

# Come on short-term mission in Summer 2017 to serve in Christian children's holiday clubs with Life2Romania



One of the purposes of Life to Romania Fund is:  
*'to reach out to Romanian young people from all backgrounds in the name of Jesus Christ by training, encouraging and supporting young Romanian Christian youth leaders'*

We fulfil this purpose is by sending volunteers to support Romanian leaders in holiday clubs or camps.

Volunteers may join teams for a week or more. Many have felt called to return as volunteers for a number of years, sometimes re-visiting the same people and building up strong and enduring friendships.

Over the years, there has been great encouragement for many volunteers who have seen children enthusiastically hearing and putting the good news of the Gospel into practice. It has been fantastic to see many respond as they realise what Jesus has done for them! Volunteers will be working alongside Romanian and British team members and so building up future Romanian leaders. There are translators so language isn't a problem. All ages are able to join our teams as we believe there is no age limit to evangelism - in fact our teams in the past

have ranged from a couple taking out their 7 year old child to an 80 year old lady!

The only qualification that you need to have is that you are a committed Christian who is willing to share the gospel and would love to be part of a fruitful adventure.

## **Core activity dates for 2017:**

We are seeking Christian volunteers to help run children's holiday clubs at various locations across Romania between:

<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>

Actual flight dates may be either before or after the core dates given above dependent upon availability of economical flights and team members.

# Your questions answered...

## What experience & ability do I need?

Those interested in joining holiday club teams should be convinced Christians who want to share their faith with others. The key skills you need are enthusiasm, a sense of fun and humour and a willingness to serve God.

Experience of working with children or young people, particularly young Christians, is helpful but not essential.

A major objective is to train Romanian leaders, so you need to be resourceful and be ready to do anything requested of you. Volunteers can lead activities such as quiet times, music, Bible studies, speaking at meetings, first aid, games, sports, outdoor pursuits and all kinds of craft work. Above all, team members must know the importance of prayer.

All volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult who will take responsibility for them.

Unfortunately disabled access is not yet widely available in Romania and long distance travel within Romania is likely to be via train. Romanian railway stations often do not have raised platforms as we are used to and passengers have to climb up to board the carriages.

## What about accommodation?

At holiday clubs British team members will normally be hosted in apartments or houses local to the club, often hosted by families. Exceptionally, larger groups may be accommodated in church buildings or other similar premises. Please note that Romanian hosts may not always be able to provide for vegetarian or other diets, although this is becoming less-so.

## Any health advice?

Basic healthcare is provided under the reciprocal arrangements within the EU. To take advantage of this you must apply for a European health Insurance Card (EHIC) at <https://www.gov.uk/european-health-insurance-card>. If you already have an EHIC card please ensure that it does not expire before the date of your return home. Team members should also consult with their GP well before travel for advice on any inoculations which are recommended and any other personal health risks.

It is each individual team member's responsibility to check and obtain inoculations which their GP considers advisable.

## What about passports and travel insurance?

You must hold a passport that is valid for at least 6 months after your return to the UK. Visas are not required for EU Passport holders wishing to enter Romania. Volunteers from outside the EU will be responsible for obtaining any visas, etc. that may be required.

Mission work is not normally covered by standard holiday travel insurance. All volunteers are required to take out mission trip travel insurance with [www.saltinsurance.com](http://www.saltinsurance.com) as soon as your mission dates are confirmed.

The travel insurance policy will not cover you for the cost of basic provision under the EU reciprocal healthcare scheme (see under 'Any health advice' above) and so you will be liable for any costs incurred if you need basic medical attention but do not have your EHIC card with you.

## How long can I go for?

Individuals may apply to go to Romania with us for between one and three weeks. Each week you will be a member of a small team with an experienced leader. Transfers between different centres will be arranged as required.

## How do I apply?

The enclosed application form should be completed and sent to Andrew Saxton (7 Vernon Road, Exmouth, Devon EX8 4JP) by Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at the latest with a non-refundable deposit of £250. Payment details can be found on the back of the application form at the end of this brochure. We will then contact you with further details confirming actual dates, project and flight details. All volunteers will need to complete a full DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check, even if volunteers already have certificates for work with other organisations.

## Can I take my Group?

Groups are welcome to apply with their own leaders. We will consult with the UK group leader and also with churches and projects in Romania to identify activities that will work with your particular group.

## Still undecided? Need more information?

Please feel free to contact us by phone or email for more information:

email: [info@life2romania.org](mailto:info@life2romania.org) Phone: 07824 377021.

We will be holding a churches, supporters and volunteers information and taster day in Bristol on 25<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like more information about this or would like us to hold an event near you please get in touch.



