



**Ref No:** VOPS 01/2017

**Title of Project:** Guzeppini 891 - Ghaxaq Community Radio Station

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

**Amount Approved:** EUR 17,640.00

**Summary of Project:** Last year our organisation was funded by the SIS in order for it to set up a community radio station. After last Year success, which was a pilot project to check whether we were going to have good response from our community, this year we are applying for the VOPS since our organisation intends to invest more in this community Radio station - Guzeppini891 FM. Our idea this year is actually to buy all the setup needed and not actually rent it. The executive committee also allocated a room at our band club to be organised as a professional studio. We intend to transmit not only during our feast but also during Christmas so we will double the transmission period. As part of this project we will also organise a seminar to discuss the voluntary sector in such projects. During this seminar we will study ways to improve our transmissions. Our idea is to incentivate our volunteers to participate in this project by training them. We want to train both disk Jockeys and technicians to make the project sustainable and have the necessary experience for our radio to continue transmitting without the need of any further funding.

**Ref No:** VOPS 02/2017

**Title of Project:** Karavan

**Name of VO:** Write Deal Association

**Amount Approved:** EUR 20,000.00

**Summary of Project:** The project will be the development, creation & publication of 4 professional magazines (printed & e-publications) in Maltese called KARAVAN, by publication professionals who will be shadowed by 60 youths (aged 12-15 yrs) who hail from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, have institutionalized parents, have problems in the social, emotional & behavioural areas &/or have physical disabilities. This means that the Applicant will be collaborating with 4 Youth Clubs (YCs) that cater for youngsters who are amongst the most vulnerable & disabled young people on the island. These YCs are: Friendz 4 Friendz (part of St Clare College); SCPC Youth Club (part of Gorg Preca College); Maria Regina Youth Club (part of Maria Regina College) & STC Youth Club (part of St Therese College). Whilst these YCs are not registered VOs, they form 4 groups (1 group per YC) of psycho-social teams. These teams are made up of social workers, support workers, counsellors, trainee counsellors, career guidance practitioners, trainee career guidance practitioners, prefects of Discipline, psychologists & youth workers. It is important to add that members from these teams will be handling the youths during the workshops & job-shadowing (This service will be provided free-of-charge). The magazine will be aimed at youths. KARAVAN will be tackling a variety of subjects; with a special emphasis on the voluntary sector in Malta. The 60 youths will be mentored by media professionals & will be trained to carry out the work of editors, researchers, writers, interviewers, photographers & designers. Thus, KARAVAN aims to reduce the rates of early school leaving by aiding 60 youths to explore/develop/train in new skills that they can pursue further, whilst allowing them to express themselves artistically. Thus, the project strives for the educational, social, personal & emotional



development as well as enhancing the education, employability, well-being & health of young people within the community.

**Ref No:** VOPS 03/2017

**Title of Project:** Judo - Sport E Learning for Inclusion (Judo SELFI)

**Name of VO:** Malta Judo Foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 20,000.00

**Summary of Project:** The ultimate aim of this project is the inclusion of several types of special needs children and youths in the participation of Judo training sessions with other athletes. Our target groups will be youths and children with Social and Intellectual disorders, the visually impaired, and the disadvantaged. To achieve this, we intend providing a 7 month online course for Judo coaches to give them the necessary specialised knowledge that is required. The course will cover topics on disability awareness, the inclusion spectrum, obstacles and possible solutions to participation, adapting activities and strategies accordingly, how to enable youths to overcome challenges, act positively and develop to their fullest potential, and how to cultivate good behaviour, attitudes and knowledge which will help them to develop and retain throughout their lives. A social worker will organise a workshop to sensitise coaches about barriers that youths face, the challenges to overcome, and the skills needed to tackle these situations. Foreign and local experts in the subject of coaching special needs children will be engaged to supervise sessions in which the coaches will be able to practice their newly acquired skills and techniques with a selection of athletes. MEPA Permits have already been issued for infrastructural changes for the easy access of children and youths of all abilities and the installation of appropriate sanitary facilities. A TV screen with CCTV equipment will allow parents and members of voluntary organisations associated with our target groups, to monitor and follow the children during training sessions and wall screen, chairs and sound system will provide a place for seminars and workshops. The unique component of Judo for children in our target groups is the competition within themselves, not with others. Judo helps teach self-discipline and socialisation skills, and offers the opportunity of a better and healthier lifestyle.

**Ref No:** VOPS 05/2017

**Title of Project:** VOLstory.org...the living experience!

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

**Amount Approved:** EUR 17,536.00

**Summary of Project:** CHAPTER #1 – READY, STEADY...LETS GO!

- ACTION 1: Setting the Milestone: ISO9001
  - a) Implementation of Quality Management System/Database systems for better administration of our organisation
- ACTION 2: Scouting-4-Volunteers
  - a) Volunteers Recruitment Week - Engagement Program for new Volunteers
  - b) Launching the NeverTOOLate initiative
- ACTION 3: Getting Professional: Educational Program for Volunteers covering the following 'Syllabus'
  - a) Capacity Building and Decision Making in an NGO
  - b) Archiving and Documentation of Administrative Documents and cataloguing inventory



c) Inclusive volunteering in an NGO...everyone is able!

d) Food Handling and Activate Aging

- ACTION 4: Coding Behaviours

a) Drafting and publishing an updated Code of Ethics for our organisation

CHAPTER #2 – ONE HEART, ONE MISSION...ONE ADDRESS [our home]!

- ACTION 5: Building the Opportunity

a) Setting a multipurpose volunteers-oriented Hub

CHAPTER #3 – A NEVER ENDING STORY...IN VOLUNTEERING!

- ACTION 6: The Show must go on...

a) Designing and launching of a distinct, visually-enticing website

- ACTION 7: The Volunteer...the priceless trail.

a) Setting of a Permanent Volunteering-Trail [exhibition]

b) Organisation of an Open Day and Final event variety show

This is not just a project...this is a chaptered story which ultimately aims to strengthen and develop our society's volunteering fabric.

