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Digital Language Equality for a Multilingual Europe

Dr Jacqueline Żammit was invited to attend the META-FORUM 2023 conference, which took place in Brussels on 27th June, 2023.

The primary focus of the conference was to achieve Digital Language Equality for a multilingual Europe, with a special emphasis on initiatives such as the Language Data Space and the Language European Digital Infrastructure Consortium.

During the event, Prof. Georg Rehm raised concerns about the endangered status of Maltese and Irish in the digital realm, underscoring the urgency of taking immediate action to preserve and revitalize these languages.

The conference served as a platform to highlight the necessity of collaborative efforts and dedicated resources to ensure the survival of all languages in the digital era.



International Conference in Malta

12-13 October 2023, Valletta Campus.

Abstracts accepted until 31 July.

Link to all information: <https://icmme2020.school.blog/>

International Conference on Multilingualism and Multilingual Education

University of Malta, Old Valletta Campus, 12-13 October 2023

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Welcome to Malta! Merħba bik f'Malta!



We are pleased to announce the 4th International Conference on Multilingualism and Multilingual Education (ICMME4) to be held at the University of Malta, Old University Campus in Valletta, **12 – 13 October 2023**



**L-Università
ta' Malta**

MA Adult Education, Online Course


University Senate has approved a two year online distance learning course leading to the degree of MA in Adult Education for February 2024. This course is offered under the aegis of the UNESCO Chair in Adult Education. With this development, the UNESCO Chair will have delivered all that it set out to achieve, and more, in its work programme delivered to UNESCO at the proposal stage.

The programme is offered globally in keeping with the UNESCO Chair remit: global adult education as are its web fests, publication of Convergence.


An International Adult Education Journal, the International Issues in Adult Education book series for Brill and its co-convening, last May, the International Critical Adult Education and Learning Conference. Most of these were attained in less than a year since the commencement of the Chair tenure.

The online MA Adult Education course is housed within the Department of Arts, Open Communities and Adult Education, Faculty of Education, University of Malta.

Further course details are in the link below, pertaining to the accompanying poster.

 **L-Università ta' Malta**
Faculty of Education

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Open Communities
& Adult Education


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UNESCO Chair in Global Adult Education

Master of Arts in Adult Education

4 Semesters (2024-2026) | Part-time Online Course
Starting February 2024

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jdjIkhT3vpmOdM-hlmiex0_VyriczL53/view?usp=sharing

The Horizon 2020 project MOST comes to an end

This August, the Horizon 2020 project MOST (Meaningful Open Schooling Connects Schools to Communities) comes to an end.

The MOST approach involved initiating school-community-projects where students and their teachers worked together with citizens on projects tackling an environmental issue relevant to their community. The participants shared their respective expertise to the problem-solving process.

In Malta the project was implemented through the EkoSkola network resulting in many inspiring school-community projects. They shared their findings via social media and fairs. Two Maltese schools, Stella Maris College and St Dorothy's Senior School, presented their projects in the International MOST fair held in the Naturalis Biodiversity Centre in Leiden.

A big well done to all the schools who participated in these school-community projects!



Congratulation to Prof Valerie Sollars

The Dean and the faculty members sincerely congratulate Prof Valerie Sollars on her recent appointment as Pro-Rector. We wish her great success in this new endeavour, which is well deserved.



TRACtion - TRADITION IN ACTION



Tradition In Action | TRACtion
Traditional Costume Innovation

Keeping traditional costumes alive through education creates awareness and enhances creativity. It enables students to expand on the knowledge acquired and broaden their career opportunities within the creative industry.

The University of Malta is the lead Project Coordinator of the Creative Europe Programme (CREA) called TRACtion (Tradition in Action) led by Dr Lorraine Portelli. This is the first time that the University of Malta has been awarded a CREA project. The project TRACtion intends to stimulate young people to become aware of and appreciate their garment heritage, as well as to recreate it according to their contemporary aesthetic preferences. It will revive, innovate and digitalise three traditional European costumes and simultaneously educate participants on their historical, creative, cultural, environmental, and economic aspects.

The University of Malta, the University of Helsinki, and St. Angela's College, Sligo, Ireland, are higher education institutions, all well-equipped with particular departments that already deliver modules/study units to students opting for an education in fashion and textiles. Currently, there are no projects that revive traditional European costumes within an interdisciplinary context and with the scope of expanding employment possibilities for those who study in this area.

