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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

There are 2 things that are *hot* this summer 2022:

1. This unbearable rise in temperature which has left people physically exasperated;
2. This unbearable rise in prices which has left people mentally exasperated.

Conversations on all two topics have been ripe throughout the past few weeks. It seems more people understand the value of turning to social media to voice their opinions and concerns on these topics.

Previously, published comments and opinions on traditional media were filtered by editors and media gatekeepers, whereas now we can see that the control of negative replies has practically disappeared as we take our uncensored opinions to online platforms. As a result of this, I've noticed a growing trend of people posting anonymously for fear of backlash received when standing firmly on a topic. What's unchanged is the fact that abusive replies and hurling personal insults at people voicing their opinions remain simply unacceptable. Don't be one of those people – even if you are in complete disagreement with what you are reading. There are many ways to voice your different opinions and still be courteous in your approach to this.

People are irate; they are torn and tired. You can feel the low morale growing amongst most people around us. The heat makes everything worse. Financial struggles are real to not only pensioners and low-income households, but everyone in general where the simple life pleasures are barely affordable anymore. A coffee and a light snack are now the equivalent to 2 hours of (average paid) work, let alone a nice meal at a decent restaurant; and a 'cheap' night out is rarer when trying to avoid crowds with limited spaces unoccupied by tables and chairs of establishments. And when such spots are found, it's disheartening leaving airconditioned spaces because of the effects of global warming affecting our climate.

Unfortunately, the people's expressed concerns are not being met with the compassion deserving of it. Instead, they seem to be shrugged off as part of the inflation and recession crises that are taking place because of the current world situation. Though we need to keep in mind that there is always something that can be done. We hope that recent elected parliamentary members represent us justly and can voice our concerns on both the local and global political stage.

We have reached out to all elected women in parliament to augur them in their new political role and have asked them to share their electoral vision with our dear NCW Members, detailing any ambitions they wish to achieve as they embark on this exciting journey in parliament. On behalf of the Council, we'd like to thank those who took time from their busy schedules to come back to us.

Let's get to know who we should speak up to so that we can do so through the right channels. In the meantime, on behalf of the council, I hope you enjoy this newsletter and augur you a lovely summer ahead.

With all my well wishes,



Lara Gail Dougall
Editorial Board

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President's Message

Dear friends

The months have gone by and the summer season is here, which means that it is time for another issue of our newsletter. I hope that this summer will give us some time to relax and catch up with our families, friends and neighbours both locally and abroad, which we've so sorely missed in the past two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While I am writing these few words from the comfort of my home, we are in the middle of a heatwave which has hit Europe in the first few weeks of summer. And not just Europe. Several countries all over the world are already suffering greatly from drought and lack of water resources because of climate change, leading to less rain in the winter months and excessively high temperatures from the beginning of summer. I immediately began thinking about people who do not have our same resources and privilege in being able to withstand tough conditions, for many reasons.

In the middle of this, I was alerted to the noise made by the construction works that are still ongoing despite the heat. How can our workers be expected to push through and complete their work in such unsafe working conditions? Do they have the necessary equipment and protection to work in this heat?

Many Health and Safety regulations are in place but unfortunately not many are enforced by the local authorities, Malta needs a stronger enforcement of health and safety at work.

According to the OHSa (Malta's workplace safety watchdog) migrant workers are a particularly vulnerable group in Maltese society, when it comes to work safety.

The urban development is now very commonly viewed in Malta. There are an impressive number of operators in the construction industry. It has also become a sort of investment opportunity among private individuals but it is important that the third-party rights are highly protected. Malta needs to protect the well-being of our society ensuring that families feel safe in their homes, peace of mind to people living close to construction projects and ensure that development does not negatively impact the community.

During the United Nations General Assembly (UN-GA) in 2015, a collection of 17 interlinked global goals were set up: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) designed to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all by 2030. The second one of these goals talks about 'Zero Hunger', specifically to "end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture". According to the United Nations' (UN) Hunger Report, certain populations in different continents are going through severe food insecurity¹. This situation has come about due to lack of funds, resources, political decisions, climate change and conflicts around the world leaving their effects on the world economy. According to this report around 829 million people worldwide go to bed hungry every night² even though enough food is produced to potentially feed the global population. In fact, the conflicts and climate change which will see even more shocking changes in weather is not helping the situation to change and for targets to be reached by 2030.

This situation will cause more inequality and less access to health and education services which can provide a lifeline for people fighting poverty.

On a more local note, this summer, as in previous years, the National Council of Women will be holding its courses on its Blata l-Bajda premises. These will start in October 2022 and go on till May 2023 and are organised by the Directorate for Lifelong Learning (LL). We encourage people of all ages to register for these courses and look forward to hosting you in our building.

On behalf of the National Council of Women Executive members and I wish you a wonderful and restful summer for you and your loved ones.



Doreen Borg Zammit
President

¹ Action Against Hunger. 2022. *World Hunger: Key Facts and Statistics 2022*. [online] Available at: <<https://www.actionagainsthunger.org/world-hunger-facts-statistics>> [Accessed 11 July 2022].

² Ibid

New ICW President **MARTINE MARANDEL**

National Council of Women, Malta would like to send our congratulations to the new International Council of Women President, Martine Marandel who was recently elected at the ICW General Assembly in Avignon, France in May. Ms Marandel held the position of Hon. Treasurer for many years and NCW are very happy to continue working with her.



Meeting with

Hon. Julia Farrugia Portelli

Ministry for Inclusion, Social Wellbeing and Voluntary Organisations

Hon. Julia Farrugia Portelli has invited Ms Doreen Borg Zammit and Dr Josette Barbara-Cardona for a formal meeting at the Ministry for Inclusion, Social Wellbeing and Voluntary Organisations at Hal Lija. Hon. Julia Farrugia was very interested to know more about the council and how we work as a voluntary organisation. Ms Borg Zammit and Dr Barbara-Cardona have highlighted issues that we encounter as a voluntary organisation, one of which is funding. On the other hand, Hon. Farrugia was very much delighted to know that we as NCW practice inclusion in many ways. For instance, our building is accessible, we offer educational courses to everyone and we do not discriminate in terms of gender, ethnicity, age and ability. We look forward to collaborate further with Minister Hon Julia Farrugia and be of support to the proposed National Disability Strategy.



