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## Introduction

This particular year for many including MUYA was different in more ways than one. Nevertheless, the MUYA team focused on what can be done to still achieve attainable goals in preparation for a more active next term.

Throughout the years 2020/2021 MUYA focused on applying for more projects and concluding the local collaborations which were started in the beginning of the term.

A lot of international projects were envisaged for this term for MUYA, however due to the current COVID-19 global pandemic it was only possible to actualize one project. Despite all, MUYA successfully managed to send 5 of its members abroad this year. Conditions permitting, another six mobilities are planned for the upcoming months. Due to the backlog of postponed projects across all countries, MUYA has noticed a decrease in new project proposals from international partners. Even so, the Committee is positive that slowly but surely the mobilities will ramp up once a more stable situation is ascertained across EU program countries and beyond.

One of MUYA's most significant achievements for this year is the conclusion of a one year long discussion about an official premises for MUYA. That's right! Following a relationship of trust built after close collaborations with Žejtun Local Council, after 14 years MUYA has a place to call its headquarters - Luqa Briffa Gardens. For the first time MUYA has also secured an Erasmus+ Key Action 2 project "Learn2Play" which will span over April 2021 – June 2023.



## **1. National projects and local activities**

### **1.1 – Annual General Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Malta UNESCO Youth Association annual AGM in 2020 was held at Grabieli premises in Marsascala with the appointed Chairperson Ms Anson Aquilina. 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 2019 to the date of the AGM: National projects, International projects local and overseas and future projects. Following this, Reece Delia presented the financial report on behalf of the Treasurer Bernard Bonello. During this AGM, Ms Rodianne Cassar, was re-confirmed in her current role of President, while Mr Christian Briffa was reconfirmed in his current role of PRO. Since these members were reconfirmed in their current positions and no other contestants submitted their nominations for these posts, no voting procedures as per Statute were necessary. New candidates Ms Anthea Xuereb submitted her nomination for the post of International Officer while Mr John Paul Formosa and Mr Karthick Ilango submitted their nomination for the role of Committee Member. During the AGM it was decided by majority voting that all candidates will be elected on the board and thus the elections were not deemed necessary following this decision. This means that for the current term MUYA will be composed by a total of 8 Committee Members and the role assignments will be decided through the frequent Committee Meetings. No changes to the statute were made for the year 2020 and thus, the previous Statute was reconfirmed. At the end of the AGM, Mr Anson Aquilina and Ms Christianne Caruana were confirmed on the Board of Vigilance for the coming year.

### **1.2 – Achievers Scheme Grant Award Ceremony**

14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The Ministry for Justice, Equality and Governance organized an event to distribute its grants for the Achievers Scheme of 2019 for which Malta UNESCO Youth Association was awarded for its project "Ghana Meets Rap". The event was organised at the Fortress Builders – Fortifications Interpretation Centre, St Mark's Street, Valletta. MUYA's Treasurer & project organizer Mr. Reece Delia attended the event on behalf of the rest of the Committee.

### **1.3 – Small Initiative Support Scheme (SIS) Grant Award Ceremony**

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

The Malta Council for Voluntary Services (MCVS) organised an event to distribute its grants to benefiting organisations with respect to the Small Initiatives Support Scheme (SIS) 2021 project platform. MUYA submitted the project "Kelmtejn bil-Popolin". The event was held at the Grand Hotel Excelsior in Floriana under the patronage of the Hon. Dr. Clifton Grima, Parliamentary Secretary for Sports, Recreation and Voluntary Organisations. MUYA's Treasurer & project organizer Mr. Reece Delia attended the event on behalf of the rest of the Committee.



