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**Ref No:** SIS 01/2017

**Title of Project:** Creating an experience

**Name of VO:** Teatru Salesjan

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The organisation relies mainly on volunteers to help run this historical theatre in Tas-Sliema. We welcome hundreds of audience members through our doors. This project will help in equipping current and future volunteers with the right tools to give the best experience to any audience member when coming to the theatre.

**Ref No:** SIS 02/2017

**Title of Project:** Traditional and Contemporary Band Marches

**Name of VO:** Ghaqda Muzikali San Guzepp Ghaxaq

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

Saint Joseph Band Club was inaugurated in 1874 and is in possession of various band marches which are well known with Maltese Enthusiasts. Beside this our club is in possession of band marches composed by contemporary composers who include our Band Master and Assistant Band Master who himself is a product of our band club. The idea of this project is to make research in our archives and find old band marches and create a mixture with contemporary band marches and record a Compact Disc. The recording will be held in a professional studio whereby our village bands men who are all volunteers will be accompanied by other bands men to have the most professional output possible. We will also seek advice from other band clubs and maybe also agree for some exchanges of band marches in order for us to have the best result possible. This could also be considered as a new experience for some of our bands men who are not offered this opportunity with other Bands. The CD will then be launched during an event for all local enthusiasts to attend and listen.

**Ref No:** SIS 05/2017

**Title of Project:** Biodiversity through the lens

**Name of VO:** Genista research foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The project will tackle and promote volunteering through environmental active participation through the production of short documentary films that capture the essence of nature to be created by participants, we believe that the need to create local short films done by participants through training and field work were they will learn the art of short film making through simple equipment which are found around them is needed. A workshop will be realized and used for the promotion of volunteering in the



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field of safeguarding our own neighbourhood environment. The planned workshop will be divided into: 1st session will focus on understanding biodiversity and nature with a particular focus on what is volunteering. 2nd session will be devoted to understand basic film making, how to create your own film and produce it. The combination of these 2 sessions will show how they can through their films instigate volunteering among the community to further promote the respect to nature and their surroundings. This will take place in July 2017, professional trainers will present this workshop to be held in our nature reserve in Kalkara. After the workshop, the participants will meet to finalize the videos and do the editing, the project will through the produced visual means be the creation of a Caravan of nature as seen through the eyes of the participants. It will be made up of children, youths and elderly organised together to form the nucleus of the team, creating short documentaries on nature and the need to further protect it and through volunteering participants will show others how they can give some of their free time to make a better environment in their own community. It will offer support to our children, youth and the elderly to overcome stereotypes and misunderstandings through the use of audio visual means as a way of expression.

**Ref No:** SIS 06/2017

**Title of Project:** Foley Us Now

**Name of VO:** Write Deal Association

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The project will be a series of hands-on workshops related with Foley, as well as the creation of original Foley by children and young people with Autism attending Inspire Foundation Malta. The Foley created will be recorded and edited to be put on an already existing cartoon (produced by Write Deal Association in 2015: can be viewed on [www.animationmalta.org](http://www.animationmalta.org)). Thus, a number of individuals with Autism will acquire artistic skills, whilst seeing and learning how a professional Foley artist creates sounds for cartoons using everyday and mundane objects. In a nutshell, 18 children/young adults with Autism will be able to use their imagination with newly acquired skills to create their own sound effects for the mentioned cartoon. It is important to add that the project will be using Sensory and Sounds activities that have proven to aid children/young adults with Autism. Lastly, the Foley work done will be screened during the annual Achievements Day, which will be attended by their parents, families, etc. (WHAT IS FOLEY?: Foley is the reproduction of everyday sound effects that are added to film, video & other media in post-production to enhance audio quality. These reproduced sounds can be anything from the swishing of clothing and footsteps to squeaky doors and breaking glass. The best Foley art is so well integrated into a film that it goes unnoticed by the audience. Without these crucial background noises, movies feel unnaturally quiet and uncomfortable. Foley artists recreate the realistic ambient sounds that the film portrays. The props and sets of a film often do not react the same way acoustically as their real life counterparts.



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Example: Cellophane creates crackling fire effect; Coconut shells cut in half and stuffed with padding makes horse hoof noises; A pair of gloves sounds like bird wings flapping...)

**Ref No:** SIS 11/2017

**Title of Project:** Cultivating a Caring and Responsible Culture through Rabbit Education

**Name of VO:** The Malta Rabbit Club-Since 1963

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

This project is working towards educating the public about the benefits of exposing young children/youths to rabbits through specifically designed educational sessions. Rabbits provide advantages in today's world where children/youths are consumed in a digital world that often alienates them from the real life experiences. Research shows that children who are exposed to animals will exhibit the following skills and values:

- Increase responsibility and care from a young age. Rabbits can eliminate the sense of solitude and higher self-esteem.
- Children exposed to animals have stronger immune systems.
- Children with disabilities/learning disorders have experienced better cognitive and motor skill development, lower blood pressure and higher communication gains when in contact with animals.
- Bullied children can find interacting with rabbits therapeutic. The interaction may reduce the occurrence of bullying altogether.

The NGO will be upgrading the Rabbit Zoo to present a practical learning environment for the young. It will also develop an educational programme that will be aimed at both the guardians who are the influential decision makers of a household and their children/youths. This will ensure the success of the project.

Voluntary organisations will join the NGO to expose people from different social backgrounds to the project and increase interaction between people with disabilities, single parent families, and other minority groups will be promoted. The NGO will cultivate the heritage of the local rabbit-l-Fenek Malti by providing information sessions that also include knowledge regarding this breed.