# Important information...

## Airports and In-Country Travel

Team members will typically fly from a UK airport to one of several International airports in Romania and then normally by public transport to their destination. We will make sure that you have assistance with travel whilst in Romania if you need it.

## Preparation of British Volunteers

In order to make the most of their time in Romania and to contribute fully to their team all volunteers need to be properly briefed. Some briefing information will be sent via email but most importantly a special Volunteers' Preparation Weekend will take place in Exmouth, Devon from 19-21<sup>st</sup> May 2017. Those intending to join teams must attend this weekend as it is vital preparation for the mission. We aim to provide accommodation with local church families for those who need it. More details will be given later.

## Games and Craft Equipment

Volunteer teams need games equipment and craft resources to support their activities. We ask volunteers to raise at least £100 per person towards these essential items and this also helps pay for our work in Romania. Fundraising can be a great way to help your church to engage with and support your mission trip. If you would like some ideas on how to go about this please contact us.

If you decide to purchase materials or equipment yourself and you are able to make donations under the Gift Aid scheme we will be able to claim tax back on the cost. Just send us the receipts and we will do the rest.

## Costs for Volunteers

Volunteers pay a fee to Life to Romania Fund to cover their time on mission in Romania and are asked to raise at least £100 towards the work of Life2Romania. The fee for one week in Romania is £295 which covers two team T-shirts plus basic living expenses whilst in Romania i.e. up to eight days food and accommodation and in-country travel. The cost for additional weeks is £195 per week.

In addition to the fee, volunteers themselves need to buy a mission travel insurance policy directly from Salt Insurance\* and reimburse life2romania the actual cost of their flights.

The cost of flights varies widely and so submitting your application form early may enable us to save you money by finding cheaper flights for you. As a guide, flights typically cost between £150 and £350.

Volunteers must pay a £250 non-refundable deposit towards your mission costs at the time of application. The balance of fees and the actual cost of flights must be paid and a copy of your mission travel policy provided to life2romania by 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

\* Volunteers pay travel insurance costs directly to Salt Insurance, not to Life2Romania. Travel Insurance starts at around £15 but the actual cost will depend on your responses to the insurer's pre-sales health questionnaire.

### Likely Costs:

- Flight (estimated, as the cost of flights is variable)	£260
- Fees covering accommodation, meals and travel whilst in Romania and 2 T-Shirts	£295
- Insurance*	£15
- Minimum Fundraising	<u>£100</u>
Estimated Total	£670

If you choose to undertake personal travel whilst you are on the trip then you will be responsible for any additional travel and living expenses incurred.

## Publicity and Donations

We encourage all participants to publicise the activity they are attending, and to seek prayer and financial support from their church, youth group and others. If you would like someone from Life2Romania to visit your church to talk about the mission we will do our best to help you.

Additional donations are valuable to us and can be used to support projects and make grants in line with our charitable purposes. For example recent donations have helped to pay for craft and equipment for ongoing children's groups, roof repairs on a support centre for families with mental disability, provide emergency food for a community in crisis, as well as helping to meet the cost of extending Christian outreach in Romania. All of the activities of Life to Romania Fund are covered by UK Charity Registration No. 1004121.

Regular giving enables us to expand the work in Romania and plan projects with confidence. If you wish to make a regular donation please use the bank details below when you set up your standing order or use the standing order form on the last page of this pack.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Life to Romania Fund'. We can also accept electronic payments to:- Sort code 60 06 06, Account No. 58008322 and include your surname and initial as a reference.

Gift Aid provides a valuable addition to our income and, in order to increase the value of your gifts, taxpayers are invited to complete the Gift Aid form also on the last page of this pack.

# Life2Romania, the churches, organisations and clubs which we support were all born out of prayer...



## Please pray that...

- Regular children's and youth clubs may continue to reach out to more children, especially orphans, Romany and other disadvantaged children.
- The holiday clubs will lead to more regular clubs and encourage their leaders.
- All of the children and young people attending the summer activities will meet Jesus.
- The Summer activities will be conducted safely.
- All the volunteers and equipment needed will be provided and arrive safely.
- The right British and Romanian volunteers will be available to take part in God's mission.
- God will continue to bring forward Romanian leaders with passion for youth and children's work and God's call on young leaders will be confirmed.
- The training of Romanian leaders will inspire vision for local children's outreach and regular support will allow us to support more people in this work.

## What you need to do now:

1. Send your completed application form by 29<sup>th</sup> April with your deposit of £250 payable to: 'Life to Romania Fund' to Life to Romania, 7 Vernon Road, Exmouth, Devon EX8 4JP;
2. Ensure that you have a valid passport with more than 6 months left to run on it from the date of your return to the UK;
3. Speak to your GP about health risks and necessary inoculations;
4. Remember that the balance must be paid by 21<sup>st</sup> May;
5. Attend the prep weekend on 19-21<sup>st</sup> May;
6. Start fundraising;
7. Get praying and get excited!

