

Malta UNESCO Youth Association

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, 4th March, 2023 at 18:00

At Jacob's Brew, Marsascala

Minutes of Malta UNESCO Youth Association (MUYA) AGM 2023

Opening of Meeting

Mr. Fabio Scicluna, chairing the 16th 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. Bernard Bonello was excused until 19:00 as he could not be present thereafter due to a personal matter that he needed to attend to.

Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

Minutes from 2022 AGM are available online and were distributed amongst the members. The Annual Report was nominated by Ms. Rodianne Cassar and seconded by Mr. John Paul Zammit.

Presentation of Annual Report

Ms. Thelma Bonello presented the Annual Report for year 2022. She opened her presentation by outlining that, following a meeting held with Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations (OCVO), a change will be made from this year onwards to the reporting structure of the Administrative Report submitted annually to the OCVO whereby only activities held through January to December each year will be outlined. The AGM report will therefore follow suit.

The following are the key point presented in the report:-

National Projects and Local Activities:

- AGM 2022:
 - The first event kicking off the year 2022 was the AGM, held on the 19th August, 2021 at Jacob's Brew Marsascala. There was a change in the Committee and Ms. Nicole Bartolo was elected, taking on the role of International Officer. Anthea Xuereb was re-elected in the role of PR Officer. From eight (8) Committee members, the committee back to seven members. Ms. Rodianne Cassar and Mr. John Paul Formosa were re-elected in their role current role of President and Committee Member for a term of two years.
- Whatsup? - 2022!
 - On the 28th of July 2022 MUYA participated in this event hosted by EUPA together with Aġenzija Żgħażaġh in light of the European Year for Youth. Various NGOs met together following the long break due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- MUYA Meets Me:
 - In 2022 MUYA successfully re-launched MUYA Meets Me events which were held on the 19th September and 22nd November Every 2 months - one was held in September and another in November.

- Members are encouraged to attend and get to know more about the work MUYA does.

International Projects implemented by MUYA in Malta:

- E+ Transnational Project Meeting (TPM): Get Across

Between 9th and 16th August 2022, 30 youth workers from 8 different countries participated in this project. The idea was to campaign for MUYA and they were given the tools to interact with people in different localities (Valletta, Mosta, Mdina, Birgu). Through this course, we took the opportunity to re-launch the MUYA Meets Me events. Final report was approved by the EUPA and the final % of the grant was given to MUYA. Through this event we met MUYA Member Mr. Nathan Anthony Pace which has since kept an active participation in MUYA.

- E+ Training Course: Learn2Play

Between 18th to 21st August 2022, Mr. Bernard Bonello and Mr. Mariano Galea have participated in the Transnational Project Meeting (TPM) in Maraxlokk, Malta to finally prototype the games that have been brainstormed since the project start in 2021. This project is under Key Action 2 projects and it will conclude itself in May 2023.

Participation in International Projects Abroad:

In the past year MUYA was partners in 5 international projects, with a total of 18 participants going abroad thanks to MUYA. Some of these included:

- The E+ Youth Exchange: “Climate Change? NO! Change Yourself” was held in September 2022 and treated environmental best practices, focusing on the prevention of forest fires. IT involved various outdoor activities such as camping, canoeing, grape harvesting and other activities.
- The E+ Training Course: “VISUALLY” was held in Spain in October 2022. Templates were created using the marketing tools provided. Many youth workers and teachers attended this exchange. Two templates were created for MUYA by Ms. Thelma Bonello who attended the training on behalf of MUYA. A 20km 8-hour hike was organised in a nearby forest and the relationship with trees and Spain was discussed. The teachers attending also did workshops locally with their respective schools.
- The E+ Training Course: “Welcome to the Chocolate Factory” was held in Germany in October 2022. This project discussed the history of chocolate and its relationship with topics such as child labour and the economy. Participants made their own chocolate.
- The E+ Training Course: “DEAL” was held in Turin, Italy in October 2022 and it was addressing the issues of employability, personal development and personal marketing and branding. The course focused on a book of Richard Bolles and focused on personal improvement and development.