**Ref No:** VOPS 07/2017

**Title of Project:** Youth on the Move

**Name of VO:** Ghaqda Kazini tal-Banda

**Amount Approved:** EUR 19,840.00

**Summary of Project:** This initiative involves the provisioning of free of charge advanced music tuition to young musicians through an academy set up by the Malta Band Club Association and the setting up of a professionally qualified Youth Band. Problem Identification: The band clubs affiliated within our organisation provide sterling service in terms of music tuition which will lead a person to be able to play an instrument by the end of the course. However persons who wish to pursue their musical studies have to do so through private tuition. This is arising out of the fact that on club level the expense of providing such tuition free of charge is prohibitive due to the low intake. The Proposal: The Malta Band Club Association will step in to provide advanced tuition opportunities to youngsters, whereby the MBA will form an academy where tuition will be provided by qualified Maltese and foreign tutors.

**Ref No:** VOPS 08/2017

**Title of Project:** TV Platform on Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion

**Name of VO:** Fondazzjoni U (Xandir Socjo-Religjuz)

**Amount Approved:** EUR 14,461.00

**Summary of Project:** This project titled: TV Platform on Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion is a community-led television programme coordinated by Fondazzjoni U in partnership with the Foundation for Social Welfare Services (FSWS), CARITAS and MCAST Institute for Creative Arts. Fondazzjoni U is hereby presenting an 8 month project for the VOPs call in line with the mission statement of this organisation which is: To be a platform for broadcasting the needs and values of poor individuals, groups and minorities. Fondazzjoni U with the support of the partners will be implementing a 13 part series on TVM that will be presenting 13 different situations faced by disadvantaged persons such as the poor, persons having a disability, the elderly, asylum seekers, children with challenging behaviour etc. Following consultation with the community and by liaising with FSWS, Caritas and VOs involved in the field of poverty and social inclusion these TV programmes will be developed and implemented. As a



voluntary organisation, priority will also be given to the theme of volunteering and we will therefore be collaborating with MCAST to involve students studying Creative Media Production to volunteer their time and put into practice their knowledge on media. Fondazzjoni U will also be involving different voluntary organisations working with the poor and the socially excluded so that these organisations and the services they offer can be promoted on this programme. Besides, raising awareness this project also seeks to educate the general public and the persons affected by poverty and/or social exclusion to seek help via the information that will be obtained from this TV programme.

**Ref No:** VOPS 09/2017

**Title of Project:** Learning through historic preservation and conservation

**Name of VO:** Fondazzjoni Patrimonju Siggiewi

**Amount Approved:** EUR 15,200.00

**Summary of Project:** Siggiewi Heritage Foundation will commission a detailed restoration of one of the oldest paintings found in our Parish Church. This painting consists of two medium a sculpture and painting on canvas. Of course we cannot stop here and we are looking forward in being able to organise a number of educational activities, such as an Open Cantiere and lessons, in order to increase the members' knowledge of restoration and be able to carry out minor works ourselves and to highlight the rich cultural heritage that is found in our village. We will be inviting a local youth organisation ZAK Siggiewi (vo/1051) to participate to these organised educational activities to also invest in our youths with the aim of attracting more youths taking a career in this field. We will also commission a video document on how a restoration project is carried out with the aim of publishing it for educational purposes in our local schools. As the restoration will take place in our village core, an indirect affect that we would like to achieve through this project is to manage to increase more tourist's visits in our village core. As such we will be collaborating with an already private museum in our village to channel their visits to come and interactive with the restorers while they do their work.

**Ref No:** VOPS 10/2017

**Title of Project:** Volunteer Sliema

**Name of VO:** Fondazzjoni Patrimonju Siggiewi Solidarity Overseas Service Malta (SOS Malta)

**Partner VO:** CORE PLATFORM Corporate Citizenship for responsible Enterprise Association

**Amount Approved:** EUR 43,084.00

**Summary of Project:** Volunteer- Sliema is a Partnership between SOS Malta and the Core Platform and is supported by Sliema Local Council and Capua Hospital. This multi-stakeholder local partnership will develop an innovative community based response to the needs of vulnerable elderly people to ensure a reduction of their social exclusion, whilst contributing to a reawakening of the spirit of self giving and active citizenship within the community through the development of a local volunteer scheme. This project will be a flagship project to celebrate 25 years of SOS Malta. This project will seek to ensure vulnerable elderly and people with a physical disability feel more mobile



and able to access health care and essential services, as well as engage in leisure and community activities. Additionally, the project will seek to provide emotional support to these groups of people through the creation of a Community Volunteers Network. This pilot project will build upon both the existing VolServ project and Tal-Kultura – the volunteer programme for Valletta 2018 which currently together have approximately 500 volunteers. The scheme will also utilise the existing the SOS Malta car and the wealth of volunteer management experience SOS Malta holds and will contribute to the SOS Malta core pillar of work of social inclusion and solidarity with vulnerable groups. The proposed pilot project would take place in Sliema. This area is one of the main shopping hubs with a wide catchment area. The project will include 3 key elements: 1) The development of a local volunteer network of 20-30 volunteers to ensure a pool of support for the elderly; 2) The development of a community transport scheme to promote the mobility of the elderly and those with a disability; 3) The establishment of a local stakeholder network who support the implementation of the scheme.

**Ref No:** VOPS 11/2017

**Title of Project:** Setting up the European Network of Parents of LGBTQI persons

**Name of VO:** Drachma

**Amount Approved:** EUR 20,000.00

**Summary of Project:** The project's objective is to launch a network of parents' associations - the European Network of Parents of LGBT people (ENP). This collective voice will be a platform of common learning and empowerment and will have the potential to challenge and influence current public discourse, by presenting examples from different European societies which will support advocacy for LGBTQI rights and will become common voice against hate crime and homophobia.