Meeting with

Hon. Andy Ellul

Parliamentary Secretary for Social Dialogue, Office of the Prime Minister

Hon. Andy Ellul invited delegates from the National Council of Women for a formal meeting at the Office of the Prime Minister in Castille Palace. Ms Doreen Borg Zammit, Dr Josette Barbara-Cardona, Dr Rebecca Wellman and Ms Mary Gaerty attended this meeting. The meeting with Hon. Andy Ellul was mainly based on the notion of social dialogue, and how we as National Council of Women can contribute towards this. The delegates of NCW mentioned that we are at the forefront to push forward recommendations based on what our members experience. For instance, NCW puts forward budget proposals, and we are happy to say that some recommendations were taken on board in previous budgets. The delegates also took this opportunity to welcome the substantial increase of women representatives in parliament. As NCW, we have always believed that there should be equal gender representation in any decision making entity. We hope that this mechanism will continue to instill trust in women candidates to reach such a balance. Additionally, Dr Andy Ellul praised our work, and we do hope that we will be able to work together to strengthen the social dialogue.



Meeting with

Hon. Clifton Grima

Minister for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation

Ms Doreen Borg Zammit and Dr Josette Barbara-Cardona were invited for a meeting with Dr Grima. Dr Grima was interested to learn about our education programme at NCW, and offered support and further collaboration. We spoke about our long-standing collaboration with the Department for Lifelong Learning, and this transpires from the ever increasing number of applicants and classes each year. Dr Grima acknowledged our work in the education sector, and has urged NCW to find more ways to collaborate for the benefit of society.



Malta's Elected Women MPs

Hon. Graziella Galea MP

I have, since birth, lived in a family where politics formed an integral part of our daily life. Through this experience I realised that if politics is used in the correct way, it should serve as a tool to support people and to make sure that people achieve a better quality of life.

My personal experience in active local politics started at a very early age when at the age of 24 I was elected as Mayor of San Pawl il Bahar in 2008, being the first woman serving as Mayor in the locality and the youngest female Mayor.

This experience taught me many lessons. I realised that people are often faced with personal challenges for which they need support to overcome. I realised that being a young woman in a male dominated world created a number of personal challenges as well, especially to face certain individuals. My years in the local council (until January 2022) gave me 14 years of direct experience trying to achieve changes which very often needed a change in mentality.

As a member of parliament it is my intention to strive for change where change is required, and to ensure that all Maltese are given equal opportunities in all aspects of life, this independently of their gender, age, social background and beliefs amongst other factors.

The last general election brought changes to the composition of the House of Parliament, changes which I gladly welcomed. It is an honor for me to be the woman who got the second most first preference votes amongst all women candidates. Being the only woman on the PN ticket to be elected in the first round of the last general election shows that the involvement of women in politics is still far from what is actually desired. It is a pleasure for me that through the casual elections and through the gender corrective mechanism there are much more women serving as members of Parliament during this legislature. Hopefully in the coming years more women are elected directly.

As a woman in politics I need to make sure that any issues directly related to women are discussed in Parliament, and need to make sure that these issues form part, regularly in the various discussions taking place. My aim is that of ensuring that women keep achieving the best possible results.

Naturally as a member of Parliament on the Opposition side there are limitations about which subjects could be put on the Parliamentary agenda but I will strive to present my opinions on the largest possible number of subjects possible.

We women have our own way of looking at things and I will try to promote these ideas as far as possible.



Hon. Katya De Giovanni MP

What spurred me to embark on my political journey was my own profession which is that of a psychologist. First of all there has never been a psychologist elected in parliament and I strongly believe that a background in the social sciences will enrich contributions in the highest institution of the country. Moreover, I have considerable experience in the educational sector and I feel that we really have to rethink our system. There is a lot of pressure on both educators and students and this needs to change with syllabi that are more reasonable and more relevant to what is needed in industry. We must also keep working for those who are at risk with incentives to help them get out of the poverty trap.

The party I stand for is the party in government which will continue to bring about the much needed changes in our country. Change has become a constant without which our country would not remain competitive within the geographical and political context in which it exists. We must continue to lead by example and to continue working on the reforms which will maintain our country in the forefront.



Hon. Romilda Baldacchino Zarb MP

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Enhancing Resource Preservation for Increased Security

Serenity in one's life is only possible when a sense of security prevails.

At work, Job security, at home one's financial position and relationships, one's health, the healthcare system. Most of these aspects are longer term aspects and never immediate. Until recently we did not think much about food we eat, water to drink, electricity to drive all the appliances and switch on the light and fuel for our car. Few would have expected food or energy would become such an issue, yet, in a few months this perception has changed.

History has never been the favorite subject of most students at school. Possibly, the lack of interest in history is the reason why decision makers at the highest levels keep making the same mistakes. How many lessons must one take before one finally learns!

For all our desire to see a global world, the reality today is that the world is composed of different countries. Many have cultures which lead to decisions we cannot begin to comprehend but for them make perfect sense! We have so many languages, and in truth in many countries the way of thinking is as different as the language they speak when compared to ours. In such a situation there is no right or wrong, but simply a matter of fact which must be accepted.

Anything from National disasters, to Pandemics or local disease outbreaks to humans, animals or crops, war or conflicts and political turmoil can all disrupt supply chains. It takes very little to impact prices. History is full of such spikes.

- The oil embargo in 1970s where Arab oil producers decided they wanted to exert pressure on countries which supported Israel.
- Argentinian beef banned due to Foot and mouth ex. in 2000. Several such incidents in last decades including Mad cow disease.
- Fukushima in 2011 resulted in a spike in Liquefied Natural Gas prices as Japan and Korea shut down their Nuclear plants.
- In early 2020, China suspended its export of medical equipment and medical consumables.
- In 2022 Russia's invasion of Ukraine has effectively cornered the entire food supply of Europe and most of the world, with over 30% of the world's wheat traded through Russia and Ukraine and also impacted the world gas prices due to the 250 Billion cubic metres of Gas exported annually by Russia and 7.8 Million daily barrels of Oil and refined products exported daily.