An e-mail newsletter giving the latest information for prayer is available from [www.life2romania.org](http://www.life2romania.org) and via our email distribution list. If you would like to receive this please email us at [info@life2romania.org](mailto:info@life2romania.org).

# Application Form Part 1

Application form to join as a Holiday Club Volunteer to be sent as soon as possible to arrive no later than Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

## Section 1: Personal Information

Surname (as on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Forename(s) (as on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (including postcode): \_\_\_\_\_

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Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel : \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile : \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Term time address (if applicable) including postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

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Term time Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size : XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL/XXXL

Any special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 2: Availability

How many weeks would you like to spend on mission in Romania?  
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Full range of dates you are available (we will confirm most suitable)  
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I am / am not\* available to attend the preparation weekend on 19-21<sup>st</sup> May 2017  
\*Delete as appropriate - note if you are not able to attend then we may have to decline your application as attendance is essential

## Section 3: Experience

Involvement with Christian youth work:

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Camp/Holiday Club experience:

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Please give details of any special gifts or experience that you could use:

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Reasons for your application (what in particular do you think you will contribute):

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Relevant experience:

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# Application Form Part 2

Application form to join as a Holiday Club Volunteer to be sent as soon as possible and at the latest by **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

## Section 4: Medical Details

If you are under regular medication or suffering from any relevant condition please give details here. (consult your doctor if you are unsure):

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## Section 5: References

(please give evening contact numbers)

### 1. A leader in your church/other Christian group who supports your application:

Surname:

Forename:

Address (Incl. Postcode):

Tel:

Mobile:

### 2. An additional person who knows you well at work/college/uni who would give you a reference:

Surname:

Forename:

Address (Incl. Postcode):

Tel:

Mobile:

Note: References should not be Trustees of Life to Romania Fund.

## Declaration:

I declare that I have not been convicted or cautioned for, or am under investigation for any offence other than motoring offences. (This position is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974).

Signed:

Date:

(If unable to sign this please give details separately in confidence)

Please send the signed, completed Application and Gift Aid Forms with your £250 deposit by **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April** to:

Life to Romania Fund,  
7 Vernon Road, Exmouth,  
Devon EX8 4JP

### Payment:

Please make cheques payable to "Life to Romania Fund"

If you prefer to pay by electronic transfer please pay to "Life to Romania Fund",  
Sort code 60 06 06, Account No. 58008322 and include your surname and initial as a reference.

### Need Further Information?

Please contact us via email at [info@life2romania.org](mailto:info@life2romania.org) or visit our web site at [www.life2romania.org](http://www.life2romania.org)

#### Registered address:

Life to Romania Fund, 7 Vernon Road, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 4JP  
Registered Charity No 1004121

Trustees: Lia Campbell, Hannah Page, Mark Pinks, Anita Riley, Andrew Saxton

**GIFT AID DECLARATION for Life to Romania Fund (Registered Charity no. 1004121)**

Forename(s)..... Surname.....

Address .....  
.....post code.....

I confirm I am a UK taxpayer and want Life to Romania Fund (registered charity no. 1004121) to reclaim tax on all my donations from 06/04/2008 or (if later please enter date): and all donations I make in the future.

I understand that I must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and council tax do not qualify and that Life to Romania Fund will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1. I will tell Life to Romania Fund if I am no longer a taxpayer.'

**Notes:**

1. Please let us know if you change your name or address while this declaration is still in force
2. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that Life to Romania Fund reclaims, you can cancel your declaration
3. If you pay tax at a higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
4. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief you can ask your local tax office for leaflet IR113 Gift Aid.

Signature ..... Date .....

**Thank you for your generous support of Life to Romania Fund.** Please return this form to: -  
Life to Romania Fund, 7 Vernon Road, Exmouth, Devon EX8 4JP

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**STANDING ORDER FORM** (For regular donations)

To ..... Bank

Please set up the following standing order and debit on my/our account accordingly

**My Account Details:**

Account Name ..... Account Number .....

Account Holding Branch ..... Sort Code .....

**Payee Details:** Life to Romania Fund Account Number 58008322 Sort Code 60 06 06

Payment Reference : ..... (Please use your surname and initial as the reference)

**Payment Details:** How often are the payments to be made? Weekly / Monthly / Yearly (Delete as appropriate)

Amount of first payment ..... Amount of subsequent payments .....

Date of first payment ..... Date of subsequent payments .....

Date of final payment .....

or Until Further notice (Delete as appropriate)

**Please send this form to your bank**

Signature
Date .....