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EN**TITLE****Newly Appointed Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector**

The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector aims to support local voluntary organisations working across every aspect of society through networking, training, capacity building, funding initiatives, and awareness raising. Indeed, the Council seeks to give a stronger and more unified voice to voluntary organisations in Malta with the public, government and business stakeholders. It also functions in a supporting role to the Commissioner of the Voluntary Organisations Professor Wain and the work of his team in the sector.

The new council has been appointed for the term of office 2014 to 2015 and is already working on a number of key initiatives, whilst carrying on the work of the previous council, headed by the able chairperson Robert Farrugia. He is succeeded by Nathan Farrugia from Inspire, as chair of the council. The new council is made up of:

- Profs. Kenneth Wain, the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations
- Mr. Ian Azzopardi from Mission Fund
- Ms. Romina Baldwin as a representative from the Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties
- Ms. Doris Bingley from the National Council of Women
- Ms. Gertrude Buttigieg from Malta Federation of Professional Associations
- Dr. Noel Camilleri from *Għaqda Kazini tal-Banda*
- Mr. Edward Gruppetta from Red Cross Malta
- Mr. Ryan Mercieca from the Gozo NGO Association
- Ms. Gemma Sirol from St. John Ambulance Association
- Ms. Claudia Taylor-East from SOS Malta

The council will be working towards setting up a facility for the voluntary organisations to be used as a hub and resource centre, as well as continuing to

provide training and mentoring for VO volunteers and administrators to support the development of their organisations. The grant-giving SIS scheme will be re-launched in the coming months after its success last year. Whilst these and new initiatives will be launched in the near future, the Council firmly believes that input and feedback from the sector is critical for the direction and strategies it takes forward. The council encourages all members of the public to find out more about the work of voluntary organisations in Malta and support their initiatives. For more information visit www.maltacvs.org and our Facebook page *voluntary sector council*.

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TITLU

Appuntat il-Kunsill Malta għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat

Il-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat għandu l-għan li jappoġġja l-organizzazzjonijiet volontarji lokali kollha li jaħdmu f'kull aspekk tas-soċjetà permezz ta 'networking', taħriġ, inizjattivi ta 'finanzjament, u s-sensibilizzazzjoni dwar is-settur. Filfatt, il-Kunsill ifittex li jagħti vuċi aktar b'saħħitha u aktar unifikat lill-organizzazzjonijiet volontarji f'Malta kemm mal-pubbliku, ma' entitajiet privati u mal-gvern. Il-Kunsill għandu wkoll l-irwol li jagħti appoġġ lill-Kummissarju tal-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji, il-Professur Kenneth Wain u fil-ħidma tiegħu b'risq is-settur.

Il-Kunsill il-ġdid ġie maħtur u diġà qed jaħdem fuq numru ta ' inizjattivi ewlenin, filwaqt li jkompli jwettaq il-pjan ta' ħidma tal-kunsill preċedenti, li kien immexxi mill-President Robert Farrugia. Il-Kunsill se jkun qed jitmexxa min Nathan Farrugia li ġej minn Inspire, bħala President tal-Kunsill il-ġdid . Il-Kunsill il-ġdid huwa magħmul minn :

- Il-Professur Kenneth Wain, kummissarju ta' l-Għaqdiet Volontarji
- Is-Sinjura Ian Azzopardi mill-Mission Fund
- Is-Sinjura Romina Baldwin bħalha reprezentanta tal-Ministeru tad-Djalogu Soċjali, Affarijiet tal-Konsumatur u Libertajiet Civili
- Is-Sinjura Doris Bingley mill-Kunsill Nazzjonali tan-Nisa
- Is-Sinjura Gertrude Buttigieg mill-Malta Federation of Professional Associations
- Dr. Noel Camilleri mill-Għaqda Kazini tal-Banda
- Is-Sinjura Edward Gruppetta mill-Malta Red Cross Society
- Is-Sinjura Ryan Mercieca mill- Gozo NGO Association
- Is-Sinjura Gemma Sirol mis-St. John Ambulance Association
- Is-Sinjura Claudia Taylor-East minn SOS Malta

Il-kunsill se jkun qed jaħdem lejn it-twaqqif ta ' faċilità għall-organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li għandhom jintużaw bħala 'hub' u centru ta' rizors, kif ukoll jkompli jipprovdi taħriġ u 'mentoring' għall-voluntiera ta' Għaqdiet Volontarji kif ukoll l-amministraturi biex jappoġġja l- iżvilupp ta' l- organizzazzjonijiet tagħhom . L-iskema tal-fond 'SIS' ser jitniedi mill-ġdid fix-xhur li ġejjin wara s-suċċess tiegħu għall dawn l-ahhar snin. Filwaqt li dawn u inizjattivi ġodda li se jitniedu fil-futur qarib , il-Kunsill jemmen bis-sħiħ li s-suggerimenti mis-settur huwa sens ta' direzzjoni u l-istrategija għal quddiem. Il-Kunsill jinkoraġġixxi l- membri kollha tal- pubbliku biex issir taf aktar dwar il- ħidma tal-organizzazzjonijiet volontarji f'Malta u jappoġġjaw l-inizjattivi tagħhom . Għal aktar taħriġ żuru is-sit www.maltacvs.org u l-paġna tal-Facebook settur volontarju kunsill tagħna

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