To organise a European gathering of at least 10 organizations of parents of LGBTQI persons from various European countries; to establish the Foundational Assembly of ENP that will endorse its registration in Malta.

#### Background

In May 2016, following an informal gathering held at the ILGA 2015 conference in Athens, as delegates from existing Parents' organisations of LGBTQI People, Drachma was invited by ILGA to meet again in Brussels, to help organize a Network. We were 13 people from 9 different European organisations and decided.

#### 1) Our Vision Statement

The vision of the ENP is a world of equal opportunities, where sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions are secured, respected and affirmed.

#### 2) Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to unite the national organisations and initiatives of Parents of LGBTQI people in Europe; to be a voice for their people's dignity and equality and to empower initiative groups and organisations of parents of LGBTQI to become another strong voice for equality.

3) To elect a core team to work toward the setting up the Network as a legal entity in Malta.

4) To commit to share the outcomes from this meeting with other parents organisations.

5) Selected the Maltese delegation to lead this project.

6) To officially register the network as a legal person in Malta



7) To organize a workshop in Malta in Feb 17 to exchange best practices and strategies and learn from Malta's recent success story. Plus a public lecture as part of the workshop.

**Ref No:** VOPS 12/2017

**Title of Project:** For Stronger Families – creative care packages for vulnerable families

**Name of VO:** St Jeanne Antide Foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 20,000.00

**Summary of Project:** The scope of the project is to adopt a creative approach to the provision of holistic support to very vulnerable individuals and families. The project involves the development of tailor-made social care support packages for 70 vulnerable families needing high and medium support involving a number of professionals and volunteers. Its overarching goal is to enable these families to become stronger, healthier, more resilient and more able to grapple with their complex life-challenges. Each package will be built around the expressed and assessed needs of these families by Social Workers who will tap into the range of in-house and external supports while at the same time involving volunteers for those care plan elements which can be provided by volunteers.

Rather than attempting a futile approach of referring these families to several support agencies to meet different identified needs, the project will design a package of in-house supports, thus eliminating the families' resistance to systems. In-house supports that can be tapped include professional guidance on mental health issues, advocacy to give families a voice, accompaniment to service providers to bridge the gap in access to rights, volunteer handymen for basic repairs and maintenance, sponsors for items needed by the families, help in linking up to organisations providing job coaches and job-related training, counselling and therapy, access to a Mentor, in-kind support such as food, furnishings, and other items, emergency financial support, access to support groups, and other forms of assistance depending on identified needs.

The requested budget is linked to the cost of providing one package of supports for a total of 70 families involving professionals and volunteers.

The VOPs-required four (4) DECLARATIONS regarding Financial Capacity, Operational Capacity, status vis-à-vis Exclusion Criteria and Safety measures have been included in section in the Project Description (Objectives and Priorities).

**Ref No:** VOPS 16/2017

**Title of Project:** A manned Rapid Response Vehicle, based in the northern Dwejra to cover the west areas west areas of gozo ,Gozo, will be utilized to cover popular beaches as well as the various localities within the vicinity.

**Name of VO:** ERRC HQ

**Amount Approved:** EUR 20,000.00

**Summary of Project:** This project is intended to provide first aid coverage at Dwejra in Gozo. According to the MTA, it is estimated that 723,727 tourists visited Dwejra in 2015, the second most visited place in Gozo after the Citadella. A first aid team stationed in Dwejra will considerably prevent unnecessary responses from the emergency medical services in Gozo, and at the same reduce the response time of medical aid.

Objective 1: The ERRC will provide a fully equipped first response vehicle as well as two trained personnel in emergency care. The team will be stationed in Dwejra during the



touristic season between July 2017 and September 2017 for eight hours a day. They will also cater for other places in the vicinity.

**Objective 2:** Current ERRC volunteers and new volunteers will be recruited. The recruitment process will be mostly aimed to youths and adults, including those socially disadvantaged at risk of social exclusion. The recruitment process will begin with the dissemination of posters in schools, youth centers and other public places as well as with promotional messages on social media. Once the recruitment process is complete, then the training process of all volunteers will start. During the recruitment and training stages, the ERRC will provide equal opportunity to everyone irrespective their race, religious believe, skin colour, sexual orientation etc. The involvement of current and new volunteers in this project will positively affect youths as they will become aware of what they can do to contribute to the Maltese society. Furthermore, youths will have fewer changes to engage in negative behaviour.

**Objective 3:** Procurement of a rapid response vehicle and emergency medical equipment necessary to cover the service.

**Objective 4:** Education campaign - the general public and tourists in Gozo by the dissemination of information about beach safety in various touristic places so tourist will be better informed so that accidents can be prevented.

**Ref No:** VOPS 17/2017

**Title of Project:** Raising Awareness of Rare Diseases in Malta on a European and International Level (United Nations)

**Name of VO:** The Marigold Foundation - BOV in the Community

**Partner VO:** National Alliance for Rare Diseases Support - Malta

**Amount Approved:** EUR 48,000.00

**Summary of Project:** The Marigold Foundation and the National Alliance for Rare Diseases Support - Malta shall be working together to - (1) put rare diseases on the national agenda (2) whilst aiming to have rare diseases on the European presidency agenda whilst Malta holds presidency during 2017. Moreover, the project will be made up of different events and smaller projects, which will be spread over a year to educate society in respecting, accepting and helping as much as possible patients of rare diseases and their relatives, The project will encourage and promote research on rare diseases and conditions, promote and present the interests of the Alliance's members, raise public and political awareness on rare diseases and conditions whilst also providing support and information to patients and relatives going through a crises related to the mentioned illnesses and to other Alliances working in the field of rare diseases.

