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Magdolna Kremmer is Young European 2025: Youth worker from Hungary honored for her work with disadvantaged children and young people.

The Schwarzkopf Foundation Young Europe honors Magdolna Kremmer as Young European of the Year 2025. Magdolna Kremmer, 25, is a youth worker, educator and community manager for disadvantaged children and young people in Hungary. She mentors and educates pupils, advises trainees on a voluntary basis and has co-founded a foundation to promote educational work in the municipality of Piliscsaba. The prize is endowed with 5,000 euros and enables the winner to fund her own project or finance further training with a European focus.

Magdolna Kremmer has been working for six years at Piliscsabai Tanoda, an afternoon school for disadvantaged children, mainly Roma children, in rural Budapest. As an educator, advocate and organizer, she is committed to lasting change on an individual and systemic level. She also co-founded the non-profit foundation Csemetekert Közösség Alapítvány to implement mentoring programs, professional workshops, volunteer initiatives and recreational activities. With a youth center, she wants to take another step towards her vision of a comprehensive support system that accompanies disadvantaged people from early childhood to adulthood.

Magdolna is delighted with the award: "It is a great honour to see my commitment recognized at European level. This award gives me strength and motivation at a time when working in the social sector often feels like fighting for the bare minimum. I hope that the award will help me to communicate the importance of inclusive education and youth work - it is, in my view, the only sustainable way to tackle the upcoming economic, political and climate-related crises in Europe.

The jury is impressed by Magdolna's commitment to social justice and her deep belief in the potential of every young person. Tomáš Sacher, Managing Director of the Schwarzkopf Foundation, explains: "Magdolna doesn't just dream of a fairer and more open Europe - she builds it, day by day, child by child. She fights social inequalities in Hungary not with slogans, but by building interpersonal relationships, providing everyday support and creating spaces for young voices. Magdolna's work reminds us how young people can make a real difference on the ground." The Representation of the European Commission in Germany emphasizes "We were very impressed by the sheer inexhaustible energy with which Magdolna works for disadvantaged children and young people, especially from the Roma minority, in her home country Hungary."

This year's prize is sponsored by the Representation of the European Commission in Germany. You can find more information about the prize here.