

Report of the OMEP Regional Section – Hlohovec for 2025

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Total number of members of RS OMEP Hlohovec: 15

The OMEP Regional Section Hlohovec implemented a number of professional, educational, and public activities throughout 2025, aiming to support the professional development of kindergarten teachers, improve the management practices of preschool directors, and enrich the educational environment for preschool-aged children. Below is an overview of the main activities carried out in 2025.

1. Support and Educational Activities for Kindergarten Teachers

1.1 Workshop “Vegetable Madness” and “Heart Kindergarten” – 14 October 2025

In October, an educational and experiential program focused on the primary prevention of childhood obesity, the promotion of healthy lifestyle habits, and the development of positive routines in preschool children took place.

The workshop was led by Mgr. Jarka Kreškóciová, author of the “Vegetable Madness” project.

The program was enriched with “Heart Kindergarten” activities focused on emotional education, empathy, and relationship-building among children.

The event was attended by RS OMEP members and educators from various kindergartens in the region.

2. Activities for Children in Kindergartens

2.1 Singing Competition “Spievanky, spievanky” – 15 May 2025

In May, the traditional 12th annual memorial of Ingrid Valovičová was renewed.

The event was organized in cooperation with the Elementary School of Arts Hlohovec.

Children presented traditional folk songs, developed cultural and artistic competencies, and strengthened their connection to folklore traditions.

The event enjoyed great participation and positive feedback from schools and families.

2.2 Participation in the Competition “Child Rights Calendar”

RS OMEP members coordinated communication and support for local kindergartens joining this national competition focused on children’s rights and values.

Children from several kindergartens in the region created artwork reflecting the theme of children’s rights, fostering creativity and awareness of their own rights.

2.3 Lantern Parade – Kindergarten Day in Slovakia – 4 November 2025

On the occasion of the national Kindergarten Day in Slovakia, a lantern parade was held in cooperation with regional kindergartens.

This community event connected families, children, and schools and highlighted the importance of early childhood education.

3. Professional Development of RS OMEP Members

3.1 Training “Heart Kindergarten” – 13 November 2025

Members of RS OMEP participated in a professional training focused on emotional education, mental health support for children, and strengthening emotional safety in preschool settings.

The training was led by Mgr. Jarka Kreškóciová, with emphasis on practical strategies applicable in everyday pedagogical practice.

4. Regional Cooperation and Membership Development

Throughout the year, the Regional Section maintained regular communication with kindergartens across the Hlohovec district, promoted professional events, and actively encouraged new teachers to become members.

The section also contributed to the organization of local cultural events featuring participation of preschool children.

5. OMEP as the Voice of Children – Advocacy and Humanitarian Activities

OMEP stands as a global voice for children.

Children need our attention, support, and protection—especially during crises, conflicts, or in situations where their rights are threatened.

For this reason, the OMEP Regional Section Hlohovec took active part in humanitarian and advocacy initiatives of OMEP International in 2025.

5.1 Humanitarian Aid for Children in Gaza

In 2025, we joined the international initiative “We stand with every child in the world”, supporting OMEP’s efforts to help children in Gaza.

The following kindergartens took part in the collection campaign:

- Kindergarten Hollého 3, Hlohovec
- Kindergarten Koplotovce

The collection was conducted until the end of 2025.

Thanks to the solidarity of children, families, and teachers, financial and material aid was gathered and sent through official OMEP humanitarian channels.

This initiative strengthened children’s understanding of empathy, solidarity, and helping those in need.

5.2 Advocacy Activities – Support for the New Optional Protocol on the Right to Education

Within the ongoing international OMEP advocacy process supporting a new Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child concerning the right to education, we participated in a global initiative:

Project: “Early Childhood: My Right, Our Future”

OMEP Australia proposed the creation of:

- a digital photo-book,
- a video campaign,

both highlighting every child's right to early childhood education and the global importance of access to preschool education.

The OMEP Regional Section Hlohovec contributed by submitting a photograph with accompanying text from Kindergarten Hollého 3, Hlohovec, which will be included in the international photo-book and campaign.

6. Conclusion

The year 2025 was marked by active cooperation, high-quality professional activities, and a rich program for both children and educators within the RS OMEP Hlohovec.

The implemented activities strengthened the professional community of kindergarten teachers, supported the healthy and emotionally balanced development of children, and enhanced the visibility of early childhood education in the region.

The Regional Section extends sincere thanks to all cooperating kindergartens, lecturers, parents, and children for their continuous support and participation throughout 2025.