**Ref No:** VOPS 19/2017

**Title of Project:** Transport for Special Olympics Malta

**Name of VO:** Special Olympics Malta

**Amount Approved:** EUR 20,000.00

**Summary of Project:** Special Olympics Malta has been on the increase of giving a service to Athletes with an intellectual disability for these past 15 years. The amount of athletes joining Special Olympics Malta has made the organisation the largest platform in Sports for the disabled. The amount of athletes training in various sports and various



localities is that around 700. One should keep in mind that this is part and a percentage of persons with a intellectual dis ability who are attending Special Olympics Malta. At present Special Olympics Malta is rendering training sessions in various localities. Gymnastics and Table Tennis at the Gymstarts in Tarxien. 7 sessions a week of training. Athletics at the Marsa Track. 3 sessions a week. Football , 2 full team of young players at Tal Handaq school ground 4 sessions weekly. Bowling is one of the most popular sports. 4 sessions weekly at St Julian Eden Super Bowl. Aquatics 6 session weekly at the National Pool Complex. The Young Athlete Foundation Program at 8 session week at the Naxxar. Gozo 3 sessions weekly in Gozo.

One of the most important elements of this project is to reach other athletes without any kind of transport.

Gozo is one of the tasks that we need to work on , although we are doing 3 sessions weekly. The need to increase sessions in Gozo is one of our objects and one of our priorities. More training sessions are to be introduced in Gozo as regards different localities.

The Project will build on what we have, It will give us more access to mobility and team work. Travelling in one car and as one team.

Special Olympics Malta is not just about Sports training and competition.

Special Olympics Malta offers the Healthy Athletes Program, The Family Support Network Program. The Youth Leadership. The Fun Fitness to Parents and Helpers and Guardians. We need to reach and make sure that Special Olympics Is know in each and every family in Malta.

This project will be visible to each and every one .

**Ref No:** VOPS 20/2017

**Title of Project:** commUNITY

**Name of VO:** Teatru Salesjan

**Partner I VO:** Salesian Oratory

**Partner II VO:** Sliema Heritage Society

**Amount Approved:** EUR 48,000.00

**Summary of Project:** commUNITY is a project that underlines the importance of volunteerism as a tool to help create a cohesive society: a society made of people that listen to each other and respect one another. This project will enable Teatru Salesjan to effectively strengthen its position as a space for the community, empowered by volunteers.

This theatre in Tas-Sliema has been active for over 100 years. It has played a vital role in being an cultural space for different communities of people. It was a home for university students in the early 1900s in which they furthered their social and educational development with particular focus on the arts, served as a cinema for hundreds of children from the 1930s to 1960s where people laughed, cried and made friendships and is now providing a space for artists who need a place to test out new creative ventures in. The theatre was built for the community and has been of service to it for all these years.

We will therefore develop the theatre space to become a more effective centre for the Tas-Sliema communities, whilst organising a number of events that will connect people together by means of volunteers. This, in a time when culture and identity are being





given priority in discussions, partly thanks to Valletta's 2018 title as European Capital of Culture.

**Ref No:** VOPS 21/2017

**Title of Project:** A study examining the human resources situation within the Gozo Tourism Industry

**Name of VO:** Gozo Tourism Association

**Amount Approved:** EUR 9,768.00

**Summary of Project:** This research will focus mainly on the owners of the tourist establishments, employees, students and other stakeholders that have a direct interest in the tourist industry on Gozo. Previous studies carried out analysing the current tourism economic environment focused mainly on the establishments' owners or managers, leaving out the primary industry stakeholder, being mainly the human resources element. This element when analysed together with the views of business owners, could help the Gozo Tourism Association develop a holistic strategy towards the implementation of a long term action plan aimed at mitigating and addressing the brain drain that establishments within the sector are faced with.

Ultimately the project will enhance the knowledge of the Gozo Tourism Association with regards to this important subject by building the necessary capacity to assist all the relative stakeholders with an interest in furthering the tourism sector in Gozo through the enhancement of its human resource base. Hence creating more employment opportunities for the younger generation which due to current scenario is opting to settle and work in Mainland Malta. This situation is leading to a chronic brain drain which unless addressed will become irreversible.

The results of this study will also lead to further co-operation between the Gozo Tourism Association (NGO) and the Government entities, such as the Ministry for Gozo, The Ministry for Tourism, The Ministry for Education, The MTA, Jobs Plus and the ITS . All these Government entities will certainly reap value from this study, and utilise its findings in the development of a holistic strategy aimed at the long term.



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**Ref No:** VOPS 23/2017

**Title of Project:** from hire to acquire

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

**Amount Approved:** EUR 4,684.00

**Summary of Project:** The Club has been hiring Radio Equipment on Annual basis for the month (mid-May to mid-June) of the village feast since 2003. It has now been decided to purchase new FM Radio apparatus with a view that in the future we shall be able to extend our programmes on 24x7 basis throughout the year.

**Ref No:** VOPS 25/2017

**Title of Project:** Impact of Pain on Maltese Citizens

**Name of VO:** Malta Health Network

**Partner I VO:** No Pain Foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 28,000.00

**Summary of Project:** Malta Health Network together with No Pain Foundation are Maltese Co-Hosts of the Societal Impact of Pain 2017 Symposium which is being held in Malta as an event within the Calendar of the Maltese Presidency of the EU. In 2016 these entities together with other organisations and individuals interested in pain in Malta have come together to form the Societal Impact of Pain Malta Platform (SIP Malta) based on the model of SIP Europe (<https://www.sip-platform.eu/>)

To-date there is no data which reflects the number of people effected by pain and how this effects their lives. The fact that Pain has an impact on a person's physical, social and mental well being is a known fact and has been reported in research carried out in various countries. The extent of the impact of Pain on Maltese Citizens is still unknown. Pain makes people vulnerable and at risk of social exclusion and poverty. Through this project extent of the impact of Pain on Maltese Citizens will be researched using quantitative assessments of severe and frequent pain with health-related quality of life and health care resources. This will be done upon selection of the appropriate tool to



give indication of the extent of problem in Malta and the association of pain with physical and mental component. This research will be headed by Malta Health Network together with No Pain Foundation as the main entities and collaboration with SIP Malta and other NGOs, Health Care Services, University of Malta and relevant entities. Thus stimulating and encouraging collaboration and networking between voluntary organisations and co-operation with the Government. The results will then be shared between the entities, presented to the Government and to the general public so as to stimulate the necessary actions and policies to be in place to make life of people with pain better.

