

Embassy of Canada



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Letter of Reference for Eszter Rodé

Eszter Rodé served at the Embassy of Canada from 2000-2006 in the capacity of Academic and Cultural Relations Officer. Her portfolio included building and strengthening academic and cultural relations between Hungary and Canada.

During her six years at the Embassy, Eszter always displayed enthusiasm and energy in her efforts to build a network of contacts and partners within universities, educational and cultural institutions. In her work, she interacted with the Ministry of Education and Culture, the community of academics involved in Canadian Studies, and cultural partners. She also built up a corresponding list of Canadian contacts, as well as regional colleagues throughout Europe. Together with them, Eszter worked on joint initiatives to seek funding and opportunities to introduce Hungarians to Canadian culture and education.

With fluent knowledge of English and Hungarian, and very good ability in French, Eszter was instrumental in bridging linguistic gaps which can exist between international players. She often served as interpreter at meetings or at events where she ably stood on a stage with well-known individuals and displayed a real, professional talent. Embassy contacts commend her for having excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and this is well-demonstrated in her interpretation abilities.

Eszter can take pride in the successful organization of five Canadian Cultural Spring Festivals in Hungary, and also the planning of the 25th Anniversary Conference as well as the Annual Conference of Hungarian Canadianists. She was responsible for planning and reporting on the annual academic and cultural budgets, and administering the Canadian Government's annual academic grants.

We appreciate all of Eszter's contributions over her six years at the Embassy of Canada, and wish her success in her future endeavours. We can highly recommend her optimistic personality which never failed to look for solutions to the ever-more challenging reality of limited budgets to carry out the important work of promoting education and culture. She relates well to management and peers, and her personality is an asset to any working environment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Agnes Pust".

Agnes Pust
Counsellor (Political and
Cultural Affairs)

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