When the crude reality of the consequences of a lack of supply hit operators, any price becomes acceptable! This results in price spikes like we are experiencing today and the loss of serenity for most. Worst of all, one is faced with difficult choices. Do you stand up for what you believe in? Or do you let unacceptable situations persist because of fear you may not have lights on tomorrow, or affordable

food on the table in a month's time! Fact is that most grains and Natural Gas are now at roughly five times the prices we were paying not long ago. At the same time factories in Europe are at a standstill because car components produced in Ukraine are not being produced due to the war.

Fact is that the consumers have made choices which with hindsight have decreased the demand and viability of locally produced food products. At the same time politicians have taken what one could argue are irresponsible decisions within agricultural policies where funding went to.

A huge mystery would be how an agricultural sector so heavily supported by EU funding, where excessive production was rife, now leaves consumers having to pay prices which are multiple times what they used to be!

Maybe this time the lesson will be learnt and it will be a wakeup call to have a clear security of supply strategy that is holistic and encompasses core every day commodities needed for sustenance and normal way of life, and also commodities required for industry to function unimpeded.

Anyone active in the waste management sector will attest to the fact that our society has become a society of waste. Waste in terms of wastefulness and also the Waste we produce. Anything from brand new gift wrapped products, expired packaged food and drink products and fruit and vegetables which are thrown away to make room for the fresher products. Many products still fit for consumption or use but thrown away nonetheless.

Surely, many of these products would have served a better purpose feeding those in need prior to them getting to the stage where they needed to be thrown away! The waste goes beyond the product you see. For that product to get to a shelf it would have had an investment in time and effort of the farmer, transport and logistics, grading, packing and the associated emissions of all of these. How is it possible that a useful resource could not be utilized more efficiently as originally intended? At the very least this needs to be composted or utilized to deliver energy through biodigestion.

Malta produces around 25% of the total food requirements of the present population. Most of the food at supermarkets is imported and duly arrives on a daily basis generally by ships. Barring the odd lengthy storm, supplies have rarely been disrupted, but these disruptions should serve as a constant reminder that we have an umbilical cord when it comes to sustenance, one which delivers around 3/4ths of what we consume.

Sustenance is an essential requisite for life for both human and also for all animals and feedstock. Food security is therefore essential. In truth, Malta is simply too small to sustain the needs of the nation. Malta neither has the land capacity, nor does it have the weather conditions necessary to deliver high yields. Notwithstanding there are solutions

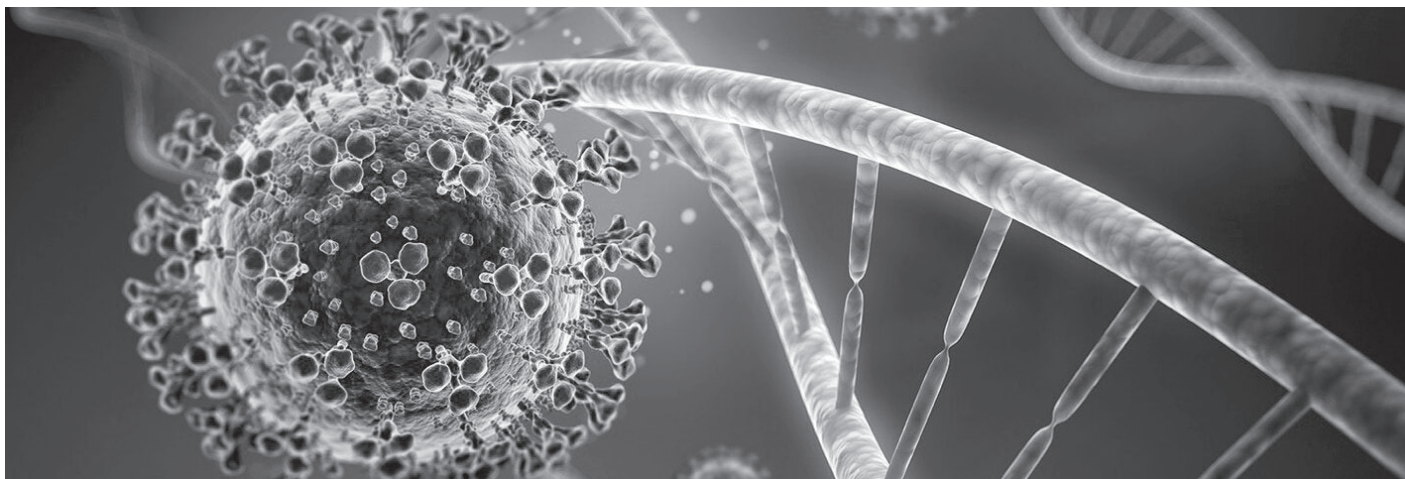
which can be found beyond our borders. A higher intensity farming on specific products locally, coupled with large storage silos and port facilities and a national “trading” stock vertically integrated into farm ownership and production, would provide an interim security of supply and mitigate price shocks much better and also deliver sufficient “response” time in major event scenarios.

As for the local product, better awareness campaigns would help in educating consumers on what product is available locally at specific times. Be it vegetables, fruit, or other products.

There are ways where Malta as a country could help developing nations or could partner with a developed nation to resolve this via trade and reciprocity agreements. Maybe the answer to our food security needs might actually be found precisely in helping others to ultimately help ourselves!

Mary Gaerty
ex Officio

The Effect of Covid-19



These past two years have been very hard on Patients NGOs, because due to the vulnerability of the patients we could not meet face to face for fear of contacting the virus.

Since most of the patients were having regular treatments like chemotherapy and radio therapy, hence their immune system was very low.

As a support group Europa Donna could not continue with the monthly meetings so we had to organize meetings online run by a professional counsellor. Even though these were very well attended unfortunately not everybody could join.

Europa Donna Malta continued offering free counselling and free chemo caps / beanies to all the patients requesting these which were sent through the post.

During these hard times, patients need all the support. Some patients feel the need to talk someone who had gone

through the same experience. They will want to share, their fears and anxiety and want to feel that they are not alone.

