Extracurricular activities at ELTE Faculty of Informatics

Clubs and workshops, other activities

Clubs - how it started

In 2020, students founded the Computer Geek Club with the help of the Student Support Centre. The club, which aimed to be a peer-helper club, lived through 5 semesters and 3 iterations. Even though, the club is no more, its legacy still lives on!

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BE PART OF THE COMPUTER GEEK CLUB!

ELTE CGC

TEAM

WHAT DOES CGC STAND FOR?
ORGANIZING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
CREATING A FUN AND SUPPORTIVE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE
CONNECTING INTERNATIONAL AND HUNGARIAN STUDENTS

APPLICATION: 11TH OF FEBRUARY
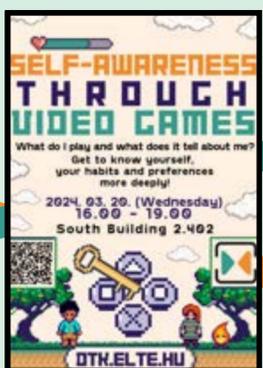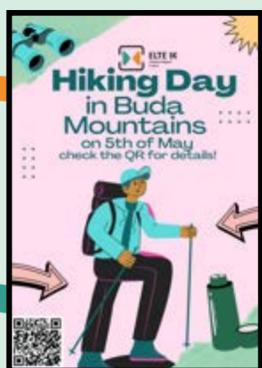INTRODUCTORY MEETING: 18TH OF FEBRUARY

How is it going?

There are currently 6 international student clubs in the Faculty, their advertisements can be seen on the right:

- **English Club - Top down - Since 2019/20/2 - 9 semesters**
  - A club led by senior students to practice English together
  - Started in 2020 March, online, during COVID-19 as a meeting point for students
  - Number of members is dropping
- **Hungarian Club - Top down - Since 2020/21/2 - 7 semesters**
  - A club led by senior students and/or university employees to facilitate practising the Hungarian language
  - Particularly important as Stipendium Hungaricum students need Hungarian language exam
  - Number of members is fluctuating
- **Cybersecurity Club - Bottom up - 2021/22/2 - 5 semesters**
  - A club for cybersecurity enthusiasts to practice hacking and enter CTF tournaments
  - Around 15 members currently
  - Have organized tournaments and hacking events together
  - Highly succesful in competitions
- **Game Dev Club - Bottom up - 2022/23/2 - 3 semesters**
  - A club for aspiring game developers, to develop games together
  - Around 8 members currently, developing 2 games simultaneously
- **Open Source Software Club - Bottom up - 2023/24/1 - 1 semester - On hiatus**
  - A club for those, who are interested in open source software
  - Currently on hiatus because of schedule clashes
- **AI Development Club - Bottom up - Yet to launch**
  - A club, aiming to launch in 2024/25/1 for students, who are fascinated by the world of AI

Club advertisement posters

Hungarian CLUB

ENGLISH CLUB — Level up your language skills! Thursdays at 17.00 — room 5.202

ELTE CYBERSECURITY CLUB — Interested in cybersecurity? Be part of our club where we meet each Thursday at 15:00. Happy hacking! <3

GAME DEV CLUB — HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO MAKE THE GAME OF YOUR DREAMS? IT'S TIME

Open Source Software Club — Are you interested in contributing to open source software and open knowledge sources, and meeting like-minded people? The Open Source Software Club awaits! — Meetups every friday at 3:30 PM — How to join: Scan the QR code and fill the form

AI DEVELOPMENT CLUB — Dive into the world of AI with us! Join in person or online — Wednesdays 14.00 - 15.00 room 5.202

Workshops and other activities

From time-to-time, the Student Support Centre organizes so called **'ad hoc' workshops** with the goal of **community building**, and **working on a particular topic or skill**.
For example, in the past year we have had workshops to develop **presentation skills**, to work on **self-improvement** and **self-awareness through video games**, **self-care through art** or **exploring Hungary on a budget**.
We also organize **hikes** and **city-tours** from time to time, with the goal of helping foreign student explore Budapest and nearby places for **free**. Two of our colleagues are official tour guides, which helps the matter.

Workshop posters

SELF CARE through art — Take care of yourself, relax, and embrace your creative self-expression in our workshop! — 3rd May (Wednesday) 16.00-19.00 South Building 2.402 — DTK.ELTE.HU

Hiking Day in Buda Mountains on 5th of May — check the QR for details!

IS IT YOU WHO YOU ALWAYS LOOK AT? — SELF-IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP — 21 NOVEMBER (TUESDAY) 17.00 - 20.00 I ROOM 2.402

SELF-AWARENESS THROUGH VIDEO GAMES — What do I play and what does it tell about me? Get to know yourself, your habits and preferences more deeply! — 2024. 03. 20. (Wednesday) 16.00 - 19.00 South Building 2.402

CITY TOUR BUDAPEST 2024 — GUIDED SIGHTSEEING — FREE EVENT, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED — ON 8 MARCH (FRIDAY) AT 11.30 — DTK.ELTE.HU

Spring Walk in Buda — 26th April 12.00 — Come and visit: × Arboretum Buda × Gellért Hill × Philosophers Garden × Castle District — Check the QR for details!

Key takeaways and challenges

- **We try to involve a lot of students** in these community events. Unfortunately, what we find is that students can be **hard to involve**. We try to overcome these with **mass advertising.**
- **Early in the semester**, both for events and clubs, there are **more participants**. The number of participants **drops sharply during midterms** and then there is usually a **second drop during finals**. **Some clubs**, like the Game Dev Club **are active in the summer,** but most are inactive.
- Currently, **bottom-up clubs are thriving more**, than top-down clubs, even though some bottom-up clubs have recently gone through **leader changes**. These leader changes were initiated, because founders did not have the capacity to run the club anymore.
- With clubs, **we keep in contact with leaders, organize location** for them, **advertise them, but are not present** at meetings.
- For each **event**, we ask students to register, to know how many people to anticipate - **usually, around 50% of the applicants show up.**
- **We are still working on finding the best way to reach all students**. Even with Neptun advertisements, advertisements on our website, on Teams and e-mailing all students, they usually indicate, that they heard about the event from others

Conference: 10 years of Stipendium Hungaricum --- 2024.06.03.
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