Through dissemination the project will obtain a database of prospective volunteers, and sponsors who will aid in the exploitation and sustainability of the project beyond its lifespan. The project's results will be measured with the help of experts in the field of child development and mental health to ensure that the project is successful and sustainable.

**Ref No:** SIS 12/2017

**Title of Project:** The Emergency Fire & Rescue Unit - Celebrating the Volunteer Rescuer

**Name of VO:** Emergency Fire & Rescue Unit (EFRU)

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00



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**Summary of Project:**

EFRU plans to organize an event in May 2017 to foster cooperation in the volunteer sector as well as promote volunteering with the local community. Other local and foreign volunteer organisations working in emergency response, together with the Civil Protection Department, will be invited to participate in the event. Though held on one afternoon, the event will require weeks of preparatory work such as meetings and logistical preparations.

The event will be dedicated to volunteers who work to support national authorities in emergency response. Volunteer rescuers shall meet members of the public at Ġnien il-Kunsill tal-Ewropa and will discuss their organisations' aims, mission and work with those who would like to know more about what it takes to be a volunteer rescuer. Various static displays, each focusing on a specific emergency response technique with potential for a simulation, will be set up on site if technically possible. Visitors will be able to look at different types of equipment while volunteers explain their main features and how they are used. Techniques explored may include fire rescue, rope rescue, water rescue, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR), communications and first aid. Throughout the afternoon, there will also be live demonstrations of basic safety and first aid procedures of interest to the public, all aimed at raising awareness about the work of volunteer rescuers and emergency response.

Through their discussions with volunteers, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the required specialized training which volunteer rescuers undertake on a weekly basis to prepare themselves for emergencies that may crop up, and whenever they are called in by the authorities to assist both locally and abroad. Visitors with interest in this sector will also have the opportunity to discuss further how they can contribute to the work of these organisations, either through their support or by becoming volunteers themselves.

**Ref No:** SIS 13/2017

**Title of Project:** Apprezzaxlokk

**Name of VO:** Wirt iż-Zejtun

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

APPREZZAXLOKK ser ikun proġett li ser ikompli fuq il-ħidma li għamlet Wirt iż-Żejtun matul din is-sena sabiex tqanqal interess fix-Xlokk ta' Malta. Permezz ta' APPREZZAXLOKK se nkunu qed nersqu eqreb lejn iċ-ċttadini ta' dan ir-regjun billi ngħinuhom japprezzaw aktar il-wirt kulturali, is-sbuħija naturali u l-karatteristiċi uniċi ta' dan ir-regjun. Wirt iż-Żejtun ser ikun qiegħed itellgħa esebizzjoni ta' ritratti tax-xlokk ta' Malta. Huwa il-ħsieb ta' Wirt iż-Żejtun li ninvolvu l-għaqdiet soċjali u kulturali, kif ukoll inheggu lill Kunsilli Lokali jippartecipaw f'dan il-proġett li ser jiġbor fih ix-Xagħjra, Żabbar, M'Scala, iż-Żejtun, Għaxaq, M'xlokk, B'buġa. L-idea ta' dan il-proġett u li jsiru preżentazzjonijiet viżwali u taħdita f'kull lokalita li ser tkun parti minn dan il-proġett. Fi tlitt lokalitajiet barra il-prezentazzjoni viżiva ser issir ukoll esebizzjoni tar-ritratti. Permezz ta' dawn il-prezentazzjonijiet viżivi ser inkunu qed ngħinu lir-residenti ta' dawn l-irħula japprezzaw is-sbuħija u il-karatteristiċi uniċi li hu imzejjen bieħ ix-



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Xlokk ta' Malta. Il-proġett ser jiġbor fih ritratti minn kull qasam li jirrapreżentaw dak kollu li hu magħaruf għalih ix-Xlokk, ritratti li juru is-sbuħija naturali tax-Xlokk, tradizzjonijiet bħal ma huwa il-logħob tan-nhar ta' l-ajru u dak ta' l-art, logħob tradizzjonali Malti li ħafna tfal illum ma jafux kif kien jintlġhab, pajsagġi fil-kampanja, passatempi uniċi, xogħol il-bdiewa fil-kultivazzjoni tar-raba, postijiet storiċi, il-festi Maltin u dak kollu li jgib magħom bħal baned u tiżjin tat-toroq ta' l-irħula tagħna u daqq tal-qniepen li hija karettaristika ewlenija tal-festi Maltin kif ukoll bajjiet iffurmati fil-blat abjad li huma uniċi tax-Xlokk. Din il-wirja kif ukoll il-preżentazzjonijiet viżwali żgur li għall-ħafna ser tkun ta' kurżita għaliex għallkemmm huma residenti fix-Xlokk ta' Malta ser ikun hemm min qatt ma' kellu l-opportunita jara veduti mill-isbaħ ta' pajsagġ naturali kif ukoll aspetti uniċi tal-ħajja Maltija.

**Ref No:** SIS 19/2017

**Title of Project:** Setting up a new Website for the Gozo Association for the Deaf

**Name of VO:** Gozo Association for the Deaf

**Amount Approved:** EUR 2,575.00

**Summary of Project:**

The present website has been long obsolete and outdated. Having had a substantial increase in members and services, the Gozo Association for the Deaf (GAD) felt the need to professionally redesign its website in order to disseminate useful information in a very cost effective way to both members and the public in general.