## 2. Participation in international projects abroad

### 2.1 – E+ Youth Exchange: “On the Way to EDINU 2.0 – Building a Community of Values”

*Organised by Fahrten-Ferne-Abenteuer Ferienwerk gemeinnützige GmbH*

*Berlin, Germany, 11<sup>th</sup> September – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020*

*Maltese Participants: Sean Shraz, Gavin Schranz, Michela Rapa, Simon Cutajar, Nikolai Bjarnason*

EDINU 2.0 was the only International project for the term 2020 / 2021 due to various other accepted projects being postponed following the COVID-19 global pandemic. This project was originally scheduled for 11 to 19 May 2020 but was postponed by some months to allow for a more stabilized situation in the host country of Germany. Out of the 5 + 1 participants scheduled for each partner organisation, MU YA has successfully sent 5 participants for this project spanning 10 days. The main aim of this project was to reduce negative approach of young people in Europe towards persons with migration background by preventing radicalisation leading to aggressive behaviours and acts of discrimination. The YE employed the eduLARP (live action role play) methodology to step into shoes of a migrants and look at the processes from the first-person perspective. Educational LARPs consist of a storytelling part in which the context and the world that participants operate in is described, the creation of characters that participants become and the rules of the game that everyone plays. LARPs can also involve some additional elements like props, scenography and intrigues that together create the complete story. The participating countries in this YE were Germany, Poland, Malta, Cyprus, Croatia, Greece, Romania, Sweden and Slovenia. Surely the actualization of the project itself is an exceptional achievement considering the situation at the time. MU YA would like to thank the participants for their interest in participating in this project during such exceptional circumstances.

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### 3. Other Meetings & Collaborations

#### 3.1 – MU YA Premises

Since late 2019 MU YA has established a good working relationship with Żejtun Local Council. On previous meetings, MU YA Committee members have met with Councillor Mr. Sean Chircop and the Mayor of Żejtun, Ms. Maria Dolores Abela and MU YA Treasurer Mr. Reece Delia has closely worked with Mr. Sean Chircop in the systematic scripting of projects which were highly successful in obtaining funds – even when the amount of possible awardees were limited! Building on this successful two-way collaboration and following some meetings between the board of the Żejtun Local Council, the Council has entrusted MU YA to become curators of the premises located in Luqa Briffa Gardens, Żejtun. MU YA has just recently concluded the Memorandum of Understanding on the subject matter and usage of this location has started since 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 whilst keeping the premises clean and in order. MU YA will have access to the ground floor of Ġnien il-Kmandant located in Triq id-Dahlia ta' San Tumas, Żejtun. The whole MU YA committee is excited and looking forward to have an official inauguration to celebrate this milestone when conditions are favourable to do so! All the MU YA Committee Members would like to extend their thanks to Żejtun Local Council for their demonstrated trust in favour of youth organisations. We encourage that Local Councils and other similar establishments across Malta & Gozo to follow this great example being set up when collaborating with youth organisations, especially when it comes to many locations becoming increasingly neglected to an unusable state.

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## 4. Upcoming Projects and Events

### 4.1 – Future Participation in International projects abroad

MUYA currently has several approved projects that were to be actualized in 2020, which due to the COVID19 pandemic were postponed to a tentative July 2021. In total, MUYA has a total of 8 shelved projects which are already approved by the partner national agencies. The following is a list of the remainder projects which still need to be actualized in the upcoming year:

- “Lingua Franca” with the APV already organized in November 2019, Youth Exchange still to be done.
- “Visually” Organised by Ticker2Europe in Galicia, Spain
- “Game Zone” Organised by La Villa in France
- “Youth Sensing” APV + YE Organised by Buhino, Portugal
- “Creativity” Organised by Kids in Action, Greece
- “Gota D’Agua” Organised by Buhino, Portugal

### 4.2 – Pending Applications

Other applications, amongst which 1 project was selected on the reserve list by EUPA (KA1), will be resubmitted once accumulated projects are actualized.