Results will be presented at local and foreign for a including conferences/symposia and publication in relevant journals.

**Ref No:** VOPS 26/2017

**Title of Project:** Bridging the Gap: Linking Generations for an Empowered Community

**Name of VO:** Centru Tbeixbix

**Amount Approved:** EUR 20,000.00

**Summary of Project:** Bridging the Gap: Linking Generations for an Empowered Community is a community project occurring over 12 months from March 2017 until February 2018. It is based in the neohumanistic and social service centre of Centru Tbeixbix in Cospicua. Its priority is to increase access for opportunities and awareness about active ageing, intergenerational interaction, volunteering and intercultural awareness and sensitivity locally with the Cottonera and nationally across communities in Malta. Its foundation is based upon providing elderly with training focused active ageing principles improving their personal, social, emotional and mental development; encouraging children and young people to volunteer through intergenerational interaction based activities; and strengthening the civic engagement and social capital of all participants in efforts to increase a sense of belonging towards each other and improving their community through intergenerational events based within their own community. In order to carry out all the project's activities we will be extending the premises of Centru Tbeixbix.

**Ref No:** VOPS 28/2017

**Title of Project:** A HELPING HAND FOR A BETTER FUTURE

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

**Amount Approved:** EUR 19,520.00

**Summary of Project:** The organization since its inception had as its main mission the promulgation of the music culture and the active participation in the cultural-religious activities organized in the village. This objective was achieved through the provision of free music tuition and establishment of work-shops for the manufacture and restoration of street decorations.

This modus operandi has placed the organisation in constant contact with the problems and realities of society namely (i) youngsters prevented from developing their capabilities due to family social and economic problems thus ending up in the vicious poverty trap, (ii) lack of non-formal education activities which enable people to develop their talents and sharpen their skills and (iii) lack of an educational structure which facilitates the transfer of knowledge with respect to traditional trades.



The project will involve the provision of a number of free of charge services primarily aimed at children and youths in order to help these participants overcome the handicap resulting from lack of financial resources. Furthermore the organisation will be relying heavily on its volunteer resources as much as possible thus gradually instilling in these participants a culture of volunteering and a sense of duty and belonging to society.

The project proposes a number of initiatives, namely:

- a. The organisation of training courses and hands on training in traditional skills such as gilding, carpentry and blacksmith,
- b. Provision of educational support (helping students with their home works) to students who currently frequent our music school,
- c. Organisation of a summer school,
- d. Hands on training in the art of crib making
- e. The setting up of exhibitions and activities to showcase works created by students to the general public and tourists

**Ref No:** VOPS 33/2017

**Title of Project:** Malta's Marine and Coastal Environment Programme

**Name of VO:** Din l-Art Helwa

**Amount Approved:** EUR 20,000.00

**Summary of Project:** "Discovering Malta's Marine and Coastal Environment" forms part of a bigger cultural heritage preservation project being held by Din l-Art Helwa at the White Tower in Armier, Mellieha

DLH has just obtained a property lease from the Mellieha Local Council to reutilise this historic tower and turn it into an educational and activity centre. This project is a direct example of how voluntary organisations and local government can work together to preserve Malta's heritage and encouraging a culture of volunteering,

The project for which we are applying for funding will cover the retrofitting of the central room within the white tower into a multimedia / educational room, focusing on Marine environment. The requested funding covers, the equipment needed to furnish this room and the development of a video about Marine environment. We are also looking at preparing some informational material to be handed out to visitors, in the form of fliers which can be taken by visitors to the White tower. We plan to organise a number of open days and seminars to the public once the project is complete.

The project aims at also involving the Armier boathouse community in order to create awareness of the heritage found in the surrounding area. We believe that in the long term this will foster cooperation with the local community.

The white tower project as well as this educational and activity room are run by volunteers, who dedicate a lot of time and effort towards Malta's heritage. We aim that through these upgraded modern facilities we will also be attracting more volunteers to help directly in this project. The project also aims to create more awareness on Malta's Marine environment

**Ref No:** VOPS 34/2017

**Title of Project:** Beland Band Club - Visitor Center

**Name of VO:** Għaqda Mużikali Beland

**Amount Approved:** EUR 20,000.00



**Summary of Project:** The aim of this project is to develop the first floor of the premises owned by Beland Band Club into an interactive visitor centre.

The project is split into phases and includes the following main elements:

- Restoration of three large rooms and also a small chapel which is found inside our club
- The whole first floor will be transformed into an interactive Visitor Centre, which will include an innovative virtual guide (QR Code System).
- Production of multi-lingual video about the club's cultural heritage to be used as part of the Visitor Centre
- Reconditioning of old musical instruments to be used as part of the Visitor Centre
- Official Opening event, to inaugurate the project
- School Outings to the Visitor Center
- Online Quiz for teachers to use as an educational tool on school tablets
- Open Weekend, where volunteers would host tours around the club and present the completed project to the public

The project will start with the restoration works, which mainly involve the restoration of historical wall decor which decorates the ceiling and upper part of the walls. The works in the chapel will involve the restoration of a number of historical artefacts that decorate it.

Then the whole first floor will be transformed into an interactive visitor centre. This will include the addition of showcases where we can host a permanent exhibition relating to the history of Beland Band, Mro Carlo Diacono and Maltese Band music history.

As part of the Visitor Centre experience we will also produce a multi-lingual short video describing the history of Beland Band club.

