

Hungarian Genius Network a Special Network Model for Supporting Talents



The Hungarian Genius Program is a three year European Union funded talent support project that is embedded

in the large-scale National Talent Support Program worked out by the National Talent Support Council. This program introduces a special talent support model that incorporates the scientific findings of network research in its organizational development and operation.

The Genius Network, established by the cooperation of talent support organizations and experts, makes the flow, the distribution and use of information efficient. It can convincingly represent the issue of talented people not only to professional educational fora, but to economic decision-makers too. With all these activities, it effectively promotes the discovery, success and social development of talented youth.

The 600 TalentPoints

The core elements of this network are the so-called TalentPoints, talent supporting communities that are founded by public institutions of education, the church and/or civil organizations. They join the network voluntarily and are responsible for the following four main tasks:

- talent identification
- talent development
- talent counseling
- identification and spread of best practices



Successful Talents

In 2009-2011 the Hungarian Genius Program has involved over 20 000 talented youth at the TalentPoints and helped finance their activities by the allocation of 9 million euros to support the talent care activities throughout Hungary



Gergő Sályi,
gold medalist
chemist, one of the
winners at the International
Chemistry
Olympiad, 2011.



Harlequine:
an award winning
drawing by
Patrícia Lakatos



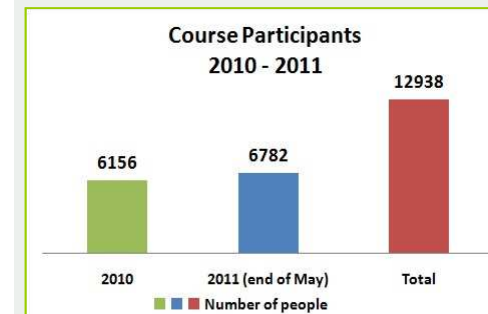
Picture taken by
the teenage sports
photographer
Máté Urbán



Marcell Földi,
Special Olympics gold medalist
in swimming, 2011.

Genius Training Courses

10 to 30 hour training courses have been developed in over 100 subjects to bring concepts and methods of gifted and talented education into the mainstream and reinforce the professional talent support work. By the end of the program the number of participants will reach 15 000.



Talent Support Council

The professional activities of TalentPoints are assisted by over 50 Talent Support Councils. They include representatives from the educational, local government and the business sectors. Thus, these bodies are able to represent the issue of talent at a local, county or regional level and they establish intersectional cooperation in order to strengthen the social consolidation of talent support and talent utilization.

Talent Days: 500 festive events

Talent Days are public events focusing local communities' attention to promising youth and to the committed work of talent support professionals. Programs include workshops of experts and staged performances by young talents.



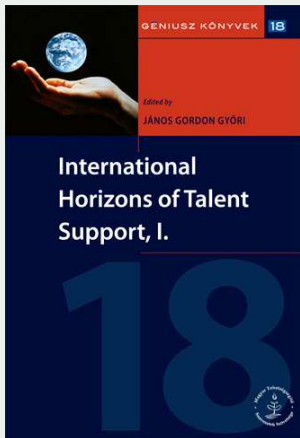
The Talent Map



The Talent Map is an interactive database of all talent support programs and institutions. Users are offered to research by target group or geographical location, as well as fields or domains of talent to help talented young people, as well as their parents and teachers find the most appropriate member institution of the Hungarian Genius Network to meet the special needs of gifted children within reasonable distances.

The online interactive Talent Map is available at geniuszportal.hu/tehetsegterkep

Publications



Development and editing of publications make a significant part of the Hungarian Genius Program. As a means of supporting the progress of talent professionals in methodology and also to provide the materials for our conferences and courses, we develop resources and offer several publications on topics related to talent care. So far 21 books have been published.

Electronic forms of all books are available to be downloaded for free at : geniuszportal.hu/geniuszkonyvek

EU Talent Day: 25th March marks the birthday of the composer Béla Bartók



European countries have taken an interest in the TalentPoint Network and organizing Talent Days. This has inspired the first European Day of the Talented and Gifted during the Hungarian EU Presidency in 2011.

This event was attended by some 300 guests from more than 20 countries. Poland will host the next EU Talent Day in 2012.

The Budapest Declaration on Talent Support accepted by the conference calls on the EU to establish a European Talent Resource and Support Center in Budapest, Hungary.

For more information about the EU Talent Day go to: www.talenteday.eu

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