Sometimes patients may find it too hard to speak to their families as they do not want to burden and even alarm them with their problems. Talking about fears with a stranger especially with someone who had gone through the same experience might be of great help.

During this year we organized our first get together event this June and had a great response.

Some of the members had never met except online so this reunion was welcomed by all.

If you know someone or anyone who needs support please check our FB page or call us on: 99994666/99330330 or 21482602.

We are here for you.

Email: info@europadonnamalta.org.mt

Congratulations to the new ECICW Board Members

The National Council of Women Malta congratulates the new elected European Centre of the International Council of Women (ECICW) Board Members:

President: Viviane Teitelbaum

Vice Presidents: Lyudmyla Porokhnyak (Ukraine), Sema Temizer Ozan (Turkey) and Marie-Claude Bertrand (France)

Treasurer: Ludovina Moreira-Costes (France)

Secretary: Sylvie Lausberg (Belgium)



Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg *Parliamentary Secretary for Reforms & Equality*



Parliament's 14th legislature reconvened a few days ago, following a landmark General Election held on the 26th March. I have no words to explain the gratitude I have towards the Maltese people, for placing their trust in me to be their voice in the country's highest institution.

Undoubtedly, this election has been a momentous one when it comes to equal gender representation. Today, we have a parliament which has the largest female representation in the last 70 years. I have to say that this accomplishment was not achieved overnight, but it is thanks to the continuous hard work of agencies such as yours combined with the visionary outlook adopted by the government, that together we managed to achieve the most needed step in our democratic society.

Furthermore, from a reforms perspective, we achieved a lot, especially when it comes to equality. However we have a lot of work to do. In the previous legislature, the government put forward changes to the criminal code, where femicide will also be recognised. Men and women's lives all have the same value, and we can never distinguish between values of life. However, we are all aware that in many cases, unfortunately some of which I have witnessed, women were in a more defenceless situation. Every woman who becomes a victim is also a mother, a daughter and a sister. As politicians and lawmakers, we must send a strong and united message to those who think they can perpetrate such abuse. The punishment of murder has always been in our criminal code, and there cannot be a higher punishment than that of life imprisonment. Nevertheless, the bill is proposing that in cases of attempted murder within a femicide circumstance, the individual would be facing a harsher punishment allocated by the law in a context where femicide is not the case.

Throughout my campaign, I was, and will always remain in favour of safeguarding our society by creating a place in which anyone can feel safe. As a government, we are committed to keep fighting gender-based violence. However, in order to achieve a fairer society, the government cannot do this alone. It is for this reason that I ask you to continue helping us improve what we have already established as a country.

As part of our efforts in fighting the societal plague that is domestic violence, we have set up the Gender-Based and Domestic Violence Unit, within the Malta Police Force which has already helped thousands of victims since its establishment. As part of our electoral manifesto, we are proposing to introduce a violence prevention system within the Victim Support Agency. I believe that this will greatly help us provide further protection and prevent further victimisation.

I thank you for your contribution to our fight against all types of violence especially against women, and for guaranteeing a fairer and safer society.

Hon. Alica Bugeja Said *Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries, Aquaculture & Animal Rights*



I am truly humbled to be writing my thoughts and ambitions for this prestigious newsletter, and I thank the National Council of Women for this opportunity.

As Director of Fisheries, I have made multiple contributions in areas under my responsibility, and a lot of work has been done that has positively affected fishers.

I look forward to fulfilling the vision of farmers, fishers, and ranchers, all having a sustainable environment to sustain their livelihood. I think that an asset I possess is that I have always been close to people as I genuinely believe in fostering grounded change to improve the quality of life.

As Parliamentary Secretariat for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Animal Rights, I have been entrusted with demanding but crucial sectors in our country. The areas of fisheries, aquaculture and animal rights need attention to maximise their potential while always being prepared to overcome the difficulties encountered. Other interests that are part of my plan are sustainability and the environment. We are responsible for conserving natural resources and protecting global ecosystems by supporting health and wellbeing, now and in the future. Environmental sustainability includes renewable energy, but it can also start from our homes through the recycling of materials.

Food security is also another aspect that I believe is crucial for our country as it refers to the availability of food and access to food.

I also believe in empowering more women and girls, especially in science and research. I wish to see more female representation in these sectors and industries. This can be done through more excellent education and research opportunities and by trying to expose more young women to the innovation and creativity that the world of science entails.

Together, we can achieve all of this and much more.

and Women MPs

in Parliament are Working Towards

Hon. Graziella Attard Previ MP

First of all, I am truly humbled with the trust shown in me by the electorate to serve in the highest institution of the country, and I vouch to translate this trust into meaningful work. I will strive to put all the necessary energy to represent the electorate and will be focussed to make an improvement in people's lives. Social justice is the fulcrum of my political activism and thereby the main issues I have been entrusted to shadow as Spokesperson of Partit Nazzjonalista are **Equality, Human Rights and Children's Rights**.

In the area of **Equality**, among others I will be focusing on **gender equality** and pushing forward the need and implementation of robust work-life balance measures, with a particular emphasis on increased equal participation in child-rearing, caring and house roles and chores. I believe that in the long term, these measures will also serve to mitigate the gender pay gap and the gender pension gap. I also feel that **gender-based violence** still needs to be effectively addressed. It is very worrying indeed that a recent study has revealed that many women do not report the abuse afflicted upon them. There is an urgent need for a change in the **mentality towards persons of different sexual orientations and gender identities**. Whilst laws have been enacted and these are commendable, as a society we still lag in truly accepting people who are different from what is considered the norm. Education is the key which can translate in a change in our mentality. I will therefore strive to make more people happy by accepting themselves and feeling accepted by society at large.

As for Human Rights issues, I want to ensure that the dignity of the human being is protected and promoted in any reforms being considered. I am extra vigilant over and vociferous against **human trafficking** and the **exploitation of persons**. We must ensure that regulations and controls are in place to avoid abuse. All humans are equal, and we should not discriminate according to race, religion, gender or any other presumed difference. Unfortunately, Malta is at the centre of human traffic. This translates in irregular migration where people are exploited and treated as beasts of burden, and also in the sexual exploitation of vulnerable women, who are often promised lucrative jobs and instead find themselves trapped in prostitution.