An innovative virtual guide based on QR codes accessible through the visitor's mobile devices will be implemented throughout the visitor centre.

This will be a unique project because it will be the only music themed permanent exhibition in Malta and will also venture on innovative ways how to present a visitor experience in a museum.

**Ref No:** VOPS 35/2017

**Title of Project:** The Maltese Band Club: From a Cultural Hub to a Non-Formal College

**Name of VO:** Soċjeta' Muzikali Madonna tal-Ġilju/ Our Lady of the Lilies Musical Society

**Amount Approved:** EUR 16,000.00

**Summary of Project:** All across the Maltese islands, local Festa Band Clubs have long undertook the intrinsic task of providing unofficial forms of vocational education and training to their active voluntary members which unfortunately, to this date, goes on seemingly unrecognised by national governmental entities and educational institutions. In Mqabba, the Our Lady of the Lilies Musical Society has long stood as a forefront bastion of such voluntary effort, just recently reconstructing its operating premises, the Lily Band Club, situated at the heart of said quaint village. This presently unfinished yet ideal developmental stage inspired the Society's Youth Section to conceptualise the notion of adequately converting a new spacious multipurpose hall, still yet to be refurbished, into a non-formal college lecture hall for numerous vocational and education inspired courses, mainly intended for in-house trainees to gain officially recognised non-formal certification within a familiar environment to them by professional trainers they have grown close to over time.

This proposal aims to serve as a mere stepping-stone; a glimpse towards the development of a permanent, year-round active non-formal college sustained by voluntary activity. Four potential courses intended for this pilot project, the duration of



which would span circa three months (Excluding preparatory activity) with weekly sessions, mean to be put forward simultaneously to the general public as follows:

- A. An Induction to Archiving: Documenting the Corporate Memory of the Association;
- B. Getting Started: Musical Instrument Tuition;
- C. The Essentials of Sound Engineering and Video Editing;
- D. An Introduction to Digital Marketing.

This year-long project aims to make said seemingly small voluntary organisation stand out through its talent-rich efforts, leaving a culturally significant mark as it goes far beyond its prejudicial yearly feast-related activity.

**Ref No:** VOPS 36/2017

**Title of Project:** Supporting Maltese VOs in international development cooperation efforts in the MENA region

**Name of VO:** SKOP

**Amount Approved:** EUR 19,995.00

**Summary of Project:** The project aims at enabling SKOP, its members and other Maltese Voluntary Organisations to engage within the Mediterranean region by establishing dialogue and cooperation with regional networks and national platforms from the neighbourhood.

SKOP will enter into dialogue with networks such as the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), SOLIDAR and the EuroMed Non-Governmental Platform. This will enable the Maltese Platform and its members to get a better understanding of the different initiatives being undertaken at a regional level as well as of national contexts, at least for some of the countries on the southern and eastern shore of the Mediterranean.

SKOP will also establish direct contacts with EU MS platforms (mainly Spain, France, Italy, Greece and Cyprus) and especially any member NGDOs that are already active with international development cooperation and development education projects in the above-mentioned region. Some of the experts within these networks and platforms will be addressing a conference on the subject which will include representatives of Maltese Government ministries and private sector entities. This will be an opportunity to discuss ways and means for civil society (especially NGDOs) to engage within these Arab countries in a meaningful way.

SKOP's members and other interested NGOs will have the opportunity to participate in working sessions led by some of these experts in order to start identifying opportunities for collaboration and potential partners from within these networks.

All these activities will support SKOP in supporting the national working group on the region which brings together interested NGOs and members of civil society to collaborate, share experiences and expertise, and advocate jointly within national, regional and international contexts.

**Ref No:** VOPS 39/2017



**Title of Project:** Advocacy Assistant

**Name of VO:** Platform of Human Rights Organisations in Malta

**Amount Approved:** EUR 6,424.00

**Summary of Project:** PHROM's Advocacy Assistant will provide human rights NGOs, Member Organisations of the Platform, with a one-stop-shop for their advocacy requirements.

The Assistant will be an interactive online toolbox through which Member Organisations will be able to build tailor-made Campaigns, Surveys, Events, Public Relations activities.

All the tools in the Assistant will be based on leading examples of such software in order to maximise, and render more efficient, Member Organisation advocacy efforts.

Tools will seamlessly integrate with social media accounts, blogs, publications, address books and all other elements required to ensure a wide, targeted and effective reach.

With a few clicks, Member Organisations will be able to build a full campaign with various components (e.g. press release, resources request, petition to Government, fund-raising event, social media hype), and to evaluate its success when complete. The evaluation process will feed into the creation of an Advocacy Assistant Best Practice, to be remodelled and reused by other Member Organisations.

To ensure relevance of the Advocacy Assistant to Member Organisations, and the national context, the Assistant's design will be preceded by a mapping of Member Organisation advocacy activities, priorities, challenges and best practices.

The Advocacy Assistant will capitalise on the Platform's network of human rights NGOs by allow Member Organisations to tap into the skills, members, resource and advocacy resources of fellow Member Organisations.

PHROM's Advocacy Assistant will therefore be a community of practice and knowledge exchange portal dedicated to achieving advocacy goals, connecting and sharing knowledge, experiences, and lessons learned.

**Ref No:** VOPS 44/2017

**Title of Project:** GSAT - Group Support Assessment Tool

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

**Amount Approved:** EUR 20,000.00

**Summary of Project:** The Group Support Assessment Tool will aim to empower 40 local scout groups operating within The Scout Association of Malta to jump-start an annual process cycle of continuous improvement. This will be done through the development of a quality standard that assesses compliance of the local group towards best practices in good governance and quality scouting.

For the first time, The Scout Association of Malta will be investing in a system to see its local branches being evaluated and create a prioritised action plan for improvement.

This will aim to increase the quality of scouting and our operations and eventually allowing the organisation to grow and have a bigger impact within the community.

