



NENESZ IN 2020

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The aim of the NENESZ association is to provide to as many children living in children's home and their companions as possible opportunities to spend their free time in a useful manner. The association's target group are children living in children's home.

In Hungary there are nearly 24 000 children living in different homes across the country. 90% of these children are minors and 10% are young adults under the age of 24 being part of an adult safeguard plan (eg.: still studying). Taking in consideration the fact that in Hungary children under the age of 12 are living in foster care, the NENESZ association reaches two thirds of the minors through the foster care system. Children above the age of 12 are living in children's home and residential homes and the association maintains contact with them through the heads of institutions and educators.





In March forget-me-not is a cultural program series which provides pedagogical value: education with theater, the aim and essence of this program point is to provide children and young people a lasting theatrical experience through thematic cultural and pedagogical education. In terms of sports programs, sport appears as an educational tool alongside talent development, highlighting team spirit and attention to each other.

As part of the Sport for Children program, sporting events, sports camps and leisure activities for children and young people growing up in child protection mean safety, continuity and talent development. All of the above are part of the association's Healthy Lifestyle Education Campaign, which aims to prevent addiction beyond the traditional approach from a sports and cultural perspective. The special program of the national talent management and exchange program is the Magic Drops Talent Search Competition for children living in child protection care, an indispensable part of this program is the Magic Drops camp held in Zamárdi every year. Applications for the competition are already received from cross-border child protection institutions.

The activities of the NENESZ association and short films about each program are available on the association's website: www.nenesz.com.

Implemented and supported programs in 2020 for children and young people living in children's home

March Forget-me-not - Educating for Culture 2020

In interpreting the concept of culture, the emphasis has shifted from the process of intellectual cultivation to its outcome, the intellectual state and way of life of the educated person. The NENESZ association implements its programs by focusing on the target group of the person concerned.

Culture - Theater - Children's Home. Theaters have always had an educational role, too. In Hungary, in the 19th century, actors had the primary task of raising and civilizing the culture of the nation, this was their creed. Through theatrical performances, children and young people receive values that they did not have or did not receive in a sufficient manner earlier. Theater Rules, Code of Conduct: Dress for the occasion!; Arrive on time!; Use the cloakroom!; Behavior during the performance; Behavior during the break; Express your thanks for the



experience at the end of the piece with applause. After mastering theatrical behavior, integration into society also becomes easier for the child, as their knowledge expands, both through the play of the theater and by learning the “rules” of behavior, and the children’s interest also expands.

The pandemic situation also made the work of NENESZ more difficult and had a negative effect on their cultural programs, so they were able to organize fewer programs and involve fewer children and young people. In 2020, NENESZ managed to get more than 600 children and their companions to theatrical performances from many parts of the country. They also came from disadvantaged areas from which they would almost certainly not have been able to come without this opportunity. Cultural programs: a total of 667 people.



Some of the cultural programs of NENESZ included:

- Summer 2020 X. Magic Drop Jubilee Talent Care Camp
- Summer 2020 Flórián Richter Circus Drones on the stage performance for the children in the Zamárdi camp
- Summer 2020 Golden Clown in the Hungarian National Circus
- 20. September 2020. From 9 to 5 Pre-premiere performance at the József Attila Theater
- September 2020 Golden Clown in the Hungarian National Circus
- 31. October 2020 Female Magic - Fairy Dance in the Budapest Grand Circus
- October 2020 Cat catcher at the József Attila Theater
- In November 2020, Stephen, the king, at the Budapest Operetta Theater
- Summer-Autumn 2020 Our visible words are a literary and photo competition





Our Visible Words - literary and photo competition

The NENESZ association announced the literature and photo competition Our Visible Words at the end of 2019. Due to the epidemic situation still ongoing, the announcement of the results was announced online. The theme of the literature and fine arts competition is the experiences and stories gained during the years spent in child protection or social care that can be instructive and thought-provoking for others. The creator could express the stages of his life, its certain events, the development of his relationships, his living conditions, his plans in the light of the past and the present, or any curiosity from his life.

The application was inspired by Krisztián Herczeg's - founding board member of the association and the director of the Cseppkő Children's Home Center - mother's book: Vocabulary Development Terms. The book of Aranka Herczegné Csorba was edited by Anna Jókai, the Artist of the Nation, a two-time Kossuth Prize winner and the József Attila Prize winner Hungarian writer and poet, and after Krisztián's mother passing away Anna Jókai dedicated it to her with a remembrance of Aranka. Based on a book thematically

collecting proverbs, sayings and expressions created during the history of the Hungarian people, the NENESZ association formulated the goal of making our proverbs and sayings visible in today's world thanks to the applicants.

