

Information Letter – Questionnaire for VOs

Research study ‘Vera Research Project -Discrimination in Volunteering in Malta’

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been commissioned by the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector (MCVS) to carry out the research study ‘Vera Research Project -Discrimination in Volunteering in Malta’. The research aims to probe if there is any discrimination within the Maltese Voluntary Sector with respect to sex, racial/ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age and sexual orientation, and if the case, collecting data regarding frequency or the lack thereof within the voluntary sector. The research question is: ‘Do volunteers in the Voluntary sector in Malta experience discrimination (direct/indirect), and if so, which types of discrimination is common and in which sectors?’.

One form of data collection involves an online questionnaire among Voluntary Organisations (VOs). The questionnaire is about volunteers and their experience of direct and indirect discrimination. The questionnaire is anonymous and will take around 10 minutes to complete.

As a VO, you are kindly invited to dedicate 10 minutes and support this study by responding to the questionnaire about your VO. The link is available at

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VO Discrimination](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VO_Discrimination)

Participation is voluntary. Submitting the questionnaire is considered as giving consent to participate in the research. Once submitted, it will not be possible for you to withdraw from the study as due to anonymity it will not be possible to identify your contribution.

The data collected will be used by the researcher to write up the research report and for academic publications. If you have any further queries about the research study or any other aspect, you are invited to contact me on the contact details provided below.

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