Children's Rights are very important especially because children are the future of our nation. **Child poverty** is an issue that requires serious attention. Unless adequately addressed, the consequences on the child is carried throughout his/her life, in terms of opportunity and skills necessary for a decent future. **Child services** must be of the highest standard. Children have the right to be protected, to feel secure, to live in an environment that is not only safe but that ensures and promotes their healthy emotional, physical and psychological wellbeing.

The ever-increasing number of **couple separations** are also a concern in view of the impact that these are having on the welfare of the children who are often caught in the battle between the parents. We must ensure that the Courts and the legal system protects the happiness and security of the children as swiftly and as effectively as possible. **Children's voices** need and must be heard, and it is of paramount importance that in policy making, we ensure that children are consulted particularly in decisions that will be taken in their best interest and that will affect their future.



Hon. Rebekah Ann Cilia MP

“As an engineer by profession, I have come to understand that a woman in a man's world can be challenging, but this has given me the strength to push through. Any challenge is an opportunity to grow and learn, and this is how I intend to use my time in parliament: to learn, to adapt, to listen and ultimately, to implement. As politicians, our job is to bring about change to better people's lives.

On a practical level, as the Opposition spokesperson for Lands and Consumer Rights, I aim to bring about more transparency to the Lands Authority and to make Consumers more aware of their rights. We need to build on what we have and to be able to harness all the benefits that stem from the leap towards a digital age, to strengthen our environment and economy amongst other areas. Malta should lead by example, especially considering our small size, and ensure each sector works towards a sustainable future.

As a woman in parliament, I hope to inspire more women to take on a role in politics. The road is not an easy one to walk through, but the result is rewarding. To be able to make a change in people's lives, to be able to make that difference, is the ultimate goal.”



Farewell Speech by Jungsook Kim, Immediate Past President, ICW

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over the years.

Since the ICW was founded 134 years ago, the organization has impacted the lives of virtually billions of women around the world. ICW was there when the United Nations was formed reflecting women's concerns at the international level through the establishment of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. ICW was there when women leaders decided to declare the year 1975 as the International Year of Women.

ICW has been there to establish the value of gender equality as a central norm in international law.

I believe the activities of ICW have contributed greatly to the self-esteem and rights enjoyed by women around the world. But as much satisfaction as we may feel in having been a continuing part of that, this is no time to rest on our laurels. The battle for justice wages on and ICW, under the stewardship of a new corps of determined leaders, will be there. In the very near future, I feel confident we will see substantial progress in addressing our new triennial theme "Women's Empowerment: Peace and Sustainable Development".

Together with the newly elected ICW board members, I am certain that the new president Martine Marandel and her team will perform superbly in mustering the resources at their disposal. And YOU sisters, constitute the greatest of those resources. To accomplish great things requires your continued support.

It's hard for me to express the depth of my gratitude for your wonderful support in our shared pursuit of gender equality. Movement toward this goal is so important not only to us as women, but to everyone interested in helping to create a more just and more prosperous world.

When I think about all the intelligent, focused, women I've had the great pleasure to work with over the past seven years, when I think about the friendships that were forged and will certainly last a lifetime, and when I think about our accomplishments in the context of multiple global challenges, I feel so very proud to have been a part of it. It truly warms my heart and if I'm not careful, brings tears to my eyes.

Hoping that all of you are staying safe and healthy.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jungsook Kim
Immediate Past President,
International Council of Women
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Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

*Thirty-First Session
16-20 May 2022, Un Vienna*

The CCPCJ is the principal policymaking body in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. From 16 -20 May 2022 the 31st Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held at the UN in Vienna chaired by the Ambassador of Japan, Takeshi Hikihara. Representatives from 130 countries and 55 NGOs met at Vienna for this event. More than 80 side events were held.

Under discussion were inter alia the ratification and implementation of the UNTOC, UNCAC, the instruments to prevent and combat terrorism, UN standards and norms, crime trends and emerging issues, follow-up to and review and implementation of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

Some highlights:

On the first day of the Session a **Special Event** was on the agenda “**A multifaceted approach to turning the Kyoto Declaration into Action on the Ground**”.

“During times of instability, the most vulnerable are the most in need of assistance, as criminal networks take advantage of people left without income and without social protection, and who are desperate for safety and opportunity,” said **Ms Ghada Waly, Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime**, in her opening remarks. “At the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, we are committed to supporting countries in upholding justice, integrity, and the rule of law – foundations that are needed to persevere and overcome any crisis, and to protect and help the people who need us.”

For the first time the **Executive Director of UN Women, Sima Sami Bahous**, addressed the Crime Commission, expressing the links between women’s well being and crime prevention and underscored that “we cannot combat crime without a justice system that is trusted by women and that works for women...I reiterate UN Women’s strong commitment to continue working with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime in supporting the joint efforts of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for the benefit of women, girls, and societies everywhere so that we leave no one behind.” She emphasized the mutually strengthened and effective cooperation between the CSW and the CCPCJ.

A thematic side event was entitled “Strengthening the use of digital evidence in criminal Justice and countering cybercrime, including the abuse and exploitation of minors

in illegal activities with the use of the internet” and focused on the cooperation between communication providers and law enforcement, on emerging challenges and data collection as well as on safeguarding human rights in this field.

A workshop by PNI (Institutes of the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network) “Improving criminal justice responses to internet related crimes against children” examined the latest international evidence in responding to internet related crimes against children, the legal approaches to online child sexual abuse and new technology to assist the investigation of such crimes.

Informal Dialogues were held with the UNODC Executive Director Ghada Wally, the CCPCJ Chair H.E. Takeshi Hikihara. The criminal Intelligence Service Austria, Joint Operational Office together with UNODC organized the workshop “Trafficking in Human Beings Ukraine – Challenges and Outlook” and reported as a result of this on the establishment of the “**Task Force Against Trafficking in Human Beings Ukraine**”. The resilience of **youth** is of vital importance (Protect, prevent and engage). In this context the important role of Civil Society was stressed by a great number of speakers. Other remarks were made on the critical importance of men’s participation in discussions about equality issues, on the implementation of commitments governments have made, The importance of the **Budapest Convention** (66 countries ratified), a milestone in the field of cyber crime, and its **Second additional Protocol** which is open for signature since a few days (May 2022) was subject of several interventions by participants when speaking about the alarming increase on cybercrime. The complexity and diversity of digital crime is vital as the digital aera is upon us. According to the GA resolution 74/247 an ad hoc committee is working on the elaboration of a draft of a comprehensive international Convention against Cybercrime.

