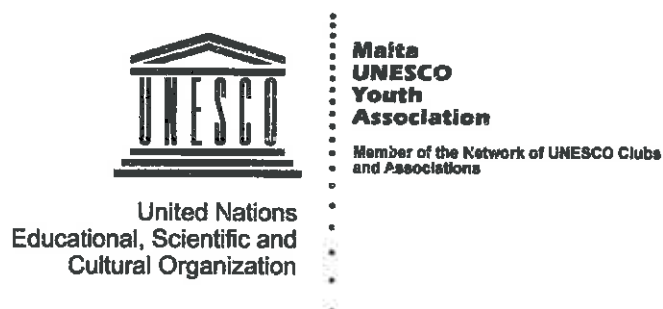


Appendix D



Administration Report of Malta UNESCO Youth Association

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Introduction

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

Throughout the years 2016/2017 MUYA focused more on taking a local stance and participating in as many meeting and collaborations as possible, strengthening the local bond between other NGOs locally while also improving the inner dynamics of the team. Fewer local projects were implemented but nevertheless these all turned to be very successful events, especially MUYAs 10th Anniversary Celebrations.

On the local level, the most significant collaboration was that initiated with UNESCO Associated School Program (ASPNet) by the carers of Education, Science and Culture Centre (ESCC) at Wied il-Lunzjata in Gozo. MUYA believes that it is crucial that the bond between different UNESCO entities situated in Malta & Gozo is strengthened as much as possible. Other collaborations that started this term was that of "Min Hu l-Malti?" project which was given funding by Aġenzija Żgħażaġh Be Active Scheme.

During the past year MUYA was a partner organisation in various Erasmus+ projects implemented, sending its 26 of its members to seven different projects (including youth exchanges, training courses, partnership building activities and advanced planning visits).



1. National projects and local activities

1.1 – Annual General Meeting

7th April 2016

Our annual AGM was held at the University of Malta premises with the appointed Chairperson Mr. Duncan Muscat. During the AGM the Secretary General Thelma Bonello gave an overview of the activities and projects which Malta UNESCO Youth Association participated throughout the year 2015 to the date of the AGM. Bernard Bonello, Treasurer of MU YA, 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 Rodianne Cassar was elected as President, Maxine Bellissimo was elected as International Officer, Fabio Scicluna was elected as Public Relations Officer, Christian Briffa was elected as Committee Member and Thelma Bonello was elected for Secretary General (co-option of 1 year following the resignation of Daniela Frendo from the role in 2015).

1.2 – MU YA | Summer BBQ

23rd July 2016

One of the first events organised for MU YA members was the yearly organisation of the summer BBQ which this year was held in Golden Bay on a hot summer evening. Attendees were invited first for a quick swim and then with the help of everyone the grilling started stretching onto late hours of the night. People joining were provided with plenty of food and drinks to satisfy everyone's appetite! All in all this was a very successful event for MU YA with a good number of attendees.

1.3 – MU YA Donates Blood

5th November 2016

In November, members were invited for a group effort to donate some blood which serves as a life line for those in need. In the early hours of this Saturday morning brave members gathered in front of the Centru ta' l-Ghotja tad-Demm in G'Mangia. Though some members were deemed ineligible to give blood they still learnt about possible deficiencies, conditions and suggestions for improving their health condition. On the other hand the blood donors were treated with utmost care by the employees of the Centre being given the right amount of food and drinks to get them going again.

1.4 – MU YA's 10th Birthday Celebrations

16th February 2017

To celebrate MU YA's 10th Birthday, a large birthday party was organised at Lija Bocci Club House in Lija accompanied by the melody of live music by Chiasm Duo. For the decade of its establishment committee members made sure the celebrations matched all the accomplishments of MU YA throughout the years. A call out was distributed especially for members who have served MU YA with their input, time and effort – these being the committee members throughout the years themselves! Current and past active members also joined the celebrations in full swing. A couple of special moments throughout the night was the reunion of the 4 treasurers who served MU YA since its commencement (Istivan Spiteri, Philip Caruana, Daniel Mifsud Bason and Bernard Bonello) and also the speech delivered by current president Rodianne Cassar and founding president Anson D. Aquilina. A photo slide reel was set in the background showing the most iconic MU YA moments to date. In the end this occasion was another great opportunity to reunite with all those who were involved or collaborated with MU YA during the past years. This was a night of past memories, and also future opportunities.



