

Malta UNESCO Youth Association

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, 2nd September 2020 at 18:00

At Grabiell Terraza, Marsasclala

Minutes of Malta UNESCO Youth Association (MUYA) AGM 2020

Opening of Meeting

Mr. Anson David, chairing the 13th MUYA's Annual General Meeting welcomed the attendees and showed the appreciation during this COVID-19 period. A review of the agenda was provided.

Apologies for absences

Ms. Anthea Xuereb and Mr. Fabio Scicluna are excused as they could not be present in person in this meeting and had no proxies to represent them.

Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

Minutes from 2019 AGM are available on-line and distributed amongst the members. Report was nominated by Mr. Bernard Bonello and seconded by Mr. Christian Briffa.

Presentation of Annual Report

Ms. Thelma Bonello presented the Annual Report for year 2019, starting by the AGM for 2019, held on 14th February at KNZ premises.

National Projects and Local Activities:

- SINFONIJA – Cultural Integration and Inclusion through the Power of Music:
 - o A video clip to summarise the Sinfonija Project was projected. Ms. Thelma Bonello explained that this project was applied for funds with the Malta Arts Council and consisted of 12 monthly workshops with a final concert held on the 16th November, 2019
 - o It was concluded that with a turnout of 250 people this was one of the most successful events for this financial year.
- Erasmus+ EUPA Grant Award Ceremony:
 - o Mr. Bernard Bonello, Mr. Christian Briffa and Mr. Reece Delia represented MUYA for the funds award ceremony for TC "LEAD: Leadership, Exploration and Development".

International Project implemented locally:

- "LEAD: Leadership, Exploration and Development" Erasmus+ Training Course:
 - o The training course implemented locally in 2019 was called "LEAD: Leadership, Exploration and Development" held between the 25th August and 2nd September 2019 at Villa Psaignon, Dingli. Mr. Bernard Bonello gave a brief description of the purpose of the training course and the outcomes.
 - o Mr. Bonello commented that this Erasmus+ project Lead was awarded as being the best project within 2019. A short summary was provided to the EUPA and was put on their portal.

Participation in International Projects Abroad:

MUYA has participated in a total of 17 projects across 12 different countries with a total of 69 participants participating, which is yet another record compared with 2019, with a 45% increase in projects participation.

- E+ Training Course: Update to Transnational
- E+ Training Course: Humanities Hand
- World Heritage Youth Symposium
- E+ Training Course: Visual Dreamers
- E+ Youth Exchange: Make it Rural
- E+ Training Course: Creatamity
- E+ Training Course: Wings of Youth Work
- E+ Youth Exchange: Humanity on the Road
- E+ Youth Exchange: Creativity – Migration and Solidarity
- E+ Training Course: Leadership through Humanitarian Values
- E+ Youth Exchange: Creativity UK 5 – Democracy through Creativity
- E+ Youth Exchange: Let's Grow
- E+ Youth Exchange: Humanity on the Road - 2
- E+ Training Course: Combating the differences
- E+ Youth Exchange APV: Lingua Franca
- E+ Training Course: Let Youth Take Control
- E+ Training Course: Radical Escape

Ms. Thelma Bonello highlighted the participants most participating in TC's and YE's and recommended to contact these people to involve them further in the organisation.

Other meetings and collaborations:

- POLIFEST – Celebrating Europe Day, Celebrating Democracy: held on 3rd May 2019 in view of the MEP Elections
- Meeting with Siggiewi Local Council: held on 5th November 2019 to establish contact with Siggiewi Local Council and understand whether a collaboration is possible
- Planting Trees: held on 11th November 2019 together with ACT
- MUYA Committee Meets ME: held on the 11th February 2020 at Ta' Martin Billiards Hall in Mosta to meet prospect candidates for the next Committee Elections.
- Meeting with Zejtun Local Council: organized on the 24th February 2020 whereby various points were discussed, including the ongoing collaboration between MUYA and Zejtun Local Council.

