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National Volunteer Award 2017

The Parliamentary Secretary for Youth, Sports and Voluntary Organisations in collaboration with the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector (MCVS) has today the 12th October 2017 launched the National Volunteer Award 2017. The Award was officially launched by the Hon. Clifton Grima, Parliamentary Secretary for Youth, Sports and Voluntary Organisations together with Mr Nathan Farrugia, Chairperson of the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector.

The aim of the National Award is to give broad recognition to the service done by the volunteers and Voluntary Organisations within the community, create awareness of the exemplary values displayed by the volunteers and organisations with the goal of locating role models for youth and wider society; and to recognise the important contributions made in various fields.

The National Award is awarded to an individual volunteer who has contributed in any field, such as social, humanitarian, health, ecological, cultural, education, sports, etc. The voluntary work must have had a positive contribution towards a particular field and should ideally have served as an inspiration to others.

This awards is complimented by another three sub awards which are the **Youth Volunteer Award**, the **Volunteer Organisation Award** and the **Corporate Volunteering Award**. The **Youth Volunteer Award** is awarded to a Volunteer between the age of 16 and 30 years having the same aims as the National Volunteer Award and the main scope to promote volunteering amongst young people. The **Volunteer Organisation Award** is awarded to a Voluntary Organisation who has been outstanding in the sector in which it operates, being both innovative in its approach and services within the community as well as in its way of recruiting and supporting volunteers. The last award, the **Corporate Volunteering Award**, is awarded to that Company or Organisation coming from the Private Sector which has given tangible support to the Voluntary Sector, both by direct support as well as by supporting and facilitating its employees to volunteer.

The Call for Application for the awards shall be open as of the 12th October 2017 and shall close on the 10th November 2017. The award ceremony shall be held on the 5th December 2017, International Volunteer Day.

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