2. Participation in the international projects abroad

2.1 – E+ Youth Exchange: From Forming till Performing

Organised by Domāts – Darīts

Matsi, Latvia, 3rd May – 11th May 2016

Maltese participants: Lynden Ellul, Sean Bezzina, Axel Chan, Ryan Zammit, Christine Borg, Fabio Scicluna

The project "From Forming till Performing" was a 9 day YE about entrepreneurial attitude and social skills that grouped 30 youth workers and youth leaders from 5 EU countries: Latvia, Turkey, Italy, Malta and Portugal. During this project the participants were divided in small international teams to work on real performance of projects. The aim of this was to experience growth throughout the project development, mainly - forming, storming, norming and performing. Furthermore, in order to facilitate participant performance methods such as team building activities, coaching instruments, retrospectives, discussions and other informal educational were put to use. The main aim of the project focussed on to making youth aware about achieving a high performance team, through two main channels: becoming more self aware about ones capability within a team and on the other hand coming to the realization on how a group atmosphere makes one become a better team player.

2.2 – E+ Youth Exchange: Fate or Negligence

Organised by FuturEurope – Shokkin Group Turkey

Trabzon, Turkey, 23rd June – 7th July 2016

Maltese participants: Samuel Borg, Philip Abela, Claudio Sultana, Michelle Baldacchino and Nadia Abela

The project "Fate or Negligence" was a 15 day Youth Exchange that grouped 40 participants from 5 EU countries (Turkey, Romania, Spain, Malta and Lithuania). The project addressed the issue of workplace accident, originating from the fact that Turkey has a high number of such accidents per capita. Participants were trained to approach workplace accidents with a wider perspective by interrogating reasons and outcomes of accidents. Participants were also equipped with examining what precautions can be taken to prevent accidents and exploring which parties can take responsibility. Various interactive activities enable participants to examine different dimensions of workplace accidents which will in turn help participants raise awareness about this topic in their home country. One of the participants giving feedback told us that "each day a country would be in charge of the running of the day by preparing activities dealing with the topic. Activities included the preparation of short movies quizzes and other games. The participants were also to create protective workwear with materials supplied." The exchange also included recreational activities such a visit to the city centre, scavenger hunts, a survivor game on Trabzon beach, and a visit to Georgia.

2.3 – E+ Youth Exchange: Europarliment 2.0

Organised by Klub Jagielloński

Krakow, Poland, 11th July – 21st July 2016

Maltese participants: David Mangion, Janelle Borg, Thomas Spiteri, Arianne Cutajar, Enrico Zammit Lonardelli

The project "EuroParliament 2.0-simulation for greater participation" took place over 11 days with participating countries Poland, Italy, Slovenia, Romania, Latvia, Malta. The Maltese participants for this project initially spent a day in Warsaw where visting some cultural landmarks. This day was described by the group as a chance to get to know each other. On the next day the group travelled to Krakow meeting fellow participants from the other countries proceeding with travelling to the host hotel in Weglowka, which the participants described as being "beautifully situated in the middle of the woods". During the project participants said that they integrated very well with the other participants through both formal and informal activities. The main aim of the event was to work on a simulation of the EU Parliament, research about the several EU parties, electing the EU commission and discussing about the EU budget. One of the highlights of the project was a discussion Polish Political Science scholars about Brexit. During the free time, participants were taken to visit the Historical Museum of Krakow and the Wawel Castle. The Maltese Night was held on the last evening during which the participants gave an overview about Malta's history to the rest of the group, while also viewing some promotional videos about Malta. Needless to say the evening proceeded with some snacks of Maltese typical food which the participants described as being very popular amongst the rest of the group. The Maltese group all concluded that "this was an amazing experience and definitely will not be our last Erasmus exchange".

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2.4 – E+ Training Course: DEAL II

*Organised by Consilium Development and Training
Birmingham, United Kingdom, 11th July – 17th July 2016
Maltese participants: Yvanka Fiorini and Samantha Pace*

Between the 11th – 17th July, one year after the 1st edition of DEAL I, Yvanka and Joanna participated in a 7 day training course that grouped 34 youth workers and youth leaders from 14 EU countries. Inspired by the "Study on the impact of Non-Formal Education in youth organizations on young people's employability" launched by the European Youth Forum in October 2012 (whilst also bearing in mind the increase in unemployment in Europe, recorded at 5.52 million unemployed youth in 2012) the project offered methods, tools and practices, that people involved in youth employability - as in the case of our Maltese delegation - can use so as to provide support in pursuing diverse career prospects. An encouraging attitude was put forward by organizers to drive participants to build on the experiences gained from the project and adapt them according to the demanded standards back in their countries.

