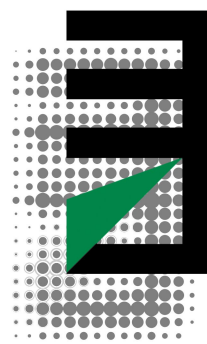


# INTRODUCING THE PROGRESSIVE HUNGARY FOUNDATION

## **The Progressive Hungary Foundation**

*(Megújuló Magyarországért Alapítvány - MMAA)*

was established by the Dialogue for Hungary Party  
*(Párbeszéd Magyarországért - PM)* political party in  
July 2014 and began its operative functioning in  
December 2014. In 2019, Gergely Karácsony, the  
party's co-president, was elected Mayor of Budapest.



WE, AT THE PROGRESSIVE HUNGARY FOUNDATION, BELIEVE THAT HUNGARY NEEDS TO GO THROUGH PROFOUND CHANGES. WE ENVISION A COUNTRY WHERE EACH AND EVERY CITIZEN HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE UP TO THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL, A COUNTRY WHICH IS CHARACTERISED BY FREEDOM AND EQUITY. THUS WE ARE WORKING ON FOSTERING DIALOGUES, COOPERATION, TRUST AND SUPPORT FOR GRASSROOT MOVEMENTS. IN ORDER TO BUILD COMMUNITY, WE LAUNCHED OUR GREEN TERRACE (ZÖLD TERASZ) NETWORK, WHICH AIMS TO CONNECT LOCAL GRASSROOT MOVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES.



FURTHERMORE, OUR MAIN GOAL BEING THE REINVENTION OF HUNGARIAN POLITICS, WE ARE AIMING TO SPREAD PROGRESSIVE AND GREEN VALUES BY ORGANISING WORKSHOPS, DISCUSSIONS AND CONFERENCES WHILE BUILDING FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER FOUNDATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS. BESIDES, WE ARE HOSTING AN ACCESSIBLE VIDEO SERIES ON SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY RELEVANT TOPICS WITH GUEST SPEAKERS.

WE FUND VARIOUS INITIATIVES, SUCH AS GREEN-LEFTIST YOUTH CAMPS AND THE CRITICAL THEORY JOURNAL FORDULAT. THE PROGRESSIVE HUNGARY FOUNDATION FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT EMPOWERING CITIZENS IS CRUCIAL FOR MAKING POLITICS AND DECISIONS ACCESSIBLE AND OPEN, THUS WE PLACE A SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE POLITICAL EDUCATION OF THE YOUTH AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC LIFE.

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OUR ACTIVITY EVOLVES AROUND FOUR MAIN ISSUES, NAMELY THE SUPPORT OF

- ▶ A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME (UBI) AND
- ▶ SUSTAINABLE ENERGY, AS WELL AS THE FOCUS ON
- ▶ HOUSING ISSUES AND
- ▶ REPRODUCTIVE WORK AND CARE.

LET US GIVE YOU A SMALL INTRODUCTION FOR THESE ISSUES AND PRESENT SOME EXAMPLES OF OUR MOST RECENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THESE FIELDS.

# UBI

WE ADVOCATE THE INTRODUCTION OF A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME FOR IT PROVIDES THE MINIMUM FINANCIAL BASIS OF EQUALITY BETWEEN CITIZENS WHICH IN TURN MEANS THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND. ALTHOUGH UBI CANNOT BE SEEN AS A SOLUTION TO EITHER SOCIAL INEQUALITIES OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND DEPENDENCY, IT IS A CRUCIAL STEP TOWARDS A MORE EQUAL SOCIETY.

THEREFORE, THE PROGRESSIVE HUNGARY FOUNDATION HAS WRITTEN A DETAILED PROGRAM ON THE INTRODUCTION OF BASIC INCOME IN HUNGARY IN 2016, WHICH WAS REVISED IN 2020 TITLED "BASIC INCOME 2021: ROAD TO SECURITY!".

