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EN**TITLE****Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector on Tax Rebates**

It is with great pleasure that the Malta Council for Voluntary Sector sees that one of the many recommendations passed on to the Ministry of Finance, that of asking for donations to Voluntary Organisations to be tax deductible, has now become a reality. Unfortunately, this measure is being limited to one specific organisation, the Malta Community Chest Fund.

Whilst this is a worthwhile initiative, would it not be far fairer that all donations to all voluntary organizations become tax deductible, as in other countries? Would it not give further peace of mind if the fiscal benefit was for the donations given to voluntary organisations enrolled with the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations, to ensure transparency?

We believe that for a fairer society such initiatives should be open to all, rather than directly encourage companies wanting to benefit from tax breaks to give to one specific organisation only.

Indeed, those companies supporting other Voluntary Organisations are now being penalized by tax requirements different to those supporting the MCCF. This is not an issue of cause 'worthiness' in any way, but about creating a level playing field for all Voluntary Organisations.

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TITLU

Il-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat dwar Rifusjoni tat-Taxxa

Huwa bi pjacir kbir li l-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat jara li waħda minn fost il-ħafna rakkomandazzjonijiet mgħottija lill- Ministeru tal-Finanzi, dik li jitlob għad-donazzjonijiet ta' l-Għaqdiet Volontarji biex jiġu mnaqqsa mit-taxxa, issa ġiet realta'. Pero, sfortunatament din il-miżura ġiet limitata għal-Għaqda waħda biss, il-*Malta Community Chest Fund (MCCF)*.

Filwaqt li din hija inizjattiva utli, ma tkunx iktar ferm ġusta jekk id-donazzjonijiet kollha ta' l-Għaqdiet Volontarji kollha ikunu mnaqqsa mit-taxxa, hekk kif issir f'postijiet oħrajn? Ma tagħtix iktar serħan tal-moħħ jekk il-benefiċċji fiskali tad-donazzjonijiet jingħataw lill- Għaqdiet Volontarji reġistrati mall-Kummissarju ta' l-Għaqdiet Volontarji, biex tiġi żgurrata t-trasparenza?

Aħna nemmnu li għall-Socjeta iktar ġusta, inizjattivi bħal dawn għandhom ikunu iktar miftuħa għall-kulhadd aktar milli jinkoraġġixxu direttament kumpaniji li jixtiequ li jibbenefikaw mit- tnaqqis fit-taxxa li jagħtu lil organizzazzjoni specifika waħda biss.

Tabilhaqq, dawk il-kumpaniji li jappoġġaw Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji oħra issa qed jiġu penalizzati mir-rekwiżiti fit –taxxa differenti għal dawk li jappoġġaw l- MCCF. Din mhix kwistjoni ta ' kawża 'worthiness' bi kwalunkwe mod, iżda dwar il-ħolqien li għandu jkollna għall- kundizzjonijiet indaqs għall-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji.

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