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EVVIVA

The Deaf People Association is pleased to be a founding member of a newly-formed organisation of disabled people's organisations known as EVVIVA: Equal, Valid, Visible, Inclusive, Vocal and Accessible. The organisation will be officially launched later this year.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Association's Annual General Meeting was held at the Deaf Club on 29th May 2015.

BBQ in Aid of Dar tal-Providenza



On Friday 7th August 2015 members and friends gathered at Dar tal-Providenza in Siggiewi for a BBQ. We were also joined by Deaf and signing visitors from Italy including Sister Veronica Donatello and her Deaf parents. The event raised 700 Euro for Dar tal-Providenza. The committee would like to thank Fr. Martin Micallef for his support.

Id-Dar tal-Providenza
Homes of Persons with Disabilities

National Museum of Fine Arts Tour

The Deaf Association in conjunction with Heritage Malta, Interpreting Services and the National Commission for Disabled People (KNPD) organised a tour of the Fine Arts Museum in Maltese Sign Language. Special thanks go to Mr Matthew Giordmaina, we look forward to working together to make local museums and tourist attractions more accessible for Deaf and hard of hearing people.



George Vella takes Silver at the European Deaf Marathon Championships



Former Deaf Association President and Deaflympics athlete Mr. George Vella represented Malta at the European Deaf Marathon Championships held in Lublin, Poland in May. Mr Vella finished the race in an impressive three hours, one minute and 16 seconds, clinching the silver medal. We congratulate Mr Vella on his sporting success and thank him for his work with Deaf Sports Malta.

Upcoming Events

End of Summer BBQ

The Association will be holding a barbecue on Friday 11th September at the Victoria Hotel in Sliema. There will be a four course buffet and free flowing wine, beer, soft drinks and water



Tickets:

Adults: €25 per person

Children aged 7 - 12: €2.50

Children aged 6 and under: Free of charge.

Parking is available free of charge in the hotel's car park. Spaces are on a first come first served basis. Book your place by emailing info@deafmalta.com or by contacting one of the Board members.

European Day of Languages 2015



The Deaf People Association will be participating in a European Day of Languages event to be held on 26th September 2015 in St Anne Square Sliema, near Zara. During this event Maltese Sign Language will be promoted.

Deaf Week 2015

The World Federation of the Deaf has announced that this year's International Week of the Deaf will take place under the theme '*With Sign Language Rights, Our Children Can!*'. The Deaf People Association will be marking the week with the following events:

- 25th September 2015 - A reception at the Deaf Club from 8pm.
- 26th September 2015 - A stand promoting the use of Maltese Sign Language (Lingwa tas-Sinjali Maltija - LSM) at the European Day of Languages event in St Anne Square Sliema. (See above)



Deaf Club Social Nights

The Deaf Club's weekly social night will re-commence on 25th September. The club (situated on Lascaris Wharf near Valletta Waterfront) will open every Friday from 8pm until late. Come and enjoy a game of billiards or just catch up with friends. Drinks and snacks are available to purchase from the bar.

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