Finally, this project will aim to instil a structured and professional approach, whereby self and/or supported assessment will lead to a better understanding of the local groups' needs and hence appropriate actions, training or further support could be provided by either peer scout group, national team or external organisations.



The Scout Association of Malta, is not the only organisation in Malta which has a national base supporting very active branches operating from various towns and villages of the Maltese Island. It is our wish that this tool will eventually become a good quality standard and best practice methodology among national VOs including those with local branches. The tool will be able to be adapted to other national NGO, whereby any reference to scouting units, programmes and activities can be replaced with the VOs activities and structures. Moreover, parts of the standards could in future be adapted to smaller VOs.

**Ref No:** VOPS 45/2017

**Title of Project:** A Seat at the Table: The Coming of Age of the LGBTIQ Movement in Malta

**Name of VO:** Malta LGBTIQ Rights Movement

**Amount Approved:** EUR 8,520.00

**Summary of Project:** The project aims to document the history of the LGBTIQ movement through the growth, experiences, struggles and achievements of the activists who played a part in Malta ranking 1st on ILGA-Europe's Rainbow Index where LGBTIQ legislation is concerned as of October 2015. The publication will provide insight into the essential role that civil society played in advancing LGBTIQ rights in Malta bringing the LGBTIQ movement out of the closet, raising visibility and awareness of LGBTIQ issues and advocating for legislative and policy change. The project will also serve to undertake the collection of archival material - letters, photos, wills, etc. that will serve as a basis for an exhibition planned for 2018.

**Ref No:** VOPS 46/2017

**Title of Project:** Medical First Response Unit (South of Malta)

**Name of VO:** Malta Red Cross Society

**Amount Approved:** EUR 19,968.00

**Summary of Project:**

1. A Rapid Response Vehicle, based in the southern areas, will be utilized to prioritize emergency medical services to various localities within the vicinity, whilst covering popular beaches. For this purpose, the vehicle will be manned by a crew of 2 persons, including a driver and First Responder (Advanced First Aider).
2. MRC will remain an auxiliary service not to replace the national service, but to facilitate immediate treatment of serious conditioned casualties from trauma and other medical conditions. The casualty will therefore remain stabilised and supported by personnel until the ambulance arrives.
3. Peak hour response times from Mater Dei ambulances to the northern areas are typically 25 to 40 minutes. The chain of survival for patients include early advanced life support and post resuscitation (hospital) care. A person who stops breathing is at risk of suffering brain damage within the first 4 minutes, and cardiac arrest and death within 10 minutes. Therefore a response time of up to 10 minutes (as proven in the same service provided in the north, summer 2016). This makes a huge difference to saving a person's life and limiting the worsening of the casualty's condition.
4. The Rapid Response Vehicle will also be utilized to promote and encourage a culture of volunteering amongst the Maltese youth. The crew, whilst on a constant high level of preparedness, will also be trained in public relations skills and will be on hand to encourage informal discussions with patrons visiting the localities, via educational





flyers being handed out. The flyers will educate the public on first aid, beach and general safety, as well as the benefits of volunteering with an organisation such as the Malta Red Cross.

Venues, Duration & Target Dates:

The vehicle and crew will be based at Malta Red Cross Base of Operations in Pembroke, the operational area will be localities within the southern region of Malta and will be carried out between June and September 2017.

**Ref No:** VOPS 47/2017

**Title of Project:** Launch of an MQF Level 4 Award in Supporting Individuals with Disabilities at the Workplace

**Name of VO:** The Eden and Razzett Foundation - Inspire

**Partner I VO:** Richmond Foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 48,000.00

**Summary of Project:** With the introduction in the 2015 Malta budget of fiscal incentives for employers employing disabled persons, and Government enforcement of a law whereby at least 2% of the workforce of companies employing more than 20 employees shall be persons with disability – ensuring that those Companies which do not satisfy this threshold will be required to make an annual contribution of between €2,400 and €10,000, there is a clear drive to ensure that individuals with disability are being given equal opportunity for employment, as well as creating opportunities for the employment.

This in turn created the need for on-going support of both employers and individuals – especially those with intellectual disabilities, during employment skills training programmes, recruitment into employment, as well as throughout their period of employment if success is to be assured.

With this in mind Inspire has teamed up with the Richmond Foundation & is proposing to launch a pilot project for the delivery of an MQF Level 4 rated Job Coaching Training Programme together with a 12-hour Mental Health First Aid course. Additionally, the project envisages an awareness raising campaign which will, inter alia, provide employers with valuable information that they require in order to enable them to successfully include persons with a disability into their workplaces.

Key Activities:

- Research- April – November 2017
- Training – April – October 2017
- Awareness/Marketing Campaign – February – December 2017
- Final Dissemination Event – November 2017

**Ref No:** VOPS 48/2017

**Title of Project:** Appreciation of Maltese flora in an urban environment

**Name of VO:** Fondazzjoni għall-Patrimonju Kulturali tal-Arcidjocesi ta' Malta

**Amount Approved:** EUR 11,112.00

**Summary of Project:** Senglea lacks a rural environment and consequently young people, as well as the general public, do not have any opportunity to come in contact



with native and endemic flora. Most of the plants used for street landscaping are non-native plants. This project seeks to increase awareness that Malta has its own natural beauty and diversity of plants, and that these can also be found in urban areas. It shall serve as an educational project even for youth and children, so that they will learn to appreciate and care about the biodiversity of wild plants. It will augment social inclusion measures. The community shall also benefit from the information leaflets distributed on the Appreciation of Maltese Flora in an urban environment.

Participation in this project shall promote the voluntary sector which unfortunately is lacking among the Senglea community.

Arts is another aspect that shall be encouraged. Talented participants of all ages shall be encouraged to volunteer to promote ten evening sessions for those interested in painting. All paintings shall be related to Maltese Flora and an exhibition shall be organised on the opening of this project.