Other meetings and collaborations:

- Learn2Play - the Committee met a total of 10 times (between April and August) where it worked on making 2 games and 3 prototype games for this project. The committee came up with two (2) final games - Skills Match (set of skills matched with characters who are famous) and Timetables (which focused on time management). In March 2023, the training course during which all games will be played will be held in Estonia.

- OCVO Meeting - meeting held between Ms. Thelma Bonello (for MUYA) and representatives from the Office. Meeting was held on how to divide the annual returns and how to prepare the annual accounts. The PO Box address needs to be replaced by another address for official documentation - the address granted was an MCVS address, postal address can however be kept for other type of mailing correspondences.

Future and Upcoming Projects:

- *Approved Projects:*
 - o The KA2 “Learn2Play” Training Course – this training course is the third out of four international mobilities in the KA2 project L2P and will be organised at the end of March in Estonia and participants have already been selected. This will be followed by the Learn2Play dissemination event to be held in Zejtun, Malta in April 2023 (showcasing the games in Malta, Poland and Estonia). 8 copies of the games will be distributed in the organisations and schools.
 - o The KA2 “Learn2Play” 3rd TPM – The last Transnational Programme will be held in Estonia in May 2023 and this is where the project will be concluded and marketing material for social media dissemination filmed/ and games will be finally available in printed format.
 - o The KA1 Training Course “DigiBox 3.0” was also approved and planned to be held at the end of October and beginning of November 2023 in Malta hosting 30 participants from nine (9) countries. The focus will be on social media and digital tools.
 - o The local project “The Musical Legacy of Carlo Diacono: A Concert promoting National Intangible Cultural Heritage” funded by VOPS Scheme by MCVS was awarded funding in October 2022. The main concert is to be held in December 2023 promoting the works of musical composer Carlo Diacono.

- *Participation in International projects abroad:*

Ms. Thelma Bonello commented that we applied for seven (7) international projects in total, usually we are applying a lot more per term. The approved interantion projects abroad at the time being are two:

- o “I Dream Green” Organised by Make it Happen NGO in Cyprus – April 2023
- o “Circus pedagogy as a tool of youth work” organised by Cirkus La Bulle & Društvo CIK in Pau, France – June / July 2023

The Annual Report was proposed by Ms. Thelma Bonello and seconded by Mr. Fabio Scicluna.

Presentation of Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Reece Delia, MUYA’s Treasurer, presented the financial report for MUYA. There was a total income of Eur 53,254.85, with the major contributor being the Erasmus+ projects funds for local implementation. The total expenditure was Eur 44,237.61 with the main expense being the Learn2Play and Get Across. The closing balance as of 31st December, 2021 was Eur 41,921.63. The treasurer congratulated the committee for the financial health and proposed to follow suit in 2023. Mr. Reece Delia commented that the bank transfer fees are getting high and hence it might be a good idea to consider other banks. He also reminded to think about how to invest the money for example, into advertising MUYA through promotional videos, and other members proposed other ideas such as organising more regular events (such as board game events or cinema nights) with members to make them more active, or potentially investing in infrastructural programmes. One of the members also proposed to organise collaborations with other youth organisations.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Mr. Reece Delia and seconded by Ms. Nicole Bartolo.

Notice/s of Motion

None.

Committee nominations

Mr. Fabio Scicluna read out the position up for election in the AGM, together with the nominees - Secretary General Ms. Thelma Bonello, Treasurer Mr. Reece Delia and Mr. Bernard Bonello in the role of Committee Member. 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.

The committee is still made up of seven (7) members.

Board of Vigilance

The Board of Vigilance was 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. This year needs to involve actions which aim to recruit new members, as her role will expire by end of year. MUYA Meets Me events should be organised and other events of a similar nature to attract new blood, which will ensure the future of MUYA. All Committee Members, especially those in Malta, need to work hard to achieve this.

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