Through TRACtion, students at different levels will gain insights into these traditional costumes. They will be encouraged to apply the lateral thinking, creative skills, and tools necessary for innovative creations. The project will also safeguard these traditional costumes and crafts by promoting the cultural heritage of these three countries through publications, interactive/online workshops, competition, online and on-site exhibitions.

<https://tractionproject.eu/>

https://twitter.com/EU_TRACtion?s=20

<https://www.facebook.com/TRACtion-Traditional-Costume-Innovation-101291342904947/>

https://instagram.com/eu_traction_traditioninaction?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=

Dr Lorraine Portelli

Care/SS Progress Meeting 4



Week starting 19th June, Prof Raphael Vella and Dr Maria Cutajar attended the 4th progress meeting held at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan with regards to the Erasmus+ funded project on Critical Arts for Sustainable Societies (Care/SS) with project number KA220-HED-4FD870CC. This project brings together socially engaged arts (SEA), sustainability, and critical pedagogy in blended and online learning innovations.

During the meeting the consortium of 5 partners discussed the array of blended courses for pre-service and in-service teachers in the primary and secondary sectors that are currently under way. Each partner is running at least 2 blended or fully online courses. The partners purposefully designed the courses drawing on digital pedagogy theory that was adapted for the teaching of the arts considering the findings of preliminary research considering art lecturers' experiences of teaching online during the Covid19 pandemic lockdowns. Evaluation of the implemented courses will include quantitative and qualitative data analysis of student participant data collected during and after the course runs. The course evaluations will serve to create a handbook for arts educators based in higher education institutions.

The project will be completed by mid-2024. The consortium partners include colleagues from Frederick University in Nicosia, Cyprus, Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, University of Malta in Msida, Malta and University of Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain. The Malta partner includes Dr Charmaine Zammit, Dr Maria Cutajar, and Prof Raphael Vella who leads the Malta team.



BA (Hons) in Primary Education



This is a new ITE programme to be offered by the Faculty of Education from October 2023! The BA (Hons) in Primary Education is intended for individuals who wish to become Primary School teachers. Through this programme they will be qualified to teach from Year 1 to Year 6 levels of compulsory education.

The BA (Hons) in Primary Education is a 180 ECTS Level 6 programme which includes three practicum/school experience sessions in Primary Schools (Years 1-6 of compulsory education). This matches the requirements of the current law which states that any course equivalent to B.Ed. (Hons) / PGCE may be considered eligible to apply for a permanent warrant after having practiced the teaching profession for 2 years (*Article 24 of the Education Act*).

Theory and practice are intertwined throughout the three years through university-based study units and field placements in primary schools. This programme will enable the Faculty to continue addressing the needs of our society by being in a position to educate more primary school teachers where there is currently a lack of qualified teachers. This programme also aims to make a career in Primary Education more accessible to prospective candidates. Should candidates wish to pursue their education to master level they may consider opting for an M.Ed. in Research (as with the B.Ed. (Hons.)) or join the MTL programme.

We are currently marketing the programme on social media and applications are open on the UM website as follows:

UM Course Finder: <https://www.um.edu.mt/courses/overview/UBAHPREFT-2023-4-0>

Application: <https://www.um.edu.mt/courses/overview/UBAHPREFT-2023-4-0>

Facebook: Faculty of Education – University of Malta

[https://www.facebook.com/um.educationfaculty?_cft__\[0\]=AZWxtKuClc0HSTp3nkoQTEQSD8GRmCkXGro2QR8WwQGNtOKdxXtMUM3G65tzmUYEs3zW_mEnN4H3KjtPFVEgxBLwbOo38ggp7fQU-fElpACR-cCr4jeBCgq-SuED1DMIS10&tn=%3C%3C%2CP-R](https://www.facebook.com/um.educationfaculty?_cft__[0]=AZWxtKuClc0HSTp3nkoQTEQSD8GRmCkXGro2QR8WwQGNtOKdxXtMUM3G65tzmUYEs3zW_mEnN4H3KjtPFVEgxBLwbOo38ggp7fQU-fElpACR-cCr4jeBCgq-SuED1DMIS10&tn=%3C%3C%2CP-R)

