by Cartea Copiilor (a local publisher), CUAC, and Cristina Kreindler. Participants also paid a fee of 150 RON or 200 RON (early or late registration). Total budget: 13 982 RON (3 335\$)

## How you can help

#### **Bank transfer**

Asociația Cu Alte Cuvinte Raiffeisen Bank, Agenția Iancului RZBRROBU RO27 RZBR 0000 0600 1929 3789 (RON account)

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