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National Volunteer Award 2014
Organised by the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector
Under the Patronage of H.E The President of Malta Marie Louise Coleiro Preca

The Malta Council for the Volunteer Sector (MCVS) has launched the fourth edition of the **National Volunteer Award** to recognise the important work carried out by those who volunteer with voluntary organisations which are non profit, charities and NGOs.

As from this year this National Volunteer Award shall be held under the patronage of H.E. the President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca and will be organized in collaboration between the Office of the President of the Republic and the Malta Council of 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 will as from this year be complimented by another three sub awards which are the **Youth Volunteer Award**, the **Volunteer Organisation Award** and the **Corporate Volunteering Award**.

The **National Volunteer Award** shall be 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.

The **Youth Volunteer Award** is a new proposal which shall be awarded to a Volunteer between the age of 16 and 30 years. This award shall have the same

aims as the National Volunteer Award and has the main scope to promote volunteering amongst young people.

The **Volunteer Organisation Award** is also a new proposal and shall be 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 fourth award shall be the **Corporate Volunteering Award** which shall be 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 awards will be as follows:

National Volunteer Award – Trophy, 1,000 Voucher and 1,000 for the VO Project.

Youth Volunteering Award – Trophy and 1,000 Voucher

Volunteer Organisation Award – Trophy and 1,000 for VO Project

Corporate Volunteering Award – Trophy and Certificate

Nominations for the Award shall be received by MCVS on behalf of the Evaluation Board, which nominations must be signed by at least two persons who have been closely associated with the nominee or the nominated organisation through work or other activities. Each nomination must clearly show briefly the work undertaken by the nominated person/entity to merit such an award.

The awards shall be awarded by HE the President of the Republic during an Award Giving Ceremony at the Presidential Palace, in Valletta in the presence of the Hon. Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, the Hon. Helena Dalli and the Malta Council of the Voluntary Sector on the 5th of December 2014.

Nomination applications can be found on the Malta Council of the Voluntary Sector website www.maltacvs.org or requested by email on mcvs.msdc@gov.mt by not later than the 19th November 2014.

Further information may be requested by contacting MCVS on e-mail mcvs.msdc@gov.mt or on tel. no. 25903893.

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**Premju Nazzjonali – Voluntier tas-Sena 2014
Organizzat mill-Kunsill- Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat
Taħt il-Patronċinju tal-ET il-President ta' Malta Marie Louise Coleiro Preca**

Il-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat għadu kif nieda ir-raba edizzjoni tal-Premju tal-Volontarjat tas-Sena 2014, biex jirrikkonoxxi l-ħidma importanti mwettqa mill-ħafna voluntiera ta 'Għaqdiet Volontarji li jaħdmu għall-ebda gwaddan ta' profit, Għaqdiet tal-Karita' u NGOs.

Minn din is-sena dan il-Premju tal-Volontarjat ser jkun qiegħed jittella' taħt il-Patronċinju tal-ET il-President ta' Malta Marie Louise Colerio Preca u ser ikun organizzaat b'kollaborazzjoni ma' l-uffiċċju tal-President tar-Republika ta' Malta flimkien mal-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat.

L-għan ta' dan il-prempju hu biex jagħti rikkonoxximent tas-servizzi mwettaq mill-voluntiera tal-ħafna Għaqdiet Volontarji li jinsabu fil-kommunita' tagħna, joħloq kuxjenza dwar il-valuri eżemplari murija mill-voluntiera u l-Għaqdiet Volontarji, bil-għan li jallokka mudelli għaž-żagħažagħ u għall-soċjeta iktar wiegħsa u biex jirrikkonoxxi l-kontribuzzjonijiet importanti f'diversi oqsma varji.

Il-Premju tal-Volontarjat minn din is-sena se jkun qiegħed jigi kumplimentat min tlett premijiet ohra; *Youth Volunteer Award*, *Volunteer Organisation Award* u *Corporate Volunteering Award*.