2.5 – E+ Training Course: Experiential Learning Cycle for Youth Workers

*Organised by Active Youth Skane
Malmö, Sweden, 21st July – 28th July 2016
Maltese participants: Elton Grech, Mark Attard and Maria Christiana Barbara*

"Experiential Learning Cycle for Youth Workers" held in Sweden in the month of July dealt with teaching through experiential learning involving participants from Turkey, Estonia, Poland, UK, Czech Republic, Italy, Sweden, Romania and Malta. The idea evolved from the fact that research has shown that formal way of teaching cannot provide youth with the skills and competencies required by the labour market. Therefore the overall aim of the project aimed at enhancing the development of new non-formal teaching methods in different field of studies. Most of the participants who were taking part in this training course work with youths as teachers or group leaders in various youth centres, schools and drama groups. Each day consisted of two activities, within which participants were split into groups and given topics on which to work on. The first couple of days had to do with Experiential learning itself. During the morning routine, different techniques of experiential learning were discussed, while for the evening routine, a technique was put into practice (one by each group) concerning a topic of the group's choice. For the last three days, participants were given three topics (one per day) about which they had to create an activity that would encourage learning through experience. The main topics included Intercultural dialogue, Human Rights and Social Entrepreneurship. The training course provided a means of exchanging ideas in between a group of participants that have a similar line of work yet come from different backgrounds and cultures. It also provided an opportunity for the participants to work in groups that share similar motivations to theirs, emphasising that this is not as common in the workplace.

2.5 – E+ Training Course: Facilitarium 2 - Art of Visual Facilitation of Learning

*Consilium Development and Training
Worcester, United Kingdom 14th September – 22nd September 2016
Maltese participants: Jodie Bonnici and Alix Abela*

In the month of September "Facilitarium 2 - art of visual facilitation of learning" was held in Worcester, United Kingdom over 9 days. The training course was hosted by Consilium Development and Training and participating countries were UK, Estonia, Austria, Poland, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Lithuania, Romania, Spain, Bulgaria, Hungary and Greece. Facilitarium 2 sought the implementation of a highly practical, hands-on training course aimed at improving the quality of communication and educational activities of youth NGOs by means of providing their staff with a set of tools and practices for enhanced visual facilitation when organising educational or informational activities in the youth field including training courses, seminars, partners meetings, study visits, exchanges, presentations, meetings etc.) In one of the Maltese participants words, Jodie, "The training was awesome, I had such a good time. I felt like it was really well organised and well-thought out. It also felt like the whole group really worked well together. I personally loved all the energizer/activities we would play after a coffee break. I can easily apply them to my teaching English as a foreign language (in summer) or in the primary school I work in through-out the winter. I liked that we went back to basics with the drawing and how much the organizers reassured us that they are next expecting a work of art, rather the focus was on the meaning portrayed by the drawing/doodle." She also said that participants were given with plenty of well accessible reference to research once back home.

2.6 – E+ Partnership Building Activity: 'I Love Project' Contact making seminar

Organised by Youth Art Research and Training Association

Istanbul, Turkey, 16th November – 22nd November 2016

Maltese participant: Bernard Bonello

"I Love Project" was held in Turkey in the month of November gathering 26 youth workers from 25 different countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia FYROM, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, the Netherlands, the UK, Turkey) with the most important aim of creating an atmosphere where new partnerships and projects start. The main objective for this project was to provide participants with the necessary lowdown on "project management skills" and "media tools". It also aimed at fostering budding projects ideas through the observation of good practices of present NGOs during the PBA. In Bernard's words: "Being the sole representative of MU YA I felt that this project held me responsible to bring back potential professional relations with other NGO's. This in turn motivated me to participate fully in the project and in due time resulted in giving me enough motivation to apply for a future projects within the National Agency in Malta."

2.7 – SALTO Youth Partnership-Building Activity : stART-up your creative exchange

Organised by Erasmus+ Youth Netherlands (National Agency)

De Glind, Netherlands, 1st March – 5th March 2017

Maltese participant: Jodie Bonnici

The next project for this term was a special one in that not many SALTO Youth opportunities are the norm due to the need of a higher degree of NGO involvement and enthusiasm needed for such projects. Furthermore selections are on the national level and made by National Agencies of the applying country. The project consisted of 5 days (including travel) grouping 28 participants and the focus of this PBA was to provide the Maltese participant with the opportunity to explore the possibilities of creating youth exchange projects. Through non-formal learning methods participants got the chance to look into and learn about: art & creative forms as educational tools, how to involve youth actively in developing and organizing youth exchanges, getting new insights on creating good learning environments and also how to work with young people on awareness of learning the implications of competences they develop during these youth exchanges.

