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EN**TITLE****National Volunteer Award 2018**

The **National Volunteer Award** was organised for the seventh consecutive time by the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector. This year the Award was held under the patronage of H.E. the President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca and in the presence of the Hon. Dr. Clifton Grima, Parliamentary Secretary for Youth, Sport and Voluntary Organisations. This year the National Volunteer was complimented by three other awards which were the **Youth Volunteer Award**, the **Volunteer Organisation Award** and the **Special Award for Voluntary Work in the Community**.

The aim of the National Awards 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 Award Ceremony was held on the 5th of December 2018 at the Presidential Palace where the Awards were presented by H.E. the President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, Hon. Dr. Clifton Grima, Parliamentary Secretary of the Youth, Sports and Voluntary Organisations accompanied by Dr. Noel Camilleri, Chairperson of the Malta Council of the Voluntary Sector.

The **National Volunteer Award** is aimed to award 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 year's National Volunteer Award went to **Ms. Marjoe Abela from the Malta Girl Guides**.

The **Volunteer Organisation Award** which 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, was awarded to **Dr. Klown**.

The **Youth Volunteer Award** which is awarded to a Volunteer between the age of 16 and 30 years and is aimed to promote volunteering amongst young people was awarded to **Mr. Kyle Mifsud, a volunteer with the Malta Red Cross.**

For the first time the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector decided to present a Special Award for voluntary work undertaken by an individual within the community. This award was given to Mr. George Agius, also known to many as *Gorg tal-Muzew* or *Gorg l-Għannej tal-Mulej*, who has dedicated his life to care for the less fortunate in less fortunate circumstances by visiting and supporting individuals both in hospitals and in prison.

Towards the end of the event H.E. the President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca was presented with a commemorative stamp that was issued to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector.

During this event, which was presented by Mr. Glen Chircop, singer Mr. Ozzy Lino together with the Police Brass Band interpreted various songs.

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TITLU

Premju Nazzjonali Voluntier tas-Sena 2018

Il-Premju Nazzjonali tas-sena ġie organizzat għas-seba' sena konsekuttiva mill-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat . Din is-sena l- Premju sar taħt il-patroncinju tal -ET il-President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca fil preżenza tal- l-Onor. Dr. Clifton Grima, Segretarju Parlamentari għaż-Żgħażaġh, Sports u Għaqdiet Volontarji. Din is-sena il-Pemju Nazzjonali Voluntier kien ikkumplementat permezz ta' tliet premjijiet oħra li kienu l- Premju Voluntier Żgħażuġh/a , il-Premju Organizzażzjoni Volontarja u l-Premju Speċjali għal-Ħidma Volontarja fil-Komunita.

L-għan tal -Premjijiet Nazzjonali huwa li jagħtu rikonoxximent wiesa għas-servizzi li isiru mill-voluntiera u l-Organizzażzjonijiet Volontarji fi ħdan il-komunità , joħolqu kuxjenza dwar il-valuri eżemplari murija mill -voluntiera u l-organizzażzjonijiet bil-għan li jsibu mudelli għaż-żgħażaġh u s-soċjetà usa' u biex jirrikonoxxu l-kontribuzzjonijiet importanti fl-oqsma varji .

lċ-Ċerimonja tal-Premjijiet saret fil-5 ta' Diċembru, 2018 fil-Palazz Presidenzjali fejn il-Premjijiet gew pprezentati mill-ET il-President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, l-Onor. Dr. Clifton Grima, Segretarju Parlamentari għaż-Żgħażaġh, Sports u Għaqdiet Volontarji akkumpanjati mid-Dott. Noel Camilleri, Chairperson tal -Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat.

Il-Premju Nazzjonali tal-Voluntier huwa mmirat li jagħti lill dak il-voluntier individwu li kkontribwixxa fi kwalunkwe qasam , bħal informazzjoni soċjali , umanitarji , is-saħħa , ekoloġika , kulturali , l-edukazzjoni , sports , eċċ l- ħidma volontarja għandu jkollu kontribut pożittiv lejn il-qasam partikolari u għandu idealment iservi bħala ispirazzjoni għal oħrajn . Il-

Premju Nazzjonali Voluntier din is-sena mar għas-**Sinjura Marjoe Abela mill-Malta Girl Guides**.

Il-Premju Organizzazzjoni Volontarja li huwa mogħti lil Organizzazzjoni Volontarja li ilha topera fis-settur li hija kemm innovattiva fis- servizzi tagħha fi ħdan il-komunità kif ukoll fil-mod tagħha ta ' reklutaġġ u ta ' appoġġ lill voluntiera , ingħata lil **Dr. Klown**.

Il-Premju Voluntier Żgħażuġ/a li huwa mogħti lil Voluntiera bejn l-età ta '16 u 30 sena u hu mmirat biex jippromwovi l-volontarjat fost iż-żgħażaġħ, kien mogħti lis-**Kyle Mifsud, voluntier mas-Socjeta Maltija tas-Salib I-Aħmar**.

Għal-ewwel darba il-Kunsill Malti gas-Settur tal-Volontarjat nieda il Premju Speċjali għal Xogħol Volontarju fil-Komunita minn individwu. Dan il-premju kien mogħti l-s-Sur Ġorġ Agius, magħruf ma bosta bħala *Gorg tal-Muzew jew Gorg I-Għannej tal-Mulej*, li ddedika ħajtu għal persuni li kienu f'sitwazzjonijiet anqas ixxutjati fejn hukien iżurhom kemm fl-isptarijiet kif ukoll fil-ħabs.

Fl-aħħar ta' din l-attività l-ET il-President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca kienet preżentata b'bolla kommemorattiva li saret sabiex tfakkar l-għaxar anniversarju mit-twaqqif tal-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat.

Matul dan l-avveniment , li gie ppreżentat mis-Sur Glen Chircop, il-kantant is-Sur Ozzy Lino flimkien mal-Banda tal-Pulizija interpretaw diversi kanzunetti.

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