Upcoming Events:

13 October 2022, Vienna, yearly conference against trafficking with the topic “No future for Human Trafficking”

The next UN Crime Congress will be held in 2026

Eleonore Hauer-Rona

ICW Main Representative to the UN in Vienna

Vienna, 4 June 2022

Malta's Elected Women MPs

Hon. Julie Zahra MP

I am honoured to form part of an increased female majority in Parliament. In a State, which constitutes more than half the female population, it is high time, that Parliamentary representation reflects such a reality in a qualitative and quantitative manner. My ambition is that during this legislature we will do away from partisan interests but work towards the interest of the collective. And this, in a sense of obligation and duty to our country, and to work to leave a better legacy to future generations. This does not mean that as a member of the opposition I will not be expressing myself where I disagree. On the contrary. The beauty of democracy is to have a mature, informed and robust discussion, to achieve the best for our nation and its common good.

The common good includes our quality of life. We have to ensure that it's truly one of quality, where one is not deprived from what he or she intends to do or accomplish. My sector is the Culture, Arts and National Heritage, which I firmly believe are key elements leading to a better quality of life. We must however not forget that for many people, this is their career and hence I want to work to improve the status of being an artist in order to achieve the dignity they deserve in being truly appreciated by the State in that whoever has chosen to work on stage, on canvas, on a piece of pottery or under any other form of artistic expression, this is a career like many others and not a second or third class one.

Furthermore, we need to do much more to help this sector grow through many incentives where an artist can work without political hindrance particularly where artists who have graduated in their discipline or worked abroad feel demotivated to return for the simple reason that their work is limited or shunned within our borders. This sector needs to be addressed from the bottom up through nurturing our children to love and appreciate the arts, developing their talent, and allowing them the recognition that they can indeed be successful, for themselves and for our country.

We all know how destructively, the pandemic has affected many people who work in these sectors and how suddenly their careers have been halted so abruptly. I am intent on working hard to not only give such persons recognition but to see a society which is alive thanks to culture since that is what gives us an identity as a nation. This too gives us a better quality of life.



Hon. Davinia Sammut Hili MP

The PL in government has achieved excellent results in the economical, health and environment sector so my priority will be that we consolidate these positive results and strive to achieve more. Family and social policies are on top of my agenda including Work-Life balance and the Well-Being of society. I would also like to see more female participation in the political sphere and more female participation in top management positions and give my utmost importance to other reforms regarding gender equality



Hon. Eve Borg Bonello MP

“I got elected to parliament at 18 and therefore I want to make sure that my seat represents a voice for young people; many like to paint young people as indifferent but I couldn't agree less, looking at the past few years, around the world, it has been young people who have put their neck out for social issues, equality and sustainability. Hence these concepts will be central to my work, especially as shadow Minister for Climate Change. I want to prove that Malta isn't too small to make a difference, and instead of using our geographical size as an excuse for inaction, it should be the motivation behind our ambition. My passion for activism and politics started within the anticorruption movement in civil society, so I will definitely be doing my utmost to be a strong voice advocating for checks and balances within Maltese government.”



Hon. Cressida Galea MP

As a newly elected Member of the Maltese Parliament, I will focus my parliamentary work on different areas mainly, the rule of law and good governance, gender equality, economic and social development and sustainability. I strongly believe that my position is not one of power but of great responsibility that I have to deliver in the most ethical and integral way. Moreover, I wish to continue working to ensure that social justice is achieved across all classes of society. Eradicating poverty should be one of the top priorities. This could be achieved by continuing to strengthen the labour market and investing in our only natural resource: our people.

Balancing economic growth and environmental sustainability is also another priority for the years to come to ensure that the well-being of future generations is safeguarded. Lastly, I will also focus on achieving gender equality and diversity in the public, social and work life. This is how we can achieve inclusivity across all levels of society. As a member of the Economic and Financial Affairs Committee, as well as a representative in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, particularly by being a member in the Committee on Equality and NonDiscrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and a representative in the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, I will work to achieve my vision for the future of Malta and all its citizens.



CHOGM 2022

Commonwealth Women's Forum

Commonwealth leaders come together to respond to increase in violence against women and girls

Today, at a special event coinciding with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), the Commonwealth Secretariat and The NO MORE Foundation were joined by HRH Duchess of Cornwall for the launch of new guidelines for the 54 Commonwealth countries to stop and prevent violence against women and girls (VAWG).

The Commonwealth's and NO MORE's new recommended "Whole System Approach" strategy to help end VAWG and improve gender equality urges more consistent and effective collaboration between governments, civil society and the private sector.

The effort builds on Commonwealth Says NO MORE initiative first launched in 2019 and comes at a critical time in the wake of the dramatic surge in domestic and sexual violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Globally one in three women and one in six men have experienced a form of domestic or sexual violence in their lifetime. Moreover, domestic, and sexual violence escalated and intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The impact of the pandemic on women and girls trapped in their homes is evident in the high-incidence calls to domestic violence helplines that increased up to 500% across Commonwealth countries during the pandemic.

Ultimately, the Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 5 on achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls, cannot be attained by 2030 without effectively addressing violence against women and girls.

In the keynote address, HRH The Duchess of Cornwall said:

"In the strength of our unity, we, the women and men of the Commonwealth, stand with victims and survivors, who, despite the temptation to hide away in silence, speak up so that others know they aren't alone – whether in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Pacific or the Caribbean and Americas. In so doing, we have the opportunity to end gender-based violence and those laws and practices that discriminate against women. And each one of us must take personal responsibility not to let this opportunity be lost."