2.8 – E+ Youth Exchange : Accept me, accept my culture (APV)

Organised by Klub študentov Kranj

Kranj, Slovenia, 13th April – 14th April 2017

Maltese participant: Bernard Bonello

The advanced planning visit (APV) "Accept me, accept my culture" was a short meeting in Kranj between 4 national leaders and the hosting organisation in order to prepare for the upcoming youth exchange that will be held over a span of 8 days from the 10th May to 18th. The participant told MU YA that throughout the APV all targets required by the participating NGOs were discussed in a clear and structured manner. Furthermore, this short visit gave the opportunity for national leaders to experience logistical aspects such as travel routes & accommodation facilities. While these were very briefly experienced, leaders could give comments / suggestion to the host Nika Ajdovec in order to best prepare for the arrival and necessities of 24 participants. Certain items in the schedule were also discussed with the project leader and altered, were deemed necessary. Also, certain activities that the participants during the youth exchange are to engage in (such as brisk walking trip) were exercised first hand by this team of leaders in order to best prepare the participants and the amenities they would be needing. Bernard said that "at one time the activity consisted in climbing the mountain St. Jost, close to Cukrarana hostel where the participants will be situated". The participant continued by saying that the climb was quite a difficult challenge, but will be sure that the rest of the participants will be able to make it!

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3. Other Meetings & Collaborations

3.1 – Meet up with ESCC members at Wied il-Lunzjata

16th April 2016

As the kick start event of the newly elected committee following AGM 2016, committee members headed to the island of Gozo to meet with Education, Science and Culture Centre (ESCC) members at Wied il-Lunzjata, Victoria. Headed by UNESCO Ambassador Dr Joe Vella Gauci, members of Wied il-Lunzjata ESCC are also active members of UNESCO's Associated Schools Project (ASPnet). The Centre works in close collaboration with the Gozo College on various initiatives related to UNESCO. After a warm welcome the committee was given a brief overview about the centre's activities and objectives. Rodianne Cassar, president of MUYA gave a presentation about the activities of MUYA. Ian Grech & Kevin Schiberras, ASPnet Project Leader and National Coordinator respectively, explained that a possible collaboration can be achieved between MUYA and APSnet network. The centre and MUYA committee members came up with an action plan to be developed over the next months. After the successful completion of the meeting MUYA members were taken around Wied il-Lunzjata Valley and given an overview of the nature around this valley. Throughout the following months in 2016 - 2017, MUYA has worked closely with the centre designing a sustainable development project aimed at children aged between 7- 11.

3.2 – Meeting with the President

21st May 2016

On this special day, MUYA had the honor to meet Her Excellency Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, the President of Malta. The President invited MUYA's new committee members at her personal residence in the San' Anton Gardens to chat for a couple of hours over some tea or coffee. After friendly introductions and enquiring about every one of our background, the discussion proceeded about MUYA's activities and how young society in today's world are essential for the ongoing of such activities. Her Excellency emphasised how every single one person is able to make a difference. MUYA Committee members were also pleased to meet the President's very friendly dog Cookie!

3.3 – Beautiful World : Unity Through integration

3rd September 2016

On the 3rd of September MUYA was invited to joint an evening festival "Beautiful World : Unity Through Integration" organised by the Moroccan Community in Malta and supported by the Malta Council of Voluntary Services (MCVS) Small Initiative Support Scheme. On the day a number of traditional and informative stalls were set up together with a main stage at the centre of the square on which activities such as live singing, dancing, acting etc were held during the evening. The aim of the event was to group various entities such as organisations in order to promote the value of integration between different communities and giving the necessary platform for participation and information in a public event. The general public attended the activities and got a chance to get to know about the different smaller communities residing in Malta. The President of Malta, H.E Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, also visited the event and greeted participants and also organisers.

3.4 – Malta International Tool Fair XI

9th November 2016

On the 9th of November MUYA teamed up with Agenzija Zghazagh and EUPA for the hosting of the 11th edition of the International Tool Fair at the Youth Village in Sta Venera. The focus of this edition was that of "Tools for Solidarity and Inclusion". More than 100 trainers and youth workers representing different organisations from across Europe and neighbouring countries were invited for this tool fair. The scope of the participation of MUYA in this event was to explore new possibilities and project ideas for future collaborations and to showcase to other youth workers, trainers and youth organisations from around Europe and its neighbouring countries the work that MUYA does with young people through the setting up of an information stand. By the end of the event lots of interesting connections were made to trainers across the world!

3.5 – Universal Children's World Day

20th November 2016

Towards the end of this term, Malta UNESCO Youth Association teamed up with AEGEE-Valletta in the organisation of a Maltese lesson for international students and foreigners which were at the time residing in Malta. The lesson focused on giving a brief overview about simple but useful everyday Maltese phrases, to give an insight on Maltese culture and also to get to know each other. At the end of the event the participants were invited to have some typical Maltese food and drinks.

3.6 – KNZ Meet & Mingle
23rd November 2016

On the 23rd of November 2016 the Kunsill Nazzjonali taż-Żghazagh invited executive committee in KNZ's umbrella network to the first of a series of informal meetings with the objective of grouping KNZ's Council members and also various NGOs together to network informally in a chilled atmosphere. This first event took place at Caccu Bar in Qormi In the words of one participant this was a "Very pleasant evening. Hope to continue 'mingling' more in the future."