

Appendix D



Administration Report of Malta UNESCO Youth Association 2014

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Introduction

Another busy year for MUYA has passed, during which several significant projects have been implemented and completed on the national and many new collaborations built on the international level.

The past year 2014 was again one of success. On a local level, MUYA's organised numerous educational and social activities for its members and non members. The most important and successful project was the Culture Fest which was organised in October where a good number of locals and foreigners attended this festival, together with the participation of local and foreign artists. H.E. Marie Louise Coleiro Preca attended this event and we also had media coverage.

Another project was the Erasmus + Training Course, Laboratory: Technology of Involvement in December where participants had the opportunity to develop their own project and build new international contacts.

Other education activities organised by MUYA included the Lebanese, Peruvian, Colombian and Moroccan Nights. These were culture nights on a smaller scale focusing on the culture of the respective country. Those who attended had the opportunity to sample food, dance and learn more about each country.

During the past year MUYA was a partner to various international organisations, sending its members to nine different events (including youth-exchanges, training courses, seminars and motilities').

1. National projects and local activities

1.1 – Lebanese Night

10th January 2014

Cultural nights are of relevant importance in our society, as locals will be exposed to the other foreign communities who are living in Malta. The people from the same country will build up connections with other people from the same country who are actually living in Malta. Our main aim is to break stereotypes associated with the particular country. The Lebanese Night was the third cultural night after the one which was organised in 2012. This cultural night was organised in Qormi, to be precise in 'Centru Parrokkjali San Bastjan'. Darine Aboulez a native Lebanese residing in Malta, facilitated the presentation and her mum prepared some great Lebanese food. A good number of young people attended this cultural night. Following the presentation about Lebanon, participants enjoyed the Lebanese food and also they had the opportunity to learn and dance one of the traditional dances called Dabke.

1.2 – Indian Classical Music Concert & Meditation Workshop

6th February 2014

This time MUYA organised something completely different and together with Michael we organised a Meditation workshop. A good number of local young people attended this workshop which was organised in the M'Xlokk activity centre.

1.3 - MUYA 7th Birthday Party

23rd February 2014

Malta UNESCO Youth Association invited and met its members once again to celebrate MUYA's birthday. We met at Sensations Wine bar in B'Kara. We had the opportunity to meet our members over a drink and get to know each other.

1.4 – Peruvian Night

6th March 2014

Following the success of the previous cultural nights, we organised the fourth event and this time we crossed the continent to discover Peru. This cultural night was also organised in Qormi, in the 'Centru Parrokkjali San Bastjan'. Fernando Benito Sa a native Peruvian residing in Malta, facilitated the presentation and the other few Peruvian people residing in Malta prepared the amazing Peruvian food. Once again a good number of people attended this cultural night. Following the presentation about Peru, participants enjoyed the Peruvian food, live music and also had the opportunity to learn how to dance one Peruvian traditional dance.

1.5 – Il-Majjistral Park – Clean Up Activity

29th March 2014

A good number of MUYA members gave a helping hand and participated in a clean up event which was organised in Majjistral Park. During the clean up MUYA members helped other volunteers to clean the barracks near the natural park in Golden Bay.

1.6 – Annual General Meeting

8th April 2014

Our annual AGM was held in the Common Room at the University of Malta. During the AGM the Secretary General Dorianne Formosa gave an overview of the activities and projects which Malta UNESCO Youth Association participated in 2013. Daniel Mifsud Bason gave an overview about the financial aspect of the association. Members who attended the AGM had to vote for 4 vacant posts within the committee. Following this election Desiree D'Amato was re-elected as President, Thelma Bonello was re-elected as International Officer, Luke Pace was elected as PRO and David Istanbuli together with Mariano Galea were elected as Committee Members.

1.7 - InterACT

26th April 2014

"InterACT" was a YIA funded project organised by the Marsa Open Centre. The Malta UNESCO Youth Association together with the Foundation for Shelter and Support to Migrants, AIESEC, Green Youth, KSU, YEUMalta, OFD, Chaplaincy and Agenzija Zaghzagh were part of the organizing committee for this event.