The Commonwealth Secretary-General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland, QC, spoke about the devastating effects VAWG can have on survivors and their families: "It carries a profoundly negative impact on women and girls' participation in education, employment and civic life and undermines poverty reduction. It results in lost employment and productivity, and it drains resources from social services, the justice system, health-care agencies and employers. These are just some of the reasons that I have made tackling violence against women such a central part of my life." and at the end of her speech, the Secretary-General concluded with these words:

"Each of us can be a leader, each of us can make change. By working together – listening to each other, inspiring each other – we can move forward with even greater determination to make sure everywhere in the world is safe for women – and nowhere is safe for those who commit violence against women."

Doris Bingley

Commonwealth Women's Network



Congratulations for RT Patricia Scotland

The National Council of Women Malta Congratulates The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland for her re-election as Commonwealth Secretary General

The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC is the 6th Commonwealth Secretary-General. She was born in Dominica and was their candidate for the post at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Malta in 2015. She is the second Secretary-General from the Caribbean and the first woman to hold the post.

The Secretary-General first took office in 2016 with her initial term extended due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Having already served six years she will now serve for a further two years to complete the balance of her period in office.

It was at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2022 in Kigali Rwanda that leaders of the Commonwealth re-appointed Secretary-General The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC for a further two years to complete the balance of her period in office.

The Commonwealth is richer for the breadth and depth of talented leaders who dedicate themselves to the Commonwealth family of nations.



Doris Bingley

NCW Malta, Commonwealth Women's Network

COFACE Media Release – Brussels and Istanbul

Tuesday, 10th May 2022

To mark this International Day of Families 2022, we are pleased to announce the launch of [#FamilyTeamWork](#), a joint campaign of COFACE Families Europe and Men Engage Eastern Europe & Central Asia, a UNFPA-led platform.

No matter the make-up of a family, a family is a team. Each person plays a unique role in the structure and function of their family, and each individual's strengths and personality contribute to the family's well-being. We call on parents and children, and all societal stakeholders, to have a conversation about sharing care and household tasks, and team up against stereotypical gender roles within your families.

The gender care gap is still high across the world. In the European Union, 94 per cent of employed women on average are involved in at least one unpaid care or household work activity at least several times a week, compared with 70 percent of employed men, according to a 2021 report by the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE). Housework tasks are the most unequally shared, with 93 per cent of women and 53 per cent of men regularly undertaking such work. In Eastern Europe and Central Asia, women take on the majority of the care for children and on average perform three hours more of household work per day than their male partners, with even higher discrepancies in some countries, according to a 2018 UNFPA [report](#). Carrying such a disproportionate share of care responsibilities prevents millions of women from entering the labour market, choosing their career and working time, and earning an income and pension through work.

The recession shadowing the COVID-19 pandemic has been characterised as a “shecession,” implying disproportionately negative effects for women. Yet according to a recent OECD study, the crisis might more accurately be called a “mumcession,” as women's work losses were driven in large part by the effects on mothers specifically. COVID-19 has been a time of crisis

for families and their work-life balance, yet did not lead to significantly more shared care and household tasks within families.

Quite the contrary. The OECD's 2020 Risks that Matter survey presents cross-national evidence that when schools and childcare facilities shut down, mothers took on a greater share of additional unpaid care work – and, correspondingly, they experienced labour market penalties and stress. These findings serve as another reminder that governments must also consider inequalities in unpaid work and take a gender-sensitive approach when building their policies and recovery plans.

Many governments in the region, including the European Union, are stepping up their efforts to close the gender care gap through legislation, like the EU work-life balance directive or adoption of paid paternity leave provisions, and the preparation of the EU Care Strategy. Normative and policy responses are one side of the coin, but to address gender inequalities we need to also spark societal change, including within families.

In the run-up to the [#InternationalDayOfFamilies 2022](#), COFACE Families Europe and Men Engage Eastern Europe & Central Asia, a UNFPA-led platform on engaging men and boys in gender justice, call on all key stakeholders to raise awareness about this reality **and change the narrative around gender stereotypes and unequal gender roles**. In order to get all families and their family members, including children, reflecting and talking on the need to share unpaid care and domestic work, we have developed a series of fun resources to get the conversation going on family teamwork for the benefit of all, transmitting these values to new generations.

Download and spread the family teamwork bingo cards, and get the conversation started on who does what. Have a conversation with your children about this. Change the narrative, both for your family and future generations.

Congratulations to Vanessa Frazier

Congratulations to H.E. Vanessa Frazier and her team, who negotiated and constantly worked so that Malta could be elected to the United Nations Security Council by a great majority. The U.N. General Assembly approved five new non-permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland were elected non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for a two-year term. The newly elected members will take up their new responsibilities on Jan. 1, 2023, and will serve till Dec. 31, 2024

During a visit to New York Minister Ian Borg Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade thanked all the countries that entrusted this responsibility on Malta in view of the fact that Malta believes in the need for international peace and will continue to safeguard the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter.

The Maltese team will follow three important principles: Security, Sustainability and Solidarity.

Ambassador Frazier and her team in this council will focus on issues such as the important role of women, child protection, the treat of climate change, the importance of literacy as a way of overcoming conflicts amongst others.

The Government of Malta had appointed Ambassador Vanessa Frazier as the first woman Permanent Representative to the United Nations. During her tenure in New York Ambassador Frazier was tasked to lead Malta's bid for election in the UN Security Council.

Ambassador Vanessa Frazier was selected as a “Woman Inspiring Europe” by the European Institute for Gender and has received decorations from the Republics of France, Italy and Brazil as well as a Doctorate Honoris Causa from her Alma Mater, Luther College, USA, in recognition of her career achievements.



Malta's Ambassador to the UN Vanessa Frazier, centre Foreign Minister Ian Borg, right and other members of the Maltese delegation Photo by Ray Attard

EPALE - Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe, Europe's biggest adult learning community

EPALE NSS Malta 2022-2024 – Building from experience

The Directorate for Research, Lifelong Learning and Employability (DRLE) has been involved in Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe (EPALE) which is a European, multilingual since 2015 and has helped develop various iterations of the platform since then.

Since the beginning, DRLE has worked hard on promoting and developing Adult Learning in Malta, by engaging a wide range of stakeholders in the area of Adult Learning in Malta.