Future and Upcoming Projects:

- *Participation in International projects abroad:*
 - "On the Way to EDINU 2.0" organised by Fahrten-Ferne-Abenteuer Ferienwerk gemeinnützige GmbH which will be held in September 2020
 - "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

- “Edularp” Organised by Fahrten-Ferne-Abenteuer Ferienwerk gemeinnützige GmbH in Germany
 - “Gota D’Agua” Organised by Buhino, Portugal
- *Pending Applications:*
- Other application, amongst which 2 projects were selected on the reserve list by EUPA (one KA1 project and one KA2 project) will be both re-submitted for the October 2020 deadline. If approved, the “Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices” project will be the first project of its kind organised by Malta UNESCO Youth Association and two partner organisations.
 - Erasmus+ Training Course – Get Across: currently on the reserve list, re-applying on 1st October, 2020
 - Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership for Youths (KA2) – Learn2Play: currently on the reserve list, re-applying on 1st October, 2020
- *Approved Projects:*
- Olive Twist: Approved Project from Spazju Kreattiv funds – Ms Thelma Bonello gave a brief description on the project which is currently in work in progress. The team is finding a new location for the structure due to the first proposed location not being accepted Transport Malta.
 - Ghana meets Rap (Zejtun GhanaFest): Approved project from Achievers Scheme, which will consist of 6 workshops of Ghana and rap with a final presentation. This project is currently postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Erasmus+ Training Course – EDUBOARDZ: Approved project initially planned for June 2020 and now postponed to March 2021, due to COVID-19 pandemic

The Annual Report was proposed by Mr. Reece Delia and seconded by Mr. Bernard Bonello.

Presentation of Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Reece Bonello, MUYA’s Treasurer, presented the financial report for MUYA. There was a total income of Eur 44,805.66, with 59% coming from training courses LEAD and EDUBOARDZ. There was a Eur 42,055.15 of expenditure with the top expense being the execution of Lead TC. Excess of Income over expenditure is Eur 2,750.51 with a healthy balance of approx. Eur 20,000 as at December 2019. The treasurer congratulated the committee for the financial health and proposed to follow suit in 2020.

The Treasurer’s Report was proposed by Ms. Thelma Bonello and seconded by Ms. Rodianne Cassar.

Notice/s of Motion

See below in “Committee nominations”.

Committee nominations

Mr Anson Aquilina read out the position up for election in the AGM, together with the nominees. Both President Ms. Rodianne Cassar and PRO Mr. Christian Briffa have re-applied for the same roles which were not contested by any other applications. Therefore, these roles were re-confirmed.

Following this, new candidates for the roles of International Officer and Committee Member were asked to present themselves to the audience. Mr. JohnPaul Formosa and Mr. Karthick Ilango provided a short speech each explaining their interest in joining MUYA as Committee Members while the

application of interest of Ms. Anthea Xuereb was read to the audience due to her absence in the meeting.

Since the only application for the role of International Officer was that of Ms. Xuereb, she was elected for this position.

With respect to the election of the Committee Member role and since both Mr. Formosa and Mr. Ilango showed keen interest in joining the Committee, Chairperson Mr. Anson David, proposed that as a one-time only exception, Clause 3.2.2 will be waived not to limit the number of persons in the Committee. This means that for the term 2020– 2022 eight (8) members will be on MU YA’s Committee instead of 7 members. Given that the board will be composed of an even number of persons, in the case of same voting majority, the President at the time will apply the casting vote.

Motion was passed with unanimous votes.

Therefore, and in accordance with the posts available for the election together with the above-mentioned waiver, the following are the roles that were confirmed and / or elected in this year’s AGM:

- Ms. Rodianne Cassar – President
- Mr. Christian Briffa - PRO
- Ms. Anthea Xuereb – International Officer
- Mr. Kartick Ilango – Committee Member
- Mr. JohnPaul Formosa – Committee Member

No votes were cast since all three applicants were elected to be part of the Committee.

Board of Vigilance

The Board of Vigilance has been confirmed with Mr. Anson Aquilina and Mrs. Christianne Caruana for the coming year.

Outgoing Executive

Committee Members leaving the committee, Ms. Maxine Bellissimo and Mr. Fabio Scicluna were thanked for their hard work throughout the previous works. The dedication and professionalism demonstrated even for a voluntary cause is exemplary. Ms Thelma Bonello thanked Ms Maxine Bellissimo personally for her recruitment and organisational skills demonstrated during the previous 4 years.

Closure

The President thanked all the attendees and wished the team best success for the next year with a space to carry out all postponed activities.