The objectives of the GAD are to make the general public aware of the work carried out by the Association with the help of volunteers. It also aims at increasing awareness with regards to hearing impairment and its implications in the day to day living of deaf persons hoping to enhance their social life within the hearing community. The GAD also aims to use the website as a platform to recruit volunteers to help in carrying out its projects.

The website will list the services offered, upcoming events, latest innovations in research on educational and technological support to deaf persons. Website pages will also include information on understanding deafness, prevention, causes and consequences of hearing loss. A section of the website will consist of frequently asked questions (FAQ) and a blog where issues regarding deafness can be discussed on both national and international level by visitors to the website.

It will also be used to expose the work of the Association through a gallery of photos, videos and write-ups on activities and projects that are organized from time to time.

Putting a priority on a professionally redesigned website will benefit the Association by enhancing the involvement of members and supporters and increasing public awareness.



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**Ref No:** SIS 20/2017

**Title of Project:** From the Holy Land to Malta: In the Footsteps of the Order

**Name of VO:** Compagnia San Michele – Malta

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

Our organisation - Compagnia San Michele Malta aims to organise a weekend long historical interpretation event at Fort St Angelo, a site which is highly symbolic to the history of the Order of St John. With the participation of international re-enactment groups, we plan to represent the history of the Order of St John from its inception in the Holy Land in the 11th century to its expulsion from Malta in the 18th century, spanning 750 years of history.

The aim of this event is to delight the local public, passionate historians and visiting tourists to appreciate the profound history of our island and to learn more about its evolution. Through our event we aim to capture the attention of 30-50 participants who will take an active part in the events and who will act as drivers of information, disseminating knowledge to a wider audience.

Each group will each represent a different period from the history of the Order of St John in historically accurate attire and equipment representative of the era. Each group will work in a designated area recreating the ambience of the respective periods and interacting with the public. Next to each setup the audience will have access to additional literature representing details about the particular group and the period in history of the Order of St John they represent.

The event, will also host a number of local historians to provide and 4-6 organised tours to the public.

Although our organisation is very young and has been funded in January 2015, some of its members have been involved in re-enactment for the past 10 years. Drawing on these years of experience, we are specialised in professionally reproducing the era in history and in engaging the audience to actively participate in a number of educational and fun activities.

**Ref No:** SIS 21/2017

**Title of Project:** Vittoriosa Kids Music Centre

**Name of VO:** St Lawrence Band Club

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The St Lawrence Band Club has embarked on a project which is targeting kids and music. The aim of this initiative is to attract kids and youths to music lessons. This is being done through a Percussion Class, where through fun, games and videos, kids and youths are learning the basic principles of music. Also, the Club has invested in numerous percussion instruments to be able to cater for this class. The Club's long-term aim is to teach music to as much as possible youths and kids, in order to guarantee a future for our music culture. These lessons are being given for free by our music teachers, and it is the first stepping stone towards having more youths playing musical



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instruments. Also, through this initiative, the Club would like to provide the culture of volunteering and is also giving the possibility for these kids to further develop their social skills. However, the Club believes that in order for this Percussion Class to increase its success (currently 15 students), the Acoustics of the music hall needs to be improved as much as possible. The club is facing the situation during such classes and also rehearsals that musicians and kids, together with the musical teachers, cannot hear what is being played. The club believes that if the Acoustics of the music hall are arranged, the effects of such percussion class, together with in house rehearsals for our students and musicians, would be of great benefit, whilst at the same time offering a better environment.

**Ref No:** SIS 22/2017

**Title of Project:** MusiCARE...Reviving Music!

**Name of VO:** Socjeta' Filarmonika Santa Marija

**Amount Approved:** EUR 2,915.00

**Summary of Project:**

MusiCARE...Reviving Music! is a hexagonal curriculum of initiatives that addresses awareness in artistic and cultural heritage. We are going away from the usual static projects, and instead we are proposing a collage of related actions aiming the cultivation and promotion of local culture through the artistic development of our organisation and volunteers whilst ensuring that the public/community is given a sequence of experiences where volunteering, tradition and culture is fostered. Automatically, we will be raising awareness on the value and importance of volunteering as a form of active engagement and as a tool to develop or improve competences for personal, social and professional development.

Project leads to the restoration and revival of particular classical music pieces/manuscripts that commemorate various customs in our village's lore. Some of this music was inherited from private collections and goes back by 80 to 90 years.

Regrettably, the non-professional upkeep led to deterioration to an extent that urgent action needs to be taken to restore [and conserve] this music heritage.

We are not going to stay short and just limit ourselves to a 'simple' restoration process but want to generate an EXPERIENCE. MusiCARE...Reviving Music covers the following initiatives dealing with the:

1. Restoration of Musical classic pieces/ manuscripts [sheets]
2. Digitalisation of Music classic pieces/scores and Transcription of lyrics to Braille
3. Research on the origins, getting into the historic aspects
4. Publication of a commemorative booklet [and colouring book for young children] detailing the restoration process and the revival of the restored music classics
5. Investment in an archiving filing system to conserve the restored music
6. Taking music BACK to the people by having our band playing the restored music classics

This is a story which ultimately should strengthen and develop our society's educational, cultural and social fabric.



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**Ref No:** SIS 23/2017

**Title of Project:** Corporate Video

**Name of VO:** Special Olympics Malta

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

Development of a Corporate Video about Special Olympics, to promote the organisation at a local level, informing the public about the various projects, and encouraging support. Also highlighting that SOM is part of worldwide organisation, and the core priorities of Special Olympics in the community.