An integral part of this project is to set up a network of ambassadors and multipliers to encourage users to play a full part in EPAL discussions, ensuring moderation of communities of practice, and collaborative spaces.

EPALE ambassadors to promote and raise awareness about the EPAL platform and its initiatives; to participate actively on the EPAL platform itself; and contribute towards initiatives by the NSS Malta, throughout the project from May 2022, until the end of December 2024.

EPALE NSS Malta also has a presence on social media platforms: Facebook – Adult Learning in Malta, and LinkedIn – Epale Malta.

Young Adults

How can you shape a positive approach to learning, starting from a young age, as a first step toward lifelong learning? In the European Year of Youth 2022, EPAL dedicates a full thematic focus to young adults, with special attention to the age range 25-30. We will look at this group from specific points of view: intergenerational learning, building partnerships and social cohesion; civic skills as a prerequisite to becoming active participants in the society; low-skilled young adults and how to equip them with the necessary skills to grow.

Young adults also represent a group where patterns of emerging new learning cultures and innovative practices can be more easily tracked and embraced by the whole adult learning community.

Innovative Approaches to Skills Revolution

What are the new frontiers of adult learning? How can lifelong learning and employability be improved? A strong skill set opens up opportunities to individuals, provides a safety net in ever changing times, and promotes inclusion. The Commission's initiative on individual learning accounts and on micro-credentials aims to ensure that everyone has access to relevant training opportunities that are tailored to their needs, throughout life.

The learners, as unique individuals, are directly at the centre of skills development, allowing for dynamic upskilling and education across their entire lifelong learning journey. To ensure the recognition of each small learning experience, micro-credentials certify what knowledge, skill or competence they have acquired. Let us experience together the development of such innovative approaches that will transform adult learning!

Learning Communities

Learning happens in communities, builds communities, and helps them grow. Starting from the premise that learning is beneficial both for the individual learners and for society as a whole, this thematic focus will investigate how inclusive learning communities can be created, across the European space. Particular attention will be given to the

following topics: learning cities; third spaces and safe spaces; rural areas; family literacy programmes; learning communities at the workplace; new understanding of learning communities across the virtual, physical and blended learning spaces; volunteers and community development; initiatives addressed to vulnerable groups.

Creativity and Culture

How can adult learning play a strategic role in imagining and building a future that is sustainable, inclusive and beautiful? The New European Bauhaus can be used as a compass to develop “places, practices, and experiences that are enriching, sustainable and inclusive”

thus contributing to shaping more resilient communities. Encouraging a dialogue across cultures and supporting individual empowerment and democratic consciousness in adult learners, cultural education is a major driver and enabler of social cohesion. What creative tools and methodologies for social cohesion are you experiencing? What is happening in multidisciplinary cultural spaces and emerging creative ecosystems? How is creativity

in ALE connecting people to spread beauty and a sense of belonging?

How can you effectively shape inclusive and human-centred societies through lifelong learning?

EPAL Initiatives in 2022

Community Stories

EPAL would like to hear from adult learning professionals on the platform to share their stories to make part of an archive of lived experiences from all over Europe. Submission of stories will remain open until the 30th October 2022.

18th -20th October 2022

The Community Conference this year will be held between 18th and the 20th October. It will focus entirely on debates and speeches from leading international experts on the 4 Thematic Focuses for 2022. It aims to be a hybrid event, with the online sessions organised by the CSS and events held by several NSSes at a national level.

EPAL NSS Malta, the new cycle 2022-2024

As part of the plans for the new EPAL cycle from April 2022 to December 2024, NSS Malta is planning a variety of initiatives: Engaging more EPAL Ambassadors to cover more diverse topics and reach a wider audience in the Adult Learning community; a series of six ‘How to use EPAL’ webinars and three instructional videos about EPAL; National TV and social media campaigns; EPAL Awards in 2023; and contests to promote further participation on the EPAL Platform.

For more information about EPAL, please visit the EPAL platform here: <https://epale.ec.europa.eu/en>

You can follow this link to see how to register on the platform: <https://fb.watch/aXE2-hsfIW/>

You can also email us on epale@gov.mt

Natasha Fabri
Project Officer

NSS Malta/ Directorate for Research, Lifelong Learning and Employability (DRLE),
within the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation (MEYR)



Save the Date
National Council of Women Summer Activity
September 16th, 2022 at 7.30pm
Location to be announced in due course

Food Handling Courses at NCW Centre Blata I-Bajda

Tutor: Mr Joseph Cassar Lecturer ITS

Duration: 5 hr training programme

The course will be held at NCW Learning Centre. It is a one day course covering the following topics:

- Food Safety and Hazards - Biological, Chemical and Physical
- Allergens and intolerances
- Pre requisite program- pest control, personal hygiene, cleaning and sanitation, temperature control, etc
- The HACCP system
- Legal requirements
- Other related topics

The cost of the course includes **registration with the Food Safety Commission, Tuition and License to work in the food industry. Course fee: €28**

First Aid Course at NCW Learning Centre
sponsored by Malta Council for Voluntary Sectors (MCVS)

Duration: 10 hr training programme over two days

Date: Saturday 20th and 27th August 2022

Time: 09.30am - 2.30pm on both days

Free of Charge

Courses at NCW Learning Centre starting during October 2022

Registration opens online or at NCW Centre on Thursday 14th July 2022 & close on 11th August 2022.

The National Council of Women in collaboration with the Directorate for Lifelong Learning would like to announce the following morning courses, starting October 2022 and ending May 2023.

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| • Italian Language (SEC Level) | Mondays |
| • Italian Conversation (Level 2) | Tuesdays |
| • Spanish Language (MQF 1) | Tuesdays |
| • Digital Skills (How to Use Your Tablet and Smartphone) | Tuesdays |
| • ICT for Beginners (Level 1) | Thursdays |
| • Mathematics (SEC Level Paper B) | Thursdays |

Courses are being held at NCW Learning Centre, Pope Pius X11 Flats Mountbatten Street, Blata I-Bajda. For further information and registration please email: ncwmalta@camline.net.mt or phone on 21246982 / 21248881