InterACT brought together African Migrant and Maltese Youth through activities which were held on the day including Sports, Music, Art, Drama together with plenty of multi-cultural food. A football tournament was held which grouped the Maltese and the African migrants.

1.8 – EPAEMSI Best Practice Workshop

16th April 2014

Participants who went to the mobility project in Slovenia and Italy met up to discuss their best practices. It was concluded that the best practices organised in Slovenia (sports tournament) and in Italy photo collection, were both great ways to learn however these activities are not ideal for people with mobility problems such as wheelchairs.

1.9 – Colombian Night

29th April 2014

Following the success of the previous nights we teamed up with the Honorary Consule of Colombia in Malta, Mr. Joseph Buhagiar who assisted us in the organisation of this event. We must say that this was the best culture night ever organised as over 100 young people most of them Colombians residing in Malta attended this event. Our culture night started off with a brief presentation by Mr. Joseph Buhagiar and Juliana Zapata, a Colombian national living in Malta with her husband. A small group of Colombians including two chefs prepared an array of delicious food which was accompanied by live Colombian music and traditional dance.

1.10 – EU Parliament Elections 2014

3rd May 2015

MUYA joined forces with LYV Malta - League of Young Voters Malta to promote last year's EU Parliament Elections for the YiA project YouDemocracy which took place in Seville, Spain between the 14th-19th July! A stand was set up in Valletta in front of St. John's Cathedral, where young voters were given information about the EU elections and encouraging them to vote.

1.11 – Champions of the Valley. Let's Clean up to Green Up

10th May 2015

To Celebrate the European Clean Up Day, Malta UNESCO Youth Association teamed up with Rotaract Malta La Valette and GENISTA Research Foundation to safeguard the beauty of Rinella Valley. We started off with a brief talk on the importance of the area, as well as organic farming and then headed to Rinella Valley to clean up the area.

1.12 – MUYA BBQ

11th July 2014

MUYA organised its summer BBQ in Marsaxlokk. This BBQ was an entertaining and enjoyable social activity where members meet in an informal environment and grill together, has always been an important social event in the organisations annual event calendar.

1.13– Moroccan Night

28th August 2014

During our 6th Culture night we discovered Morocco. This event was organised in collaboration with the Moroccan Community in Malta. Dounia, a native Moroccan residing in Malta prepared a small presentation about Morocco. Those who attended had the opportunity to sample Moroccan food prepared by Dounia following by live Moroccan music and dancing. This was another night which proved to be a success and showed us the importance of organising similar events in the future.

1.14 – Culture Fest

19th October 2014

The Culture Fest that was organised on Sunday 19th October, in collaboration with the Qawra LEAP Centre, and co-funded by Aġenzija Żgħażaġh through the Be Active scheme, under the patronage of H.E. the President of Malta Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca. This event was highly successful and we had a good number of people who attended this event. We also had media coverage and ONE news interviewed our Secretary General Dorianne Formosa during the festival. The main aim of the festival was to promote active citizenship and cultural diversity through the participation of people coming from various cultures was reached on all accounts. Food, dances and singing were the highlight of the day, with performances including dancing, workshops and various bands, all live on stage! Those who attended the festival had the opportunity to sample food from Lithuania, Russia, Ukraine, Colombia, Philippines, Morocco and Malta. A number of volunteers joined MUYA to assist us during the festival and we are glad that some of them also showed interest in continue helping us and joined MUYA as members.