**Ref No:** SIS 24/2017

**Title of Project:** Nikkonsolidaw l-Arkivju Muzikali u nsaħhu l-għarfien teknologiku

**Name of VO:** Għaqda Każini tal-Banda

**Amount Approved:** EUR 2,430.00

**Summary of Project:**

The project shall take the format of a one-day seminar divided in two sections, both inclined towards training of the voluntary members of Maltese and Gozitan band clubs. The first section shall be dedicated towards the better up-keeping of the musical archives together with the legal issue of copyright. This section shall be held in conjunction with the National Archives of Malta. The second section shall be dedicated towards the better utilization of the internet, more specifically websites and social media. This section shall be held in conjunction with the Malta Communications Authority.

**Ref No:** SIS 29/2017

**Title of Project:** Be part of it

**Name of VO:** Malta Girl Guides

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The Malta Girl Guides is the largest organization for girls, young women and women in Malta and forms part of the largest women-only Association in the World called the World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts. We have approximately 1300 members in total locally of which about 100 are volunteers over the age of 18.

Our associations' vision is to be a relevant movement where each girl and woman is valued, empowered and given a voice. This is done through a non-formal educational programme for our members, as well as a world of opportunities for both our members and volunteers to fully develop their potential at their own pace whilst making a positive difference in their community. We are also an association who advocates for the rights of girls and women at national level.





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Part of our fundamentals is that we do our best to serve our country through service and being a volunteer is an integral part of this.

We would like to promote an increase in adult volunteering through an event to take place in a centralised area, possibly Valletta where a large number of people attend on a Saturday. We plan on holding an event that shows what volunteering is about and how people who volunteer can make a difference in their own lives and the lives of others. We will do this through hands-on activities, colourful eye-catching advertising and a lively atmosphere overall.

With the use of the event, we will be promoting volunteering and the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector, prior to the event through social media and our website. We will be promoting volunteering during the event and also through press releases and social media following the event with the use of photos, written media and the like.

**Ref No:** SIS 32/2017

**Title of Project:** Compendium of asylum jurisprudence, law and policy

**Name of VO:** aditus foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The project would involve the publication of a Compendium of Maltese legislation, policy and jurisprudence in the field of asylum and migration. This would be the first legal publication that would focus on purely national legislation and would gather the large collection of key Maltese court judgments in the field of asylum which would include detention, review of appeal decisions on merit, Constitutional applications and also procedural issues.

Throughout the past years the volume of asylum related laws, policies and jurisprudence have enriched the Maltese legal system, however it remains an extremely complex and ambiguous field for practitioners, volunteers and students alike. The lack of legal academic publications focusing on national law and case-law in general remains a problem for most practitioners. Throughout years of experience lawyers working in NGOs and in the private sector have amassed a large amount of information and case-law under their belt. By collecting this information in an easily accessible and clear publication, the aim is for improved legal knowledge that would benefit the most marginalised group in Maltese society.

Improved knowledge would ultimately result in better informed lawyers and an improved access to justice for asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection. The publication offers the tools to enforce their rights, access to the best information available and access to the national courts.

aditus believes that access to justice is of fundamental importance for any individual and is an essential component of the rule of law, specifically when a right is violated or damage is caused. Such access can only be effective when legal professionals and judges are aware of the legal provisions and the case-law interpreting such provisions.

Ultimately the Compendium aims to address the knowledge gap that exists in the sector of asylum and immigration.



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**Ref No:** SIS 33/2017

**Title of Project:** Education as a tool to improve the output of voluntary work

**Name of VO:** St. Philip Band Club AD 1851

**Amount Approved:** EUR 2,950.00

**Summary of Project:**

The scope of this project is to invest in capacity building within the youths who are volunteering to assist the social organization to provide services to the public. Such services include the promotion of free services to the community such as free musical instrument training, public activities such as commemoration events relating to historic events and other social activities which volunteers can contribute to the historic and social culture of Malta such as those related to the religious feasts.

Academic and practical training is needed so as to enable youths to embark into modern marketing approaches so as to maximize their reach both locally and abroad, as well as to promote innovative ideas materializing.

This training involves the following training courses:

- 5 volunteers to attend a video editing course, including practical sessions;
- 5 volunteers to attend a graphic designer course, including practical sessions.

All courses are to have a duration between 15 to 20 hours, primarily split into 8 to 10 sessions of 2 hours each. Such sessions will be held either once or twice a week, depending on the availability of the volunteers. Training will also include the academic material which the volunteer can take home and use as practice.

Also all training should include well established academic recognition and certificates which, apart from proving the quality of the training, the volunteer can personally benefit as well in his/her personal professional evolution by being active in the volunteering environment.

**Ref No:** SIS 36/2017

**Title of Project:** Healthy Vibes

**Name of VO:** Socjeta Santa Marija u Banda Re Gorg V

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

Sezzjoni Zghazagh Santa Marija Mqabba wish to work during this year on the importance of healthy living and adopting healthy lifestyles. Although such youth groups are renowned for the organisation of festive celebrations, however these youths want to tackle that social stigma and show that they give importance to a healthy lifestyle and understand the importance of promoting such lifestyle.

They plan to organise a healthy lifestyle weekend consisting of a series of talks related to health, including pediatric first aid, nutritionist talks amongst others.

Collaboration will be made with sports organisations who will be invited to give a demonstration of their particular sport in a bid to engage children and maybe also adults to start participating in sports activities.



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Collaboration with the Health department will be made and people within the community will be given the chance to have certain medical tests and the blood bank will also be invited not only to encourage people to donate blood, but importantly with their presence during the weekend, collect blood donations.