Research books that shall be bought and used, and will then be donated to the school library and local council for the benefit of the community.

Other entities such as the local council and other organisations shall be informed about this project and shall be invited to contribute to create a synergising network.

Through this project the following can also be achieved:

Leadership skills

Strategic skills

Planning projects

Research

Planting

Artistic talent

Communication

Organisation

Project implementation

Teamwork

Networking

**Ref No:** VOPS 52/2017

**Title of Project:** Music Master Classes Pilot Project

**Name of VO:** Ghaqda Muzikali Sant' Elena

**Partner I VO:** Socjeta' Filarmonika Mnarja

**Amount Approved:** EUR 47,849.00

**Summary of Project:** Music Master Classes Pilot Project presents a collaborative project between Ghaqda Muzikali Sant'Elena and Socjeta' Filarmonika Mnarja. This project which spans over 9 months seeks to provide a formal training experience to band club music students in Malta and Gozo.

This pilot project will include the delivery of technical training sessions delivered by local and foreign music teachers and the implementation of adequate training facilities for the music students. The aim of this project is to lead to the potential accreditation of these Master Classes and in fact the two organisations have already established contact with MCAST.



It is for this reason that an important aspect of the project is that of research whereby both both band clubs being involved in this project will be collaborating with experts in the field (both local and foreign) to undertake a research exercise and to develop a formally structured training programme for the implementation of the Master Classes.

In line with the accreditation principles as per guidelines of the National Commission for Higher and Further Education training courses have two components: the contact hours & the non-contact hours. The contact hours include the Master Classes that are being foreseen in the project being proposed. The lead organisation and the partner organisation are hereby proposing 6 Master Classes in Malta and Gozo for adults music students and an intensive 5 day Master Class for youth musicians.

For the non-contact hours the two band clubs will be upgrading 1 room in the premises of their band club which will serve as a self-study area for the music students following these sessions. These areas will also be open to other musicians who would like to further develop their skills in the music sphere.

This pilot project serves at providing a formal structure to music education in Malta & Gozo with the potential of presenting accredited music training programmes for band club musicians.

**Ref No:** VOPS 54/2017

**Title of Project:** Pulling Down the Abstract Barriers in Marsa

**Name of VO:** Ghaqda Festi Esterni SSma. Trinita'

**Partner IVO:** Peace and Good Foundation

**Amount Approved:** EUR 33,675.00

**Summary of Project:** For these last years, an abstract barrier has been built between the residents of Marsa and the refugees, residing in the area. On the one hand, the Maltese people have built a negative reputation on the refugees. On the other hand, the refugees feel rejected and do not fit in the local community, with some of the refugees end up with the addiction of alcoholism.

The aim of this project, 'Pulling Down the Abstract Barriers in Marsa' is not to carry out another research or awareness campaign but to start implementing small activities which brings the Maltese and the refugees together, get to know each other and understand that we could all contribute to each other's life.

Ghaqda Festi Esterni Trinita Marsa, which has its main meeting place at the centre of Marsa, based on its values, felt that the members should carry out a project to bring the Marsa residents and refugees closer to each other. For this reason, the organisation teamed up with the foundation 'Paci u Gustizzja', as they have the expertise in the sector. Together, the organisations will carry out the following activities:

- Train the Maltese volunteers, to learn more how to outreach to refugees in the area;
- Outreach to refugees, through the 'Smile and Coffee' sessions, where the volunteers will offer a cup of coffee / tea to refugees who are outside during the winter and start a chat;
- Hold practical awareness sessions with children, youths, the elderly and adults from Marsa;
- 'Enhancing basic Skills' sessions, having Maltese and refugees attending the Health and Safety and Food Handling Courses; and



- 'Emotional' sessions, offering counselling session to refugees, providing the services of a social worker, youth worker, spiritual therapist and family therapist. The pilot project, which starts in February and has a duration of 9 months, will create a better environment in the community of Marsa, integrate refugees with local NGOs and enhance the skills of volunteers.

**Ref No:** VOPS 57/2017

**Title of Project:** (CARL) Conservation and Research Lab (CARL) to support cultural industries and employment in the Valletta Neighbourhoods

**Name of VO:** Fondazzjoni Socjo-Kulturali Ambjentali Augustina

**Amount Approved:** EUR 15,692.00

**Summary of Project:** The Fondazzjoni Socjo-Kulturali Ambjentali Augustina (FSKAA) is embarking on a project to develop a Conservation and Research Lab (CARL) to engage further its volunteers in Collection Care and Management and strengthen the capability and capacity of locals' skills especially those engaged or willing to be engaged in cultural industries. The Project addresses employment in the cultural industries thru' the FSKAA so that it can respond to the needs of the community and the future Community Interpretation Centre. The project will be delivered over a period of 11 months between January and November 2017, and it will be positioned centrally at the St. Augustine site and complex adjacent to classes and Youth Centre. It will be used by the volunteers which have had training in the field and more hands-on experience and thus gaining more knowledge to promote best practice in collection care. (Through the Course organised in 2016 and co-funded by SIS 45% were locals and rest were from outside Valletta. The Lab will be hosting professional restorers to address critical assets and will assist the Foundation through skilled volunteers for conservation, cleaning, maintenance, registering, tagging and presentation and exhibition of artefacts for the collection. It will also host the main server (seperate funding) for the Inventory of the Collection. Further training sessions in the 3rd phase of implementation will include short courses in; Lab Management, Health and Safety, Basic Data Entry Operator Course and Basic Exhibition Management. Such training will be delivered by experts in the field and certified at MQF LEVELS 1-2, under the supervision of a contractor/project manager. At the end of the project; the Foundation will have an area which is equipped to take; training in these fields in a Lab environment with cleaning, restoration and maintenance and conservation procedures as main areas and data inputting. The participants will have new skills through knowledge transfer.