Il-Premju Nazzjonali (National Volunteer Award) se jkun qiegħed jingħata lil dak l-individwu li jkun ikkontribwixxa fi kwalunkwe qasam, bħal dak Soċjali, Umanitarjan, Saħħa, Ekoloġija, Kultura, Edukazzjoni, Sports u ħafna oħrajn. Il-ħidma fix-xogħol volontarju irid ikun ħalla kontribuzzjini pożittiva lejn il-qasam partikolari u idealment ikun serva bħalha inspirazzjoni għall oħrajn.

Il- Premju Voluntier Zaghazugh/a (Youth Volunteer Award) huwa prempju ġdid li se jimpremja lil voluntier bta' eta' ta bejn is-sittax u t-tletin sena. Dan il-prempju għandu jkollu l-istess għanijiet bħal Premju Nazzjonali (National Volunteer Award) bl-għan ewlieni li jippromovi il-volontarjat fost iż-żgħažagħ.

Il-Premju Organizzazzjoni Volontarja (Voluntier Organisation Award) huwa wkoll prempju ġdid li ser ikun qed jipremja lil dik l-Għaqda Volontarja li ilha topera fis-settur, u li l-istess Għaqda tkun innovativa kemm fil-mod ta' kif taħdem fil-kommunita kif ukoll fil-linja ta' kif tħaddem u tissaportja l-voluntiera tagħha.

Ir-Raba' prempju huwa dak tal-Prempju lill-Kumpaniji li jsostnu l-Ghaqdiet Volontarji (Corporate Volunteering Award), li għandu jiġi prempjat lil dik il-Kumpanija jew l-Organizzazzjoni ġejja mis-settur privat li tghati l-appoġġ lis-settur volontarju, kemm b'support dirett kif ukoll fis- support u l-facilitajiet li tagħti lill-impjegati tagħha lill-volontarjat.

Il-Premijiet se jkunu mqassmin kif ġejjin:

Premju Nazzjonali (National Volunteer Award) – Trofej, elf ewro voucher għall-individwu flimkien ma' voucher ta' elf ewro għall-proġett ta' l-Għaqda Volontarja li jirrapreżenta/tirrapreżenta.

Prempju Voluntier Żagħażuġ/a (Youth Volunteer Award) – Trofej flimkien ma' elf ewro voucher.

Prempju Organizzazzjoni Volontarja (Voluntier Organisation Award) – Trofej flimkien ma' elf ewro voucher għall-proġett ta' l-Għaqda Volontarja.

Prempju lill-Kumpaniji li jsostnu l-Ghaqdiet Volontarji (Corporate Volunteering Award) – Trofej flimkien ma' ċ-Certifikat.

In-Nominazzjonijiet għal-prempji tal-Volontarjat 2014 se jkun qiegħed jirċiviehom il-Kunsill Malti għas-settur tal-Volontarjat f'isem il-Kumitat ta' l-Evalwazzjoni, liema nominazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu ffirmati ta' l-inqas minn żewġ persuni li jkunu assoċjati fil-qrib mal-persuna jew l-Għaqda nominata. Kull nominazzjoni għandha turi b'mod ċar u fil-qosor ix-xogħol li sar mill-persuna jew l-Għadqa nominata li jimmerritaw dan il-prempju.

Il-Prempjijiet ser ikunu qed jiġu mghottija mill-Eċċellenza tagħha il-President ta' Malta Marie Louise Colerio Preca waqt ċerimonja fil-palazz Presidenzjali, fil-preżenza tal-Ministru tad-Djalogu Soċjali, Affarijiet tal-Konsumatur u Libertajiet Ċivili, l-Onorevoli Helena Dalli flimkien mal-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat, f'ċerimonja li ser issir fl-ewwel ġimgħa ta' Diċembru, liema data ser tkun qiegħda tiġi mħabbra fil-jiem li ġejjin.

L-Applikazzjonijiet għan-nominazzjonijiet jistgħu jinkisbu minn fuq is-sit www.maltacvs.org jew mitluba premezz ta' imejl fuq mcvs.msdc@gov.mt. In-Nominazzjonijiet għandhom jaslu sa mhux iktar tard mill-Erbgħa, 19 ta' Novembru 2014.

Iktar informazzjoni tista' tinkiseb billi tikkuntattjaw lill-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat fuq mcvs.msdc@gov.mt jew permezz tat-telefown fuq 2590 3893.

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