

Malta UNESCO Youth Association

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 4th May, 2022 at 19:30

At Jacob's Brew, Marsascala

Minutes of Malta UNESCO Youth Association (MUYA) AGM 2022

Opening of Meeting

Mr. Fabio Scicluna, chairing the 15th MUYA's Annual General Meeting welcomed the attendees and introduced the agenda for the meeting, indicating that various points would be discussed until the election would be carried out.

Apologies for absences

Mr. Christian Briffa is excused as he 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 2021 AGM are available online and distributed amongst the members. Report was nominated by Ms. Rodianne Cassar and seconded by Ms. Anthea Xuereb.

Presentation of Annual Report

Ms. Thelma Bonello presented the Annual Report for year 2021. The following are the key point presented in the report:-

National Projects and Local Activities:

- AGM 2021:
 - o The first event kicking off the term 2021/2022 was the AGM, held on the 19th August, 2021 at Jacob's Brew Marsascala. The AGM was postponed to later in the year because of the pandemic and on agreement with the Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations (OCVO). The posts up for election were those of Secretary General, Treasurer and Committee member.
- Olive Twist Inauguration:
 - o On the 4th October 2021, the Olive Twist structure was inaugurated in Zejtun, together with Zejtun Local Council through the Spazju Kreattiv funding, concluding a 2 year long local project by MUYA. The project was held in collaboration with Zejtun Local Council.
- Kelmtejn mill-Popolin book launch:
 - o The event held on the 13th March 2022 launched a book containing prose, poetry and dialect publications written by the general public. In the event the best compilations in each category were awarded based on votes cast by a mixed jury. The project was possible through the Small Initiatives Scheme fund by MCVS, for which MUYA was awarded 3000€. The project was held in collaboration with Zejtun Local Council.

International Projects implemented by MUYA:

- **E+ Transnational Project Meeting (TPM): Learn2Play**

Between 4th and 8th June, 2021, Mr. Bernard Bonello and Ms. Anthea Xuereb have participated in the Transnational Project Meeting (TPM) in Estonia to meet up with the other organisation representative, as part of the first face to face meeting for this KA2 project.

- **E+ Training Course: EDUBOARDZ**

This project was held in the University Residence in Lija between the 31st August and 7th September, 2021. 30 youth workers from 9 different countries participated in this project and 7 different board games were created, tested and then published in an book containing the printable games.

Participation in International Projects Abroad:

In the past year MUYA was partners in 9 international projects, however due to the slow interest in participating in transnational activities in the midst of a pandemic, only a total of six projects were actualized, managing to send a total of 16 abroad for this term.

- The E+ Youth Exchange: “Creativity Hungary” was held in Hungary between the 16th and 24th July, 2021. The project treated the subject of entrepreneurship, organised by Open Space Association.
- The E+ Training Course: “Gamezone” was held in France between 7th and 14th August, 2021, organised by La Villa. Mr. Karthick Ilango, one of the participants present during the AGM, explained the game related to migration that he created together with other participants.
- The E+ Training Course: “From Migration to Integration” was held in Bosnia & Herzegovina between 27th August and 5th September 2021. This project was treating migration and MUYA supported the official partnering organisation with one participant.
- The E+ Youth Exchange: “Creativity Greece” was held in Greece between 6th and 15th September, 2021. The project was organised by Kids in Action and Mr. John Paul Formosa described the experience of this YE which related to integration of the people located in the Tsaf Tsouf summer camp with the rest of the community.
- The E+ Training Course: “EDULARP” was held in Germany between the 11th and 19th October, 2021 and it was addressing the use of LARP (Live Action Role Play) tool in the community.
- The E+ Training Course: “Social Games” was held in Finland between the 24th and 31st of March 2022 and it was related to games which participants can use in their youth work.

The other 3 project were all held in Portugal in July 2021 and MUYA was not able to find participants due to the COVID-19 cases in Portugal and the high risks to travel at the time.