YOU CAN READ THE ENGLISH SUMMARY OF THE PUBLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE!



FURTHERMORE, IN ORDER TO SPREAD THE IDEA OF UBI AND BRING IT TO THE POLITICAL TABLE, WE ORGANISE CONFERENCES, CAMPAIGNS AND OTHER EVENTS IN THE TOPIC. WE HELD AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UBI IN 2018 AND ORGANIZED THE "UBI WEEK - 2020" IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER HUNGARIAN AND EUROPEAN UBI ORGANISATIONS.



# GREEN ENERGY

REGARDING SUSTAINABILITY, WE BELIEVE THAT MORE EFFORT AND CHANGE IS NEEDED THAN SIMPLY SWITCHING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES: ON THE ONE HAND, BECAUSE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SUSTAIN THE OVERPRODUCTION-BASED ECONOMY WE CURRENTLY HAVE, ON THE OTHER, BECAUSE THE ROOT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS IS NOT PURELY THE USAGE OF NON-RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES BUT THE LOGIC OF THE CURRENTLY DOMINANT ECONOMIC PARADIGM. FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE EXPLORING BOTH ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC MODELS, SUCH AS DEGROWTH, AND THE POSSIBLE WAYS OF SWITCHING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES.



## CLIMATE CONFERENCE SERIES

DEMANDING AND FIGHTING FOR RADICAL MEASURES AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE FIRST AND FOREMOST TASK OF GREEN AND PROGRESSIVE POLITICS. THEREFORE, THE PROGRESSIVE HUNGARY FOUNDATION HAS ORGANIZED CONFERENCES ALL OVER HUNGARY, INCLUDING BUDAPEST, KECSKEMÉT, PÉCS, SZOMBATHELY AND NYÍRBÁTOR.



# HOUSING

COMPARED TO THE NEIGHBORING EASTERN-CENTRAL-EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WITH ROUGHLY THE SAME ECONOMIC CAPACITY, HUNGARY IS ESPECIALLY AFFECTED BY THE HOUSING CRISIS. THUS, THE COUNTRY'S SEMI-PERIPHERAL BACKGROUND DOES NOT PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY ANSWER TO THE EMERGENCE OF SUCH A CRISIS: POORLY PLANNED, NEGLIGENT SOCIAL POLICIES OF THE LAST THREE DECADES ARE TO BE BLAMED. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF OUR POLITICAL COMMUNITY HAS A RIGHT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THEREFORE WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHING A WIDELY AVAILABLE PUBLIC HOUSING SYSTEM.



*"THERE ARE CURRENTLY AROUND 2-3 MILLION PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY HOUSING POVERTY IN HUNGARY, MEANING THAT THEY FACE DIFFICULTIES PAYING THEIR RENT AND BILLS, LIVE UNDER HOUSING CONDITIONS BELOW A MINIMUM, THEIR TENANCY IS LEGALLY UNCERTAIN AND/OR THE SPATIAL ACCESSIBILITY OF THE DWELLING IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT" - READS THE 2019 PUBLICATION BY MÁRTON CZIRFUSZ, TITLED "HOUSING CHALLENGES AND THEIR SOLUTIONS – THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN HUNGARY" SPONSORED BY OUR FOUNDATION. YOU CAN READ THE ENGLISH SUMMARY ON OUR WEBSITE.*



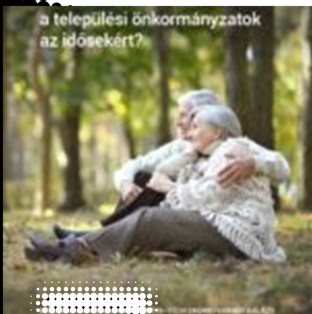
## HOUSING CRISIS AND HOUSING POLICY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS AND PUBLICATION:

TOPICS SUCH AS "WHAT MAKES A HOUSING POLICY GREEN AND PROGRESSIVE?" AND "WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL OF MUNICIPAL DECISION-MAKING IN REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF THE HOUSING CRISIS?" WERE DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED.



