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RODICA ZIMBRU

Director

Secondary School, No. 10, Suceava

Romanian as a Second Language
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Rodica's professional activity consists in teaching, training, coordinating, mentoring and supervising educational activities in School. Apart from teaching, she is involved in European and international projects (since 2004) as a coordinator, in many of them at European partnership level. Until now her school has implemented three Erasmus+ projects. She is always interested in getting in touch with other educational systems and institutions, because the profession and the position of director require setting goals, emphasizing the institutional vision, wanting to promote a quality education for school students, preparing them for the future.



In Columbus, people are as the program says: "Open World." And when I say "open," I mean the mind, the heart, the door of the house, the pantry of the soul. All open at once. Education is a value and the value we place on education boomerangs. You have a world opening up at your feet, just like the Open World program. Because the education and the books, become a promise for future generations. Because there is a belief that the language of people, learned and spoken correctly, represents the foundation on which the entire activity is then built, from economic, to social, political, etc."



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CĂTĂLINA OLARU

Director

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Through her professional activity she has been involved in many educational projects, focused on cultural diversity and integration of various groups. All the project were necessary for the local community where she activated. She is confident that the projects brought value to the educational community. She believes in the role of the teachers in society, in their possibility of becoming leaders both at the working place and in the community.



"The American experience in the Open World program has began with the discovery of a new culture. The basic unspoken but thought principle was to define what education means, what value we place on education, and how we can experience unanimity of opinion. I was left with the emotion of safety, joy, team spirit, and what this program succeeded in particular was the realization of a new spirit that will gain ground."



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LOREDANA PISUC

Primary Education Teacher

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Loredana Pisuc is a teacher involved in many school and extracurricular activities. She is an active member of the trust school project and contributes to the development of the young generation's personality. Also, Loredana is part of an international volunteer organization KIWANIS along other projects dedicated to children from vulnerable environments. She is a sociable girl, always in a good mood.



"Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!! Sincerely. You gave me the opportunity to visit, meet beautiful people, make new friends and learn new things. You are doing great things and I hope that as many people as possible have the opportunity to enjoy them and to realize that "the world is open"."



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GEORGE ILIEȘ

Primary Education Teacher

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Professor George carries out his teaching activity at the primary school, where he has attributions both for teaching/evaluation and for coordinating the group of students. His professional training is an exceptional one, applying to the classroom the knowledge accumulated over time, but also the novelties in the field that have recently appeared. This is due to the participation in vocational training courses and the seriousness he shows.



"When everything is new around you, you can be overwhelmed. Everything was new around us, but we kept our heads up and absorbed as much as we could of what we had the opportunity to see, hear, feel. This experience especially I think its left mark on my way of seeing the world, the people around me and the relationships between people."



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TIFFENBACHER CLAUDIA

Romanian Language Teacher

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Claudia is teaching romanian language in middle school classes and, at the same time, is a teacher, carrying out in this capacity counseling activity in the classroom. The proof of seriousness and responsibility is supported by a good professional training within the department. She is devoted to her position as a teacher and performs her duties seriously and works effectively in a team.



"It was a unique experience, which changed my perspective on how people can interact in the service of good. I set off with the excitement of a fulfilled dream, but the lived experience was much more. I discovered a world governed by empathy, generosity, optimism, and a lot of discipline."



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