In a bid to have a really inclusive activity one of the sports organisations representing volleyball will hold a sitting volley game to encourage people with physical limitations to still exercise and involve; themselves in sports activities.

Penalty shoot outs and other sports will also be organised in the space in front of our social club.

To keep up with the theme, the youth group will collaborate with the bar tenders and healthy food will be offered.

Since this will be a family activity, games and activities for children will be organised as well together with other attractions.

**Ref No:** SIS 37/2017

**Title of Project:** Domestic Violence Handbook

**Name of VO:** Women's Rights Foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 2,850.00

**Summary of Project:**

Many are those that do not have a clear understanding of what is domestic violence. They also are not clear as to what they have to do if they believe to be victims of violence, where to seek help. how to report and what will they face in court and the kind of protection they can get.

We believe that information is crucial in order to make informed decisions; as such information is a crucial stepping stone to empower victims to get out of their abusive relationships.

As an organisation that has been offering legal support services for the last 3 years, we have assisted and accompanied more than 400 women and their children. Through our work, we have come to note that most service users approach to get informed decisions and get a clear understanding of what their rights are and what to do if they need to leave their violent households.

However, from the service users that have come to approach us, very few were elderly women, migrant women and other minority groups, particularly from the LGBTIQ community. This we have come to note could possibly be due to shame and limited mobility within these minority communities.

Malta has in the last 2 years introduced the Victims of Crime Act and ratified the Istanbul Convention .Both legislations have made it legally binding on Malta to inform victims of violence, particularly those victims of domestic violence, of their rights. Yet more than 2 years, there is no clear handbook that provides clear information on the rights of victims of domestic violence.

Through the creation of a handbook, clear and accurate information would be given as to what constitutes domestic violence and will further provide information as to how and where victims should seek help, what kind of help they are to expect from the service provider they would approach and what to further expect once they go to court.



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**Ref No:** SIS 39/2017

**Title of Project:** Keeping sacred music alive

**Name of VO:** Ghaqda Muzikali Sant`Andrija

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The year 2017 marks the 150th anniversary from the birth of Mro. Antonio Miruzzi, Our organisation would like to turn this event into an opportunity to widen the knowledge about this composer and enhancing appreciation for his works. It will also take this opportunity to organise a number of activities targeted towards the youth age group in order to entice them to join our organisation.

To commemorate this anniversary, Ghaqda Muzikali Sant' Andrija would be recording fourteen musical pieces originally composed by Mro. Antonio Miruzzi. This compilation will also include sacred music composed appropriately for this occasion by Musical directors and young musicians from our Society, for the general public to cherish and preserve.

This project will also involve:

1. Conducting research on Mro. Antonio Miruzzi leading to the publication of his biography,
2. a recording of his complete Holy Week opus for bands
3. A commemorative event which will involve band clubs of whom Mro. Miruzzi was also a Musical Director.
4. A musical soiree and an exhibition on the life and works of Mro Miruzzi
5. An exhibition of works of arts by young artists

**Ref No:** SIS 45/2017

**Title of Project:** Protect the Local Beat

**Name of VO:** Ghaqda Madonna tal-Grazzja, Banda San Mikiel Zabbar A.D. 1883

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

Band Clubs form a core element in our society. Due to the social activities organised by local band clubs, since the 19th century, the records kept by these organisations are of great importance to our heritage. Unfortunately, due to lack of knowledge no importance was given to such records and the archiving system of band clubs.

Therefore important information was and is still being lost.

'Protect the Local Beat' aims to equip the volunteers with skills to be able to preserve the music scores and improve the management of records in band clubs. One of our music theory teachers, Ms Dorianne Coleiro, carried out a dissertation, 'A Survey of the Management of Band Club Archives in Malta and Gozo', where she identified the mishandling of archives. The thesis suggests a number of recommendations that band clubs can adopt for a better record management in their institution.



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This project will act as a pilot project to this research, whereby we will be focusing on archives of the music scores found at the band club. The project will include the following activities:

- Training for volunteers on archiving;
- Digitisation of music scores;
- Assortment of music scores;
- Preservation measures to old music scores not to deter further more; and
- Publishing a handbook with recommendations on better management of records.

Through this project, our organisation will achieve the following results:

- Involve more members in volunteering;
- Equip the volunteers with management and administrative skills;
- Store music scores that are becoming extinct;
- Preserve our tangible and intangible heritage;
- Better management of the administration of the voluntary organisation; and
- Share good practices with other band clubs.

The National Archives will be supporting the project and will guide the volunteers. The project will end with the launch of the publication and a short presentation to other band clubs on the good practices implemented through this fund.

**Ref No:** SIS 48/2017

**Title of Project:** Art Links

**Name of VO:** Gabriel Caruana Foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The Art Links project aims to link artists, communities and artistic legacy. The project will promote and raise awareness about modern and contemporary art and artists in Malta through the development of the Foundation's website. The project will also serve as an impetus for artistic research through the development of a framework to compile the Catalogue Raisonné. This will help in the digitization process and the critical analysis of Maltese modern and contemporary art, thereby directly contributing to Maltese artistic and cultural heritage. The website will include the following information:

1. Foundation
2. Gabriel Caruana
3. Catalogue raisonné
4. Modern and Contemporary art in Malta
5. Activities
6. Projects
7. Publications
8. Support (volunteer/donate)

The website will have three types of users:



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1. the website visitor
2. the gallery administrator
3. the GCF researcher

As part of the project a number of talks will be organised by the Foundation at the Mill, Arts, Culture and Crafts Centre in Birkirkara.