THE ISSUE OF REPRODUCTIVE AND CARE WORK IS CLOSELY CONNECTED TO THAT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS: IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN A CONSUMERIST SOCIETY, CHEAP NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES ARE NEEDED. THEREFORE, REPRODUCTIVE AND CARE WORK IS SUBORDINATED TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROFIT MAKING BY ASSIGNING IT TO THE INFORMAL, NON-REMUNERATED PRIVATE SPHERE WHILE THE ECONOMY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RUN THE SAME WAY WITHOUT IT. IN ORDER TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM, THE EMPHASIS HAS TO SHIFT FROM THE INDIVIDUALISING AND ATOMISING TENDENCIES OF NEOLIBERAL CAPITALISM TO SOLIDARITY AND THE RECOGNITION OF REPRODUCTIVE AND CARE WORK AS VITALLY IMPORTANT AND VALUABLE.

# CARE



## ELDERLY CARE AND THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

### - BOOKLET AND INTRODUCTORY EVENT

LET US QUOTE AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF THE ENGLISH SUMMARY OF THE 2019 PUBLICATION BY TAMÁS MOLNÁR – ÁGOTA SCHARLE – ENDRE TÓTH – BALÁZS VÁRADI "WHAT CAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DO FOR THE ELDERLY?": "THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY CONTINUES TO RISE AND PENSIONERS ARE INCREASINGLY MORE EDUCATED AND HEALTHY. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE IS AN INCREASING NEED FOR SERVICES, BESIDES THE ALREADY EXISTING NURSING HOMES. THE MOST PRESSING NEEDS ARE OF THOSE WHO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE TO MAINTAIN A SELF-SUFFICIENT LIFESTYLE WITH GOOD HEALTH, AS WELL AS SERVICES AIMING TO REDUCE LONELINESS. THIS IS NOT TO MENTION THE PLETHORA OF OTHER VITAL ISSUES AROUND HOUSING, COMMUTING AND POVERTY, WHICH ARE ALL A PRESSING MATTER OF SAFETY FOR THE ELDERLY."

THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF SOCIAL AND ELDERLY CARE ARE CRUMBLING, THEREFORE THE BURDEN OF ELDERLY CARE LAYS UPON THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE FAMILY. IN THIS SITUATION THE ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES BECOMES CRUCIAL, FOR OFTEN CITIZENS AND FAMILIES HAVE NO MEANS TO CARRY SUCH BURDEN.

CURRENTLY, BESIDES OUR ABOVE MENTIONED ACTIVITIES, WE ARE FOCUSING ON EDUCATING AND INFORMING OUR FOLLOWERS ABOUT LEFTIST AND GREEN ISSUES IN THE ONLINE SPACE. THEREFORE, WHILST RUNNING OUR SHORT AND CONCISE VIDEO DISCUSSION SERIES ABOUT VARIOUS TOPICS RANGING FROM PUBLIC EDUCATION OVER HOUSING ISSUES TO THE CURRENT CRISIS, WE ALSO PUBLISH REVIEWS, GREEN-LEFTIST COMMENTARY ON CURRENT AFFAIRS AND NEWS REGARDING OUR FOUR MAIN TOPICS OUTLINED ABOVE. ONCE THE PANDEMIC ALLOWS US, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR LIVE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS, POLITICAL SUMMER CAMPS, COUNTRY-WIDE LIVE EVENTS AND SIGNATURE COLLECTION FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME IN THE EU, A EUROPEAN CITIZENS INITIATIVE PROJECT.



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OUR WORK AND IN A SPREADING GREEN-LEFT VISION IN HUNGARY, WOULD LIKE TO COOPERATE ALONG SPECIFIC ISSUES OR ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT OUR WORK, YOU CAN FIND US ON THE FOLLOWING PLATFORMS:**

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***THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!***



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