



Băișoara - Revive the nature related traditions!

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About Transylvania College



- a **Round Square** school, **Service-Learning** and **Leadership** being among the 6 pillars of this educational philosophy;
- a **“Leader in Me”** school, encouraging student leadership roles, initiatives;
- open to innovation, dedicated to generate positive change in the Romanian educational system.

2016, 2017 _CLAYSS
Service-learning course



introducing
SL key
elements to
TC students

TC existing
service & leadership
programs

SERVICE-LEARNING

meaningful learning,
community growth,
networking, skills,
fun, contribution

next step:
connecting S & L

Băișoara_Problem addressed & motivation:

Baisoara Mountain is turning from an old and beautiful mountain village into a touristic resort, fact that affected the environment and the traditions.

Old villagers remember valuable aspects of local culture and they were willing to share and help raise awareness about the traditional heritage.

Students in rural education miss opportunities.

2016-2017

Băișoara_Feel the pulse of life

initial service-learning project

Needs identified:

- **raising awareness** on the traditional heritage and on protecting nature;
- **improving skills** like: IT, English, communication, problem solving, critical and creative thinking.

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/jBSeGdogsd34s/>



2017-2018

Băișoara_Revive the nature related traditions!

2 main goals:

- promote the nature related traditions, raising awareness of the traditional heritage, participating in traditional events;
- practice together basic IT skills, basic English vocabulary and produce materials for the Tourism Information Center.

Sustainable Cities and Communities

Quality Education

Sustainable Development Goals
for the 21st century

Decent Work & Economic Growth

Partnerships to achieve the Goal

The project was the **winner of the**
“Global Social Leaders” Competition 2018
organized by Future Foundations and COBIS.

•Romanian, Oral History:

how to run an oral history project,
how to conduct an interview;
research, interview techniques,
speaking and writing skills in
collecting data, writing articles for
the blog and creating flyers or other
marketing materials

•Civics:

practicing empathy and
understanding of elderly
people; teamwork and
partnership; organizing skills;
public speaking

•History, Geography:

producing materials containing
historical and geographical
information about the region, but
also information and photos
related to the traditions

Learning activities:

•English:

translation, communication
with international partners

•IT & Media:

research, collecting and
systematizing data, using Google
Drive, PPT, KeyNote, designing
logo, blog, flyers and other
marketing materials

•Financial Education:

how to organize fundraising
events at school and local
(rural) fairs in order to
support the project

•Other skills:

communication, problem
solving, critical and creative
thinking skills, receiving
feedback in a constructive way;
theoretical aspects related to
service-learning and how to put
them into practice

•workshops

raising awareness;
crafts - traditional objects;
music,
social-emotional,
IT

•events

- **Autumn Fair in Baisoara**
- **St. Nicholas' Bazaar** - TC and Baisoara students selling toys, games, fundraising for books
- **Caroling events** at TC, Vlastari group from Baisoara invited



•campaigns

book donation;
computers donation

•presentations

about Baisoara (history, geography, traditions, etc.)

•sharing SL best practices

with students from **Nova International Schools Skopje**

•fundraising

days with a traditional theme

fairs

•online exchange

Holly Innocents Episcopal School, Atlanta, USA - **Roots and Branches Project**

Service activities:

Project partners:

Local:

- Primăria Băișoara (local authorities)
- Școala “Ioan Luca” Băișoara (local school)
- Asociația Stațiunea Muntele Băișorii (local ONG)
- SC Eurogramin SRL

International:

- CLAYSS
- Round Square Organization
- Future Foundations & COBIS
- Holy Innocents Episcopal School, Atlanta, USA
- NOVA International Schools, Skopje, Macedonia

Beneficiaries:

- Băișoara students and villagers
- tourists
- Transylvania College community and 1 Australian exchange student
- 100 students, 2 teachers_Holy Innocents Episcopal School, Atlanta, USA
- 24 students, 2 teachers_NOVA International Schools, Skopje, Macedonia



Testimonials:

- *3 min. video_ **student leading team** <https://spark.adobe.com/video/aVw34OtiaDboA>*
- *"Parents, grandparents, students and teachers were working together for our cause, but also having fun, being proud of their home made products and grateful for what the mountain is generously giving them." (**Băișoara teacher**)*
- *"I and my students have been very impressed by the Băișoara materials we received, and I certainly want my larger projects to be service centered. Again, congratulations, I'm very happy for you and your school." (**Jim Barton, teacher, HIES, USA**)*
- *"We are really proud of these young students working together and of the outcomes of their activities. Keeping our traditions is one of the main concerns in our village, as so many of the young prefer a more modern life and city opportunities are so tempting for them." (**mayor of Băișoara**)*

2018 - present From Root to Fruit multiplication of leadership



- **FRTF 2018-2019** in 4 villages:
Băișoara, Suatu, Sânnicoară, Mărișel -
Winner of the Collaboration Award _“Global
Social Leaders” Competition 2019 organized by
Future Foundations and COBIS.
- **FRTF 2019-2020** in a new village, Așchileu

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1md1mVMlb5pcC2TCRvm3jSBQBUXCrUv46/view> *student teams photos*