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The **Cluj English Teachers' Association** is pleased to invite you to participate in the

18th National RATE Conference

English for 21st century skills Learning, Life, Literacy

Cluj-Napoca, 17-19 November 2017

CALL FOR PAPERS

In an ever changing world we need to constantly adapt to the new realities and challenges which require a focus on a wider set of skills able to meet the demands of life in an innovative fast-paced society.

As ELT professionals, English teachers need to raise awareness of the crucial importance of the 3 L's: **Learning, Life, Literacy** skills the 21st century students need to develop in order to be able to fit in a new working and living environment.

These skills target not only our students but also any type of learner: the newly qualified teacher learning the ropes of the trade, the experienced teacher learning to adapt on the trot, the teacher trainer grappling with new approaches.

Our aims are:

- *to promote developing the 21st century skills along with the four language skills in and out of the English classroom.*
- *to become more aware of our role as educators and promote this change of paradigm in teaching in the new context.*
- *to share new approaches to teaching and best practice in order to foster the acquisition of these skills.*
- *to use self-awareness as a tool for personal and professional development for both learner and educator.*
- *to promote lifelong learning for all categories involved in the process (continuous professional development).*
- *to enable regional associations of RATE to provide updates on recent developments and*

find ways to promote future common activity.

- *to create the opportunity to communicate and facilitate networking with like-minded professionals.*
- *to give Romanian teachers of English the opportunity to meet ELT specialists from all over the world.*
- *to create a safe and friendly environment for the integration of the newly qualified teachers in the professional community.*
- *to involve students and undergraduates in organisational and personal development processes in an experiential way.*

The main strands and topics will be:

■ **Learning skills**

- Critical Thinking
- Creative Thinking
- Collaborating
- Communicating

■ **Literacy skills**

- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy
- Technology Literacy

■ **Life skills**

- Beginner teacher training
- Continuous professional development
- Mentoring
- Initiative
- Social skills
- Leadership
- Presentation skills
- Exam skills

We Look Forward To Welcoming You To Our Conference!

Contact address: ratecluj2017@gmail.com

You can download the registration and the speaker's proposal forms from <http://www.rate.org.ro>

Venue: Transylvania College, Baisoara 2A Street, Cluj-Napoca

Early registration: **1st October**

Late registration: **15th October**