**Ref No:** SIS 49/2017

**Title of Project:** Why?

**Name of VO:** Zghazagh Azzjoni Kattolika

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

It is a known fact that Volunteering changes lives, not only for the people who are on the receiving end of the volunteer's efforts and time, for the people sharing the experience, and lastly, for the volunteers themselves.

Many of the campaigns created to promote volunteering focus mainly on the benefits gained by those who receive the result, ignoring the positive effect, just as important but albeit less obvious, of voluntary work on the individual carrying it out. In fact, even though this aspect of volunteering is essential, few people are aware of the benefits and advantages gained by those carrying out the voluntary work.

The aim of this project is to make young people and other stakeholders (such as their parents), more aware of the benefits that volunteering brings with it, including the soft skills that can really only be learnt through the experience of giving time, effort and compassion without the expectation of monetary reward. This project will also help people realise that it is possible to add volunteering to one's personal life-schedule without negatively affecting one's study, family and/or work commitments.

It cannot be emphasised enough that volunteering does not only make the world a better place, but can help make young people feel more valued, increase their feeling of belonging within a community and also help them become more employable.

Indirectly, volunteering promotes a diverse and inclusive society.

The project will include creating a series of 6 short video clips, produced in Maltese, which will be distributed to schools, youth groups and through TV and social media to encourage people to join a group/organisation and open themselves up to the idea of volunteering, with particular emphasis towards targeting young people who are still in school, together with their parents, who play a big part and somewhat influence the decisions made by their children.

**Ref No:** SIS 50/2017

**Title of Project:** Public and Professional Awareness and Education

**Name of VO:** Association of Speech-Language Pathologists

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00



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**Summary of Project:**

Part of our mission statement is to promote the profession and create opportunities for professional development. Our project for 2017 involves 4 Continuous Professional Development events. One will celebrate European Speech Language Therapy (SLT) day, and will focus on Dysphagia, feeding and swallowing disorders. Our event will aim to create awareness and provide the latest knowledge on this condition to Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs), other professionals, as well as the general public. We will also be providing patients and their carers with practical, hands on advice and ideas about food safety and preparation in modified diets. Dysphagia can lead to life threatening situations so it is vital that individuals who work with or care for clients with these disorders are knowledgeable about modifications required in diet and food consistency amongst other things.

The ASLP will also be organising a further 3 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) events for SLPs, other professionals (such as medical professionals, allied health professionals, teachers, LSAs, etc) and the general public. These events will target different topics within our field. They will aim to increase awareness about our profession and the conditions we deal with. We aim to disseminate information about communication and swallowing disorders to the general public and offer guidance on how best to access the services of a SLP.

A short video clip will also be produced for the same purpose.

**Ref No:** SIS 54/2017

**Title of Project:** Base of Operation (BoO)

**Name of VO:** St John Rescue Corps

**Amount Approved:** EUR 2,950.00

**Summary of Project:**

St John Rescue Corps (SJRC) consists of volunteer members fully trained in rescue and first aid. These volunteers are prepared to go into action as an individual unit, in support of the constituted authorities of the Maltese Islands or abroad when officially called upon by them. SJRC members are specialised in water rescue, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and fire fighting and regularly support the Civil Protection Department in emergencies and public duties. To keep the level of preparedness of its members ready for such eventualities, the Corps systematically organises rescue training and exercises which vary in complexity and duration.

Though the Corps has well-trained members, at the moment it lacks the infrastructure to support its members for medium-term (several days) deployments away from its Headquarters. Such deployments consist of international deployments or local incidents which would require the setting up of a temporary base of operations nearby the location of the incident. The aim of this initiative is to bolster the Corps' capability to deploy its members for such scenarios by purchasing part of the support infrastructure, such as tents, required for such deployments. With part of such an infrastructure in hand, the Corps will organise two major training camps for 24 of its operational members during the year in some place in the Maltese islands. These training camps



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will span over three days each to simulate medium-term missions locally or overseas. Local and foreign entities will be invited to participate in these exercises to share their experience and knowledge with the Corps' members.

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**Title of Project:** Mater Dolorosa: Ex Tenebrae Ad Lucem

**Name of VO:** Soċjeta' Muzikali Madonna tal-Ġilju

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

In Mqabba, the Our Lady of the Lilies Musical Society has long stood as a forefront bastion of voluntary effort, just recently reconstructing its operating premises, the Lily Band Club, situated at the heart of said quaint village. With the successful completion and follow-up of the Lenten exhibition SIS 2016 034 'Mater Dolorosa: A Unique Fresco Experience', the Our Lady of the Lilies Youth Section has now put forth the concept of continuance through a new and original theme to cater for further talent.

As the previous Lenten exhibition boasted the innovative theme of murals, the art form proposed of it this year is a display of light and shadow unlike ever seen before nationally. The club's new spacious main halls, still yet to be refurbished, inspired the Society's present Youth Section to conceive the notion of a Lenten exhibition which would be unlike any other seen in Malta: Mater Dolorosa: Ex Tenebrae Ad Lucem – A unique display of literal mural-projected shadowed acts, pieces and animations, brought forth by local talent. Such a feat will ensure that fresh, young volunteers join in the build-up of a theme which is new to most.

The ambitious exhibition in question, creatively highlighting the sorrow of Our Lady alongside themes of poverty and social inclusion, will be set for public viewing throughout the Holy Week, from the 6th to the 16th of April 2017.