2. International Projects implemented by MU YA

2.1 – E+ Training Course: Laboratory: Technology of Involvement

6th – 13th December 2014

Between the 6 and 13 of December, 31 youth workers and youth leaders from 9 different countries met together for a training course focused on developing competences in youth leaders necessary for running top notch Youth Exchanges in the Erasmus+ programme. The project, "Laboratory: Technology of Involvement", was organised by the Malta UNESCO Youth Association at the Marsaxlokk Youth Activity Centre, Malta, and co-funded under the Erasmus+, Key Action 1 - Learning Mobility of Individuals, programme. Directed by trainers and support staff, the training course enabled the promotion and facilitation of an active approach to build appropriate models of motivation in young people. Through the conceptual use of a laboratory, an increase in the understanding that the role of personal and professional development play in youth work was obtained. The main aim of the project was based on the fact that group leaders from different NGOs are able to increase the quality of Youth Exchanges through the finding of appropriate models of motivating young people to actively participate during the implementation of the project by gaining new skills and knowledge. The training course was complemented by the facilitation of reflection on personal motivation to be a leader and self-evaluation. In addition, creativity and communication skills were built up, along with support for inter-cultural exchange, and fostering of mutual understanding between young people in different countries, which helps to increase quality of Youth Exchanges. To work on the key competences for active participation among youngsters, participants from Cyprus, Estonia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Spain and Turkey were brought together in Malta.

3. Participation in the international projects abroad

3.1 – Grundtvig Mobility: EPAEMSI

Organised by Cantiere Giovani

Frattamaggiore Naples Italy, 20th – 23rd February 2014

Maltese participants: Dorianne Formosa

Between the 20th and 23rd of February Dorianne Formosa participated and the 6th Grundtvig Mobility in Italy. The event kicked off with the presentation of the hosting organisation and its main projects. The participants were given a small workshop on how to take a good photo. Following this workshop the participants worked in groups and went around Frattamaggiore taking pictures of the city and areas or items which hinder easy mobility, like garbage blocking the pavement and more. This task was important as people with disabilities, in use of a wheelchair or mothers with push chairs find it difficult to go around the city. The project ended with a cultural night where a group from Naples performed in front of the participants.

3.2 - YiA Youth Exchange: Hip Hop Construction

Organised by Mladinskem centru Krško

Krško, Slovenia, 25th April- 4th May 2014

Maltese participants: Juanita Magro, Mariano Galea, Christopher Dalli, Glenn Slattery & Fabio Scicluna

The youth exchange, the hip hop construction, grouped 24 young people from 6 EU countries aged between 18 and 25. The main themes of the project were expanding European awareness by using culture and art. The exchange targeted different ways of raising European awareness by employing non-formal methods of promoting these topics including the use of Music such as DJ-ing and post-production; Dance such as breakdancing; and Art such as graffiti, photography and media communication. These activities were supported by local experts from each field. Additional workshops were organised throughout the exchange which focused on strengthening social and communication skills between participants, effective conflict resolution and overcoming stereotypes. Participants had the opportunity to visit to the capital city of Slovenia, Ljubljana to see graffiti in the city. The project ended with the main event the Hip hop night which was held in Youth center in Krško.

3.3 – Grundtvig Mobility: EPAEMSI

Organised by Engage Youth Empowerment Services (EYES)

Wolverhampton United Kingdom, 6th -9th June 2014

Maltese participants: Annabelle Cauchi, Sarah Agius, Teshai Wayne, Thelma Bonello & Rodianne Cassar