Applicants were required to incorporate at least two phrases, proverbs, sayings, or thoughts from the book Vocabulary Development Terms into the entry, to fit their content. The 48 literature and photo applications received were judged by a 4-member jury.

The online announcement of the results took place at the József Attila Theater. The event was attended by Edina Anna Szántó the president of the NENESZ association, dr. Katalin Liebmann and Károly Nemcsák, director of the theater.

Sport for children - Sport programs 2020

Based on the experience and practice of previous years, the NENESZ association continued its Sport with Children program series in 2020 as well. The effective use of sporting events, sports camps and leisure time can mean security, continuity and nurturing talent for children and young people growing up in child protection.



The NENESZ association organized several camps, which focused on football, and placed focus on education for a healthy lifestyle and proper nutrition. The camps took place in 4-7 day shifts.

The daily programs consisted of a lot of movement, morning gymnastics, technical training, preferably water programs, but the kids loved craft classes, skill games, of course, they couldn't miss the daily football matches and the exciting evening number wars either. In the evenings, stewing, frying bacon and singing together led the sporty workouts around the fire. A community program spent together always provides an unforgettable experience for the children and young people involved, often asking about the next time they say goodbye.

Sports programs in numbers, a total of 280 people. Here are some of the sport programs of NENESZ:

- July 2020 Sport camp in Balatonszárszó
- August 2020 Sport Camp in Kistarcsa
- September 2020 Sport for children - Football Tournament

Football can create opportunities for children in many different areas of life and competencies in their lives, as a football tournament and a friendly match can make it even more attractive for children to play together, while also developing their basic conditioning skills -like endurance, speed - in a playful way. A football tournament called "Sport for Children" was organized by the NENESZ Association and the Reménysziget Sports Association on the UTE sports field on September 20, 2020.





The event with the motto “Health of the body, health of the soul” was implemented with the participation of young people living in child protection care and in vocational training in the spirit of integration, testing their knowledge with the teams of supporting partners.

Due to the epidemic situation, the afternoon took place in a narrower, more closed form, but this did not affect the enthusiasm of the participants. The children came from two sites of the Cseppkő Children's Home Center, forming a separate team, the third team was from the students of Kálmán Szily College of the Budapest Mechanical Vocational Training Center, and the members of the BNI business group played a friendly match with the children. The round matches were held in the spirit of sportiness.

Following the rounds, the referees summed up the points and marked the best players. The winners were enriched with beautiful medals and trophies and, of course, all participants also received chocolates and sweets to replenish their energy.

No one left empty-handed. Out of the four teams two third places, one second and one first were announced, as well as individual

awards were given to young people with outstanding performance, so the best team player and best goalkeeper special prize was also awarded.





National talent management, exchange program - Spring 2020 Support from NENESZ during the epidemic situation

X. Magic Drop Jubilee Talent Search Competition

On the first days of March 2020 was the Jubilee of the Magic Drop Competition, the 10th event began on these days. 10 years ago, the Cseppkő Children's Home Center and the founding members of NENESZ organized a nationwide talent search in child protection. This year, nearly 150 productions of children and young adults aged 7-24 in child protection applied for the announced competition.

The event is now so popular that there are applicants from across the border, and it evokes the mood of the popular **Who knows what? Competition**. The qualifiers run for three days, from Friday morning to Sunday afternoon. Several of the performing children traveled for hours to showcase their knowledge to the audience. As in previous years, this time, too the group of poet and prose narrators were the most populous, but many of them came with singing productions, dance shows and instrumental performances. Among the performers Rap was so popular that we created a

separate sixth category in addition to the usual singing, dancing, poetry and prose, instrument and other categories. The children's production was judged by a professional jury. In addition to earlier jury members like János Balassa, managing director of Inconcert Kft., the mentalist Dániel Fehér, actor and singer István Honecz, actor and singer Eszter Bíró, new members of the jury joined, such as Tamás Varga, dancer, Anna Ott the artistic director of Hadik Café. The members of the jury were not only scoring, but they provided words of praise, advice and also constructive criticism of those in the spotlight.

Unfortunately, after the pre-selection, due to the pandemic, NENESZ had to deviate from the usual organization and conduct of the semi-final and final, but work continued on Facebook and children shared their own videos on the social media. In accordance with the tradition the closing of the competition, the one-week Magic Drop Talent Care Camp took place in Zamárdi in August 2020, during which children and young people could develop their skills through thematic sessions. During the closing of the camp, the children made a gala show where they showed their talents to the invited guests.