

Malta UNESCO Youth Association

Annual General Meeting, Monday, 12th March 2018 at 18:45hrs

At Kunsill Nazzjonali Żgħazagħ Office, Floriana

Minutes of Malta UNESCO Youth Association [MUYA]'s AGM 2018

Opening of the Meeting

The chairman for this year's AGM, Ms. Sarah Suda opened the session and welcomed the attendees. The Committee Member, Mr. Reece Delia was appointed to take the meeting minutes.

Subsequently, the chairman went through the agenda for the AGM.

Apologies for absences

Mr. Claude Ebejer, Mr. Bernard Bonello, Mr. Mariano Galea and Mr. Owen Parnis were not present during the meeting and had no proxies to represent them.

Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting [2017]

The minutes for 2017's AGM, which took place on 19th April 2017 and which was chaired by Mr. Anson Aquilina, were sent out to all MUYA's members by Ms. Thelma Bonello through e-mail before the AGM. Minutes were proposed by Ms. Rodianne Cassar and seconded by Mr. Reece Delia.

Presentation of Annual Report

The annual report was prepared and presented by Ms. Thelma Bonello.

➤ National Projects:

- Annual General Meeting 2017 held on 19th April 2017;
- Committee Photoshoot at Casa Notabile, Rabat;
- *Min hu l-Malti Project* inaugurated on 1st September 2017 – this project was carried out following the initiative of one of the members of MUYA, Ms. Sara Pace, who approached Ms. Rodianne Cassar and Ms. Thelma Bonello with the idea of creating a project on migrants living in Malta. The project was sponsored through the Be Active Scheme and involved a series of meetings with migrants living in Malta, with a final video and several artworks being exhibited at the Malta Postal Museum throughout the first week of September. The project was very successful and Agenzija Zghazagh have asked us to send them the videos related to the project;
- Training Course in Malta held between 1st and 8th September 2018 – Grasshopper;
- Children, Youth and the Environment Project (November 2018) – a series of workshops were held with primary school students to see what they expect from their built environment. Their ideas were then used as an input for the creation of artistic

installations using recyclable materials by a group of youth at the Msida playground on 25th November 2017. They were exhibited there for a week - **point raised: how can we make sure that the results of these projects have a bigger impact?**

- 11th Birthday Drinks – a low-key and intimate event held with some of MU YA’s members.

➤ International Projects:

- E+ Youth Exchange: GRASSHOPPER – exchange organised in Malta during the first week of September 2017 with the main aim of transmitting ways of leading a healthy lifestyle to participants. The project was written by MU YA’s Treasurer, Mr. Bernard Bonello, and was successful in receiving funds under ERASMUS + KA1. Bernard was inspired by the idea following a project he attended in Turkey. Mr. Christian Briffa, Committee Member, was a participant. All committee members assisted during the exchange;
- E+ Youth Exchange in Portugal on Risk Behaviour;
- E+ Youth Exchange in Greece (end of July 2017 – 2 weeks) + APV (which Ms. Thelma Bonello attended – the APV was a good occasion to meet organisers from other associations which MU YA has collaborated with in the past. Thelma shared with the Committee how the organisers clearly communicated the message that the participants were expected to live with and work with people with disability);
- E+ Youth Exchange in May 2017 (Slovenia);
- E+ Youth Exchange in December 2017 (Hungary – Film Me: Inclusion);
- Training Course in February 2017 (Italy).

➤ Other meetings and collaborations:

- Radju Marija Promotional Slot – *Minn Kull Aspett*;
- GWIDA Article on MU YA;
- J-Challenge (November 2017) – MU YA had a stand which was manned by the committee members on a shift basis. Many activities were organised for youth and this was a good opportunity to reach out and meet new members;
- Meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary for Youth, Sport and VOs Ryan Borg – Held on 28th November 2017. He encouraged Rodianne and Thelma who attended the meeting to establish a tighter relationship with the National Commission in Malta and see whether there are any funds MU YA could tap into. **TO FOLLOW UP: Project proposed by Mr. Ryan Borg on training courses allowing local NGOs to observe how issues related to the environment and transport are tackled abroad so that they can be implemented eventually in Malta;**
- Meeting held with the Minister for Education (02/02/2018) – Minister is responsible for the election of the Board of the Commission for the UNESCO in Malta. Discussed with him possibilities of having a venue for MU YA but he believed this would be very difficult to get;