Steered by the Youth Section and funded by the Small Initiatives Support Scheme, the project intends to regenerate admiration towards our cultural heritage through an exclusive voluntary opportunity, uniting a team of youths in artistic, investigative and promotional endeavor via:

- A brief course of studies to inductees in the field of visual projection;
- An audio-visual exhibition-walkthrough in conjunction with the Radio Commission;
- An inauguration Lenten-themed concert by the Society's own Lily Band;
- A full-scale marketing opportunity which goes from a conventional to a digital standpoint.

**Ref No:** SIS 57/2017

**Title of Project:** Judo website for all

**Name of VO:** Malta Judo Federation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00





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**Summary of Project:**

Judo is not just a sport, but a philosophy, an education system and a way of life. The aims of the Malta Judo Federation for 2017 / 2018 are to promote Judo and a healthy lifestyle, active citizenship and volunteering and open it's doors for several types of special needs children and youths in the participation of Judo training sessions with other athletes. We plan to target youths and children with Social and Intellectual disorders, or are visually impaired or come from disadvantaged background.

To be able to achieve this, and for these children and youths to benefit to the utmost, we intend working on Funds projects (VOPS) for a special online course for Coaches to help them specialise in training children and youths in our target groups, changes in the premises for easy access and a friendly website with an incorporated database with the help of the SIS funds.

The Internet isn't always "one size fits all." Every day, inaccessible web design prevents millions of people in the disabled community from an easy online experience. For those with visual impairments, learning difficulties, hearing loss and more, there are dozens of unique challenges waiting behind every URL, so we decided to build a disability friendly site.

The website will be part of our promotional campaign for:

- The importance of Sports and a healthy lifestyle, as the Maltese are considered the fattest in all of the European Union
- More awareness on the need for social inclusion of persons with some form of disability and those with fewer opportunities
- to promote active citizenship through volunteering as volunteering is a way of non-formal learning, character building, skill development, personal growth, making friends, etc etc..

Also the database incorporated in the website will help the participants and their guardians to follow up their progress, get information about activities, make online payment and easy inscriptions for competition and activities

**Ref No:** SIS 58/2017

**Title of Project:** Educational Videos for Friendship Cards (Emotional Literacy & Conflict Resolution Skills for Children)

**Name of VO:** Relationships Are Forever Foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The objective of this project is to develop a set of videos which will serve as promotion and training for our Friendship cards project.

Relationship are Forever Foundation(RAFF) have developed an innovative way to help children develop emotional literacy and conflict resolution skills using a set of skill cards – Friendship Cards. [www.friendshipcards.org](http://www.friendshipcards.org). These cards were developed with a team of 30 volunteers, including PSCD teachers, LSA, Youth workers, Designers, Illustrations among others, who voluntarily dedicated their expertise to develop this beautiful tool to help children.



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RAFF currently organises various types of workshops during which we train people how to use Friendship cards:

- for teachers, parents & youth workers
- for parents together with children
- for teachers & students at school

The videos which we intend to produce will explain how the Friendship cards can be used and encourage/promote the idea.

The education content is very high as it would be a tool for all educators working with children as it would facilitate the teaching of life skills. It is our wish that every child would experience these cards develop emotional literacy and conflict resolution skills. RAFF is already delivery workshops at Government Schools and these videos will help to enforce the co-operation with the Education Department

The initiative will stimulate co-operation and networking between voluntary organisations working with youths. (e.g. Scots, parishes, children with special needs, Football clubs, etc) by organising joint workshops for their members to develop life skills with Friendship Cards.

The videos will showcase the work done by volunteers and encourage a culture of volunteering. The initiative has already drawn interest for other international organisations. The video will help to share the idea with other countries.

The Friendship cards promote the concept of inclusion as the children characters on the cards include children from

**Ref No:** SIS 60/2017

**Title of Project:** The Right to MY Voice

**Name of VO:** Equal Partners Foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

Equal Partners has encouraged its young adults to make their voices heard and to share their opinion on issues that are directly impacting them or others in the community.

During the Equal Partners Foundation's Annual General meeting in the year 2015, members for a Youth Committee were elected. The formation of such a committee is to enable the Voices of our youngster to be heard on committee level, the foundation and the community at large.

Although, a youngster is already involved and is attending the Foundation's monthly committee meetings, the Foundation is in need of funds to be able to set off the whole project.



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The Committee of young EPF members needs support to be able to set up their own committee, therefore we are envisaging to engage external advocates for disabled persons from the NGO Breaking Limits to facilitate this process.

The necessary funds will enable the Foundation to train our members and provide a basic starting point for the said Committee.

**Ref No:** SIS 62/2017

**Title of Project:** Teacher Training for SDGs - Using an E-Book for Children

**Name of VO:** SKOP

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The project aims to train teachers in Primary Schools, state and non-state, in the use of an E-Book focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SKOP, through another project, is producing an E-book to explain the SDGs to children in Years 4,5 and 6. SKOP intends to run 30 sessions offered to 10 participants each session (maximum amount of direct beneficiaries 300). The duration of each training session will be 2 hours and SKOP will be working in collaboration with the Ministry for Education and the management teams of individual schools to carry out these training sessions in the schools. This project aims to foster cooperation between NGOs working on development education and other important stakeholders within the educational system. It will strengthen sustainable development education in Maltese schools. One of the main focus areas of the SDGs is the eradication of poverty and promotion of social justice for all, especially marginalised groups. Thus this project is of high relevance for the priorities stipulated in this call.

**Ref No:** SIS 63/2017

**Title of Project:** Public Awareness and Implementing Initiative for Arthritis and Rheumatic People

**Name of VO:** Arthritis and Rheumatism Association Malta

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

Public awareness regarding arthritis and rheumatism conditions, and the implementation of various measures to alleviate pain and discomfort to be able to live a more healthy active life to surmount such difficulties.

