



# THE FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION (UK – ROMANIA)



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## THE WALES – ROMANIA CONNECTION

Dear friend / Annwyl gyfaill

A glance at either our website or our introductory brochure reveals a distinct Welsh connection in one important area: **Youth Exchanges**. Several Welsh folk are supporters of our charity for this reason, but are not unsympathetic to the many other needs that are referred to in these two sources. Our chairman, Brian Gregory, whose links with Romania go back 35 years, was born and brought up in Glamorgan and 'the Wales - Romania connection' is one result of his pride in being Welsh.

We'd like to tell you about the two exchanges which have already taken place between young people 'with fewer opportunities' from Romania and Wales, as well as the one we are planning this year.

The exchanges are listed below and you can find out a little about the two which have already taken place from the enclosed newsletters issued shortly after the events took place:

**2008: Youth from Bridgend, Wales stay in Arad, Romania in a bilateral exchange.** *(see the pdf for September 2008 in the Archive)*

**2009: Youth from Arad, Romania stay in Tondu, Bridgend, Wales in a bilateral exchange.** *(see the three pdf's for August 2009 in the Archive)*

**2011: Gypsy/traveller youth from South Wales visit Moneasa, Arad County, Romania in a multi-lateral exchange with Roma youth from Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands and Romania.**

Incidentally, we are hoping to arrange an additional youth exchange this year and are looking into the possibility of opening it up to the city of **Bradford, West Yorkshire**. Use our website for regular updates on this.

Enjoy the enclosed material. We'd love it if you felt you could take an interest in what we're doing even if it's simply looking up our website from time to time.

Thank you / Diolch yn fawr.

Brian Gregory - Chairman

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