Other meetings and collaborations:

- Inauguration of Luqa Briffa Gardens – on the 22nd July 2021, MUYA was invited by the Żejtun Local Council to attend the launch since the MUYA Premises are located in this garden.
- Reconnecting Youth Organisations – organised by Aġenzija Żgħażaġh on 12th March, 2022. The purpose was to reconnect the different organisations after the global pandemic and workshops were held on Environment and Project Funding Schemes.
- European Solidarity Corps Proposal Writing – organised by Aġenzija Żgħażaġh between March and April 2022, these were 4 training sessions held related to funds. Ms. Thelma Bonello

explained that this fund is for 18 – 30 years old participants and the funding available is a maximum of 6000€.

Future and Upcoming Projects:

- *Participation in International projects abroad:*

Ms. Thelma Bonello commented that the number of international projects has decreased, which may be due to the decreased number of Erasmus+ KA1 submission deadlines from three to two (one in February and one in October). Only one international project is currently approved.

- “Visually” organised by Ticker2Europe will be held in Galicia, Spain in Summer 2022.

- *Approved Projects:*

Ms. Thelma Bonello commented that in the years 2021/2022 MUYA has been successful in applying for EU-based funds, continuing the good practise of organising at least one international project per year locally:

- The E+ KA1 Training Course “Get Across” is going to be held between 9th and 16th August, 2022 in Dingli, Malta.

Projects from the 2020 / 2021 term:

- The E+ KA2 2nd TPM “Learn2Play” will be held between 18th and 21st August, 2022 in Marsaxlokk, Malta. The project started officially in April 2021 and it will end in 2023 (26 months in total) with the involvement of 3 organisations (MUYA, Shokkin Estonia, Fundacja ADJ). The aim of the project is to develop soft skills through board games. Market research will be conducted to obtain information from youth in terms of needs of soft skills that require major development. For TPM #2, project coordinator Mr. Bernard Bonello, explained that two people from each country will be attending the mobility with the aim to present prototype games prepared by the three organisations about subjects that the youth want to tackle. This event will be followed a training course which will be held in Estonia in March 2023 and the TPM #3 will be held in Poland in April 2023.

The Annual Report was proposed by Ms. Therese Ellul and seconded by Mr. John Paul Formosa.

Presentation of Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Reece Delia, MUYA’s Treasurer, presented the financial report for MUYA. There was a total income of Eur 29,348.76, with the major contributor being the Erasmus+ projects funds for local implementation. The total expenditure was Eur 34,037.63 with the main expense being the EDUBOARDZ project, followed by Learn2Play. The closing balance as of 31st December, 2021 was Eur 32,904.39. The treasurer congratulated the committee for the financial health and proposed to follow suit in 2022. Mr. Reece Delia commented that the bank transfer fees are getting high. He also reminded that the membership fee should be more enforced as a means of income for MUYA as well as think about how to invest the money for example, into advertising MUYA through promotional videos.

The Treasurer’s Report was proposed by Ms. Thelma Bonello and seconded by Ms. Anthea Xuereb.

Notice/s of Motion

None.

Committee nominations

Mr. Fabio Scicluna read out the position up for election in the AGM, together with the nominees. President Ms. Rodianne Cassar and Mr. John Paul Formosa in the role of Committee Member are confirmed positions since there were no other applications for the roles.

Ms. Anthea Xuereb contested for the role of Public Relations Officer, moving from her previous role as International Officer. The post of International Officer was contested by Ms. Nicole Bartolo. Ms. Nicole Bartolo was asked to present herself as she as a new member of MUYA.

For all committee positions, the Secretary General and President confirmed that there were no other submissions of interest. Therefore, these nominations were accepted as elected with no votes cast.

Mr. Fabio Scicluna thanked Mr. Karthick Ilango and Mr. Christian Briffa for their service during their involvement in MUYA and welcomed Ms. Nicole Bartolo as newly elected in MUYA's committee. The committee is now back to 7 members.

Board of Vigilance

The Board of Vigilance will be confirmed with Mr. Anson Aquilina and Ms. Christianne Caruana for the coming year.

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. Ms. Rodianne Cassar commented that the past two years have been quiet for MUYA and it is hoped that this year, activities and projects will pick up.

Chairperson Mr. Fabio Scicluna thanked the people attending and closed the AGM.