Between 6th-9th June a group of Maltese participated in the 7th and final Grundtvig Mobility visit within the “European Partnership on Adult Education and Mobility for Social Inclusion (EPAEMSI)” project, co-funded by the European Commission through the Lifelong Learning Programme in Wolverhampton (United Kingdom). This event was hosted by Engage Youth Empowerment Services (EYES), an organisation catering for socio-economically disadvantaged youth, aiming to keeping them away from the streets and getting into gangs through various youth activities. The Maltese delegation included Ms. Annabelle Cauchi from the Deaf People Association, Ms. Sarah Agius – the interpreter from Sign Language Interpreter Service, Ms. Teshai Wayne from Young Women Christian Association and the group leaders Ms. Thelma Bonello and Ms. Rodianne Cassar from Malta UNESCO Youth Association. The two-year European partnership project concluded in Wolverhampton aimed at using the experience of the seven partner organisations on social inclusion and active participation of adult learners from disadvantaged social groups in order to promote and improve social inclusion through education, in particular non-formal and informal education. The host organisation welcomed adult learners from disadvantaged social groups from Malta, Spain, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Italy and the United Kingdom. During the mobility visit in Wolverhampton, the participants took part in a series of activities focussed on social inclusion through education. The event kicked off with the presentation of the hosting organisation and its main projects and was then followed by the simulation of the best practice of the hosting organisation: “the theatre of the oppressed”. Finally, the experience came to an end with the intercultural celebration prepared by the adult learners for the members of the public and local organisations. Ms. Annabelle Cauchi, one of the participants, shared her feedback about the experience in the UK: “through different activities, we learned a great deal about social inclusion and about the participation of adults from disadvantaged social groups. As a Deaf person, I used the services of an interpreter who joined us on this trip, which helped me to contribute to this project as an active participant. Otherwise, without the services of the sign language interpreter, I would not have been able to participate as I would not have been able to follow what the other participants were saying. It was also a rich intercultural experience, as delegates had the opportunity to celebrate their culture by introducing their respective country and their traditional food.”

3.4 – E+ Seminar: You Democracy

Organised by Escuela Cultura de Paz

Seville, Spain, 14th - 19th July 2014

Maltese participants: Karen Vella, Daniel Said, Andrew Galea Salamone, Lisa Mifsud, Samantha Pace Gasan, Hazel Rafferty, Therese Lia, Corinne Sammut

8 Maltese participants had the opportunity to participate in the project You Democracy. 36 young people from Malta, Romania, Spain and United Kingdom met in Seville, Spain. The aim of the project was to encourage the active participation of youth in democratic life and discuss their participation in the European Parliament elections, which happened in May 2014. The topics that were tackled included formulating proposals to Members of the European Parliament, the European electoral system and how the EU affects your daily life. Prior to the seminar, the local participants took part in two informal informative events to raise awareness amongst youth about the functioning of the European Parliament and the European electoral system. During the seminar, young people shared their experiences and results of the informal informative events and participated in a guided visit to the Andalusian parliament and the city of Seville. On a local level the participants met with those responsible of decision-making at the local level.

3.5 – E+ Youth Exchange: Body & Mind

Organised by International Committee of Rural Youth Carinthia

Klagenfurt, Austria, 20th July – 27th July 2014

Maltese participants: Thelma Bonello, Christian Spiteri, Matthew Muscat, Karen Mifsud, Julian Mizzi

"Body & Mind" was a 7 day youth exchange which grouped 30 people from Greece, Moldova, Malta, Georgia, Turkey and Austria. The aim of this project was to find the inner balance to be able to motivate and inspire others and to achieve an effective exchange of the different ways to create a strong relationship between the body and soul- ways which vary according to different youth groups and cultures. During this youth exchange the participants participated in various workshops and feedback sessions. Nations Cup, walking over hot coal, action swimming, an international buffet and other athletic activities were some of the activities which were organised during the training course showing the motto that a healthy mind is a healthy body.

3.6 – E+ Training Course: The Life before Us: Playwriting techniques for multipliers of anti-discrimination youth work

Organised by Mostar Friedensprojekt e.V.

Potsdam, Germany 25th July – 2nd August 2014

Maltese participants: Sarah Pace

During this training course "The Life Before Us", Sarah Pace was the only Maltese participant during this 8 day training course. 34 participants from Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Estonia, Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Greece, Malta, Turkey, Portugal, Spain, Georgia, Armenia and Russia participated. The aim of this project was to acquire play writing techniques and explore how these can be used as a powerful tool to strengthen the capacities of anti-discriminatory youth work. During this training course, participants will learnt how to set a context for a play, created an interesting character and character groups, and developed a story and made it work. Traditional and new methods of play writing techniques were explored and applied to youth work. The majority of the workshops were held outdoors.