### 4.3 – Approved Projects

In the years 2019/2021 MUYA has also been greatly active in applying & achieving awards for both local funding schemes and EU-based funds. On MUYA’s future schedule, 3 projects are planned with Żejtun Local Council (with MUYA contact point being Treasurer Mr. Reece Delia) and 2 Erasmus+ project (being coordinated by Committee Member Mr. Bernard Bonello). While some of the projects are carry overs from the 2019 / 2020 term, MUYA was also active in the past year in the application of new projects for the new term. The following gives a short resume of each project.

*Projects from the 2019 / 2020 term:*

“**Olive Twist**” was developed through a close collaboration between the Local Council of Żejtun, the NGO Wirt iż-Żejtun and the Voluntary Organisation Malta UNESCO Youth Association (MUYA). Out of several applications, Olive Twist was one of the final 3 projects selected by the funding body – Spazju Kreattiv – which makes MUYA extremely proud of this achievement with the awarded fund of 30,000 €! The project has the primary objective of bringing together an artistic team of seasoned artists, the majority of whom are born and raised in Żejtun itself, and the community in the picturesque town in the south of Malta, Żejtun in order to develop a structure that serves a landmark in one of the key central points of the town. The idea is to construct a structure that resembles the intertwining of the branches of the olive tree, an emblematic symbol of the town of Żejtun and indeed a central component of its cultural and historical heritage. The proposed impressions were designed by the artist Rune Bo Jakobsen for Misraħ Carlo Diacono. The project has now been moved to a new location The olive tree lends its name to the town itself, and hence is an integral part of the fabric that composes the society of Żejtun. Through the olive tree structure that will be developed, which will be a crucial component of the rehabilitation of Carlo Diacono Square in Żejtun to be undertaken by the Local Council of Żejtun given that the square remains a fulcrum of the town. The fund sponsoring this project is under the Art in Public Spaces Programme of 2019-2021 issued by Spazju Kreattiv & the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects (MITP).

“**Ghana Meets Rap**” also to be carried out in collaboration with the Local Council of Żejtun is a project that was originally scheduled to occur during the Żejtun GhanaFest. The awarded funding of 3000 € was gained through an application submitted by Treasurer Mr. Reece Delia through the Achievers Scheme of 2019 launched by Parliamentary Secretary for Reforms, Citizenship and Simplification of Administrative Processes. The project will be divided in 6 different workshops with the main aim to integrate youth in society from an early age.

On the European spectrum, the “**Erasmus+ KA1 Training Course EDUBOARDZ**” was also awarded funding. This project, originally scheduled for June 2020, was planned out for a tentative March 2021 and rescheduled again to 5-12<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and will see the participation of 30 Participants and 9 countries. The project “EDUBOARDZ” is aimed to introduce game-based learning and gamification for youth workers/youth leaders to incorporate in own work such that it is transferable to socially relevant topics.

*Projects from the 2020 / 2021 term:*

In 2020, MUYA also applied for the first **“Erasmus+ KA2 project Learn2Play”** first in May 2020 and re-submitted again in with the October 2020 deadline. Funding was awarded in January 2021. This will be a 26-month long project and the very first project of its kind for MUYA. The project will be implemented together with two partner organisations: Shokkin Group International and Fundacija ADJ, starting from April 2021 to June 2023. The aim of the project is to create 6 easily reproducible board games for youths aged between 13-18 years for the development of soft skills such as time management, problem solving, creative thinking and teamwork. The first transnational activity for leaders is planned for the end of May 2021.

In 2020, MUYA applied for **“Kelmtejn bil-Popolin”** through the Small Initiatives Scheme by the Malta Council for Voluntary Services (MCVS). For this project Malta UNESCO Youth Association has been awarded 3000 €. The aim of this project written by MUYA Treasurer Mr. Reece Delia is to organise a competition amongst Maltese youth promoting the use of Maltese dialect. The entries will be reviewed by a board of professional juries followed by an official award ceremony. This project will be carried out in conjunction with Żejtun Local Council as well as the Għaqda tal-Malti and other local associations promoting the Maltese language. The chosen texts will be published in a book and made available to the general public. The project is planned to start in July 21 – October 21.