- Networking Event held by the KNŻ (21/10/2017) - Mr. Fabio Scicluna also attended lectures held by the KNŻ and the annual elections;
 - Meeting with the President of Malta (07/02/2018) – main topic of discussion was the potential collaboration between MUYA and the President Foundation. Meeting was held with the Chairman of the President Foundation who has invited us to take part in an activity for children which shall show them what it means to be a NGO.
- Future Projects:
- 3 Upcoming International Projects (Hungary, Italy, Georgia);
 - Charlemagne Youth Prize – Submission (Results pending);
 - InterACT Project – a platform promoting foreign language use in Malta amongst youth (project submitted for VOPS Call – Results pending);
 - Game Zone – project submitted with Pavel (Estonia) for a training course in Malta scheduled for September 2018 in which 8 countries would take part and the central theme would be the use of educational games within the community (Results pending).
- Pending Items and Issues raised:
- Meeting to be held with National Commission – to set a meeting with new Chairman Ray Bondin;
 - Eleo and the Bubble Planet – to work on promoting the French and Italian versions and seeing ways of how the publication of the book can be funded;
 - MUYA Headquarters – search for a location to hold all MUYA’s items is still pending. It was suggested that a restored building should be used or to contact local councils - meetings scheduled with Siggiewi, Qormi and Attard. Mr. Fabio Scicluna also suggested the use of boathouses whilst using Skyparks’ premises which apparently gives a floor to NGOs for just meetings was another point raised.
 - To establish contact with the Commissioner for Children and Youth in other countries as well as UNESCO Youth Associations abroad;
 - To establish contact with Mr. Tony Attard (Teatru Salesjan);
 - It was proposed to hold follow-up meetings with members attending Yes and training programmes to see how the concepts they learned during their exchange/training course could be introduced and implemented at a local level. Empowering members to see how they could collaborate with MUYA to put their ideas into fruition;
 - To organise seminar with committee members to come up with the mission and vision for MUYA which remains quite unclear and short-sighted.

The Annual Report was proposed by Ms. Rodianne Cassar and seconded by Mr. Christian Briffa.

Presentation of Treasurer’s Report

The committee member, Mr. Reece Delia, presented the financial report for the financial year ended 31st December 2017 on behalf of MUYA’s Treasurer, Mr. Bernard Bonello. The financial accounts were

reviewed by Ms. Elvira Tabone, CPA given that turnover exceeded €20,000. Reece commented that it was MUYA's aim to make good use of the healthy balance MUYA has. A cash deficit of €4,000 as at 31st December 2017 was present although this was primarily due to a time lag in the receipt of funds for certain projects which were received in the first few months of 2018 (Environmental Fund, remaining balance for Grasshopper project). Reece explained in detail that most income came from grants on local projects and refunds issued from host organisations while the events for which funds were spent, mostly related to accounting services, committee meetings, travel refunds as well as disbursements related to local projects. Ms. Sarah Suda agreed that the money in the bank account should be used whilst Ms. Rodianne Cassar explained how funds were distributed.

Ideas to make use of the funds included:

- Translation of the book (suggested by Rodianne);
- Renting a venue (suggested by Fabio).

The treasurer's report was proposed by Ms. Thelma Bonello and seconded by Ms. Maxine Bellissimo.

Notice/s of Motion

None

Voting on Notice/s of Motion

None

Committee Nominations

Ms. Sarah Suda listed out the positions up for election in the AGM, together with the nominees. Ms. Rodianne Cassar, Ms. Maxine Bellissimo, Mr. Fabio Scicluna and Mr. Christian Briffa were re-confirmed in the position of the President, International Officer, Press Release Officer and Committee Member respectively, without need of election as there were no other candidates for this post.

Board of Vigilance

Mr. Anson Aquilina and Ms. Christianne Caruana were confirmed on the Board of Vigilance for the coming year.

Closure

The President, Ms. Rodianne Cassar thanked the attendees and closed the meeting.