3.7 – E+ Seminar: EVS Booster Project

Organised by Joint

Genoa, Italy, 15th – 21st September 2014

Maltese participants: Mariano Galea

Citizens from all across Europe gathered in Italy to be briefed about the EVS website that the Italian group Joint were planning to do. Young people from various countries helped out in translating the website in their native language. Malta assisted to translate the English version of the website. The website is now up and running and is available in 13 languages.

3.8 – E+ Training Course: Empowering Job Seekers

Organised by Center for sustainability and advanced education (CSAE) Bitola

Macedonia, 4th – 12th October 2014

Maltese participants: Karen Vella

Karen Vella participated in Empowering Young Jobseekers, an 8 day training course which was held in Macedonia. 36 participants from twelve countries participated. The main aim of this project was to develop the competences of youth to be able to integrate easily in the labour market and, in the process, empower other youth in doing so. Participants had the opportunity to practice and enhance new skills and engage into a self-confident attitude to find and keep into stable jobs. During this Training Course, participants investigated the current and predict future market needs, learnt how to manage personal finances and set career goals; all in the context of personally developing oneself.

3.9 – E+ Youth Exchange: Fair Play for all

Organised by Foundation for Freedom

Poland, 20th October – 28th October 2014

Maltese participants: Juliana Zapata Bernal, Bernard Bonello, Karl Magro, Jake Azzopardi, Matthias Camilleri, Michael Calleja

6 MUYA members participated in an 8 day youth exchange named Fair Play for all. Other 24 participants from four EU countries participated. The main theme of the exchange was anti-discrimination and education through sport and outdoor activities. During the project, the participants discussed topics related to discrimination, human rights, education and sports with special emphasis on football, in order to learn methods to prevent social exclusion. At the end of the Youth Exchange, participants organized a mini-tournament and social event with the local community. Participants had the opportunity to meet and work with football players of the multicultural football league "ETNOLIGA".

4. Other Meetings & Collaborations

4.1 – Iz-Zghazagh fil-manifesti Elettorali

29th April 2014

The participants who were going to the Seminar You Democracy in Spain, participated in a local debate, iz-Zghazagh fil-manifesti Elettorali, which was organised at MCAST. During this debate questions were asked if the Maltese young people are really at the centre of the main political party manifestos and if the manifestos reflect what they actually want from their candidates and the EU. The participants had the opportunity to meet the candidates for the EU parliament and also had the opportunity to ask relevant questions about the topic.

4.2 – Youth Meet Youth

19th July 2014

Agenzija Zghazagh in collaboration with EUPA organised Youth Meet Youth at the National Aquarium in Qawra. MUYA was given the opportunity to set up a stall and to promote our work and organisation with young people who visited the event. We also had the opportunity to meet various volunteers working in different NGO's and built up or contacts for future events or activities.

4.3 – Radio Interview

13th November 2014

MUYA was invited by Pauline Miceli during her radio programme which is aired on the national radio station. Thelma Bonello on behalf of MUYA attended and was interviewed and promoted MUYA with the local audience.

4.4 – Launch of the Education, Science & Culture Centre Gozo

13th November 2014

The office of Permanent Delegation of Malta to UNESCO invited MUYA for the launch of the Education, Science and Culture Centre in Gozo. Dorianne Formosa and David Istanbouli had the pleasure to meet Mgr. Joe Vella Gauci, the Ambassador to UNESCO during the launch of this centre in Wied il-Lunzjata in Victoria Gozo.

4.5 – The President's Foundation Fora

29th April 2014

The President's foundation for the Wellbeing of Society invited MUYA to participate in the President's Foundation Fora. Desiree D'Amato and Dorianne Formosa attended this fora at the Verdala Palace in Buskett. Other organisations and students were invited for this Fora were the discussion was based on what makes us feel good in life.