These ailments are one of the commonest in Malta affecting a number of people of all ages with a detrimental effect on society, both from a financial point of view to the individuals concerned and also to their families, and the negative effect on the work places.



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Activities will involve educational on the conditions, to make people aware of their health, early referral knowledge, awareness of possible help through activities, medicines available, and socialising.

Programmes on the local media to reach the general public not necessary directly effected, but who could be carers or who would like to have more available information on these ailments.

**Ref No:** SIS 66/2017

**Title of Project:** life on a line

**Name of VO:** ERRC HQ

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The project aims to integrate disabled persons, young people having fewer opportunities in normal sports activity. A group of young people (ERRC youths), some coming from disadvantaged backgrounds or experiences fewer opportunities themselves have come together to set up this project. Thus our idea is to take young people coming from the different cultural and social contexts to work together so as to take other less privileged, young people from the society to do abseiling and other rope related activities. This project will take place with the help of a professional rope access instructor who will supervise our training and peroration for the project.

The project is thus centred around the following themes that is education through sport, volunteering, outdoor activities and disability issues. In this project a group of ERRC youths will introduce disabled persons and other disadvantaged youths from, the local community to the sport of abseiling and rope related activities. In this way the project aims to integrate less privileged persons with other youths. The Abseiling will be the medium to achieve these main themes. The project will seek to develop solidarity and to promote tolerance among the young people involved in the project. The project will be a way for the inclusion for young people with fewer opportunities access to the youth program besides promoting the European year for volunteering. Thus in this project we will take disabled people abseiling and other rope related activities in well selected sites. However those who want to venture in doing more difficult terrains will be catered for.

The project will be coordinated with other NGOs that are specialized in the field. Thus organizations such as Arka, Association for the Deaf and others will be involved and consulted.

The ERRC has enough experience to undertake this project. In the past it has done projects, the most recent one being a camp for people with special needs

**Ref No:** SIS 67/2017

**Title of Project:** Record in Progress

**Name of VO:** Salesian Oratory

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00



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**Summary of Project:**

The Salesian Oratory in Sliema houses a recording studio known as 'Gramophone Studios' with a live room which doubles as a rehearsal space. It gives a space for young people to express themselves through music, and creates educative opportunities in areas such as music production whilst also offering free educative recording services. Matteo Depares (MA Songwriting and Music Production) will mentor the core team throughout the project. The main aims are to improve the quality of the live area by boosting the equipment and logistical needs of the space and to educate and provide an experience of hands on music production to the core team members. This would improve the recording studio substantially in both the technical needs of the studio and the quality of labour provided by the voluntary core team, ultimately making this educative space self-sustainable.

Together with the mentor, the core team will identify the main technical needs of the live space and conduct research on the field to be able to pinpoint suitable equipment that would accommodate the youths using the studio. After the equipment is brought in and installed, the core team will proceed with their training on the now better-equipped studio. A hands on practical approach will be used to go through this educative process. The core team will be split in two groups so that the members could have more opportunities to experience and learn the different techniques. Each group will be responsible of producing a song (cover or original) together with Depares, who will be overseeing the process, giving advice through his experience and answering any queries. To record the songs, external members will be involved as musicians. The recording process will be followed to ultimately produce two tracks which could be used to promote this project /studio and to give the core team enough hands on knowledge to be able to repeat the process alone whenever needed, and passing the knowledge on to other youths.

**Ref No:** SIS 70/2017

**Title of Project:** Volunteer Educational Services

**Name of VO:** Right to Smile Foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

The project is aimed at youths and young people between the ages of 12-35 interested in volunteering. A set of visual video production designed and produced to educate people about responsible volunteering, activating people from inactive to active citizens, being a volunteer, providing tools to the voluntary sector for the promotion & training of volunteers and the understanding of the impact one can make on the lives of others by volunteering his community.

The videos will be produced by a team of members involved in the Voluntary Sector together with videography producers who work with youth & young people in order to create the right audio visual production which will engage the viewers with the aim of raising awareness about the benefits of volunteering towards the communities & self-development.



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The outcome of this project will educate people on opportunities of volunteering locally and international and the right steps to take to make the right decision in choosing a cause to heart.

An Audio Visual approach is the most impactful way to reach youths & young people through social media & also through outreach programs in public & govt. schools. These resources can be used by all voluntary organisations for recruitment, training & promotion of volunteering.

**Ref No:** SIS 71/2017

**Title of Project:** #BeActive Campaign

**Name of VO:** The Scout Association of Malta

**Amount Approved:** EUR 3,000.00

**Summary of Project:**

During 2017, The Scout Association of Malta (VO/ 0311) will be celebrating the 110 years of scouting. The project being proposed aims at raising the profile of Scouting in general and of our 40 local groups spread all over the island and to celebrate the rich heritage of volunteer work and activities in the community.

#BeActive is part of an ongoing project within the strategy of the association, to better showcase it as a youth movement as an active force within the development of our young people through non-formal education. The media output will challenge the traditional concepts of scouting (such as marching and discipline), and showcase ourselves as an active civil society organisation.

Through collaboration between a media house, leaders, young members and parents, we will produce a media campaign to challenge these stereotypes. The outputs will be used on both traditional and new media (such as social media). Apart from awareness, the campaign will finally aim at recruiting and engaging more members, ranging from children to adult members. In fact, apart from producing media content, the campaign will consist of a number of activity resource packs; that will challenge our members to engage with the public through a number of activities to showcase themselves.