

SOCIETY & PEOPLE ENGAGEMENTS/NEWS

The President's engagements

TOMORROW

8.30pm The President inaugurates new halls within the club premises of the Holy Trinity Band Club in Marsa.

THURSDAY

3pm The President attends a meeting of the President's Trust at San Anton Palace.

8pm The President delivers a speech during the awards ceremony of the 'EU Civic Prize on Chronic Pain – Collecting Good Practices' in Valletta.

FRIDAY

8am The President presents trophies to students on the occasion of 'Jum l-Ispirts' at St Elias' College, Santa Venera.

10.30am The President presides over an award-giving ceremony during the Ocean

Literacy Event, organised to commemorate World Ocean Day by the University of Malta, at the Malta National Aquarium, Qawra.

Noon The President visits the Media Studies Projects' Showcase, organised by St Monica School, in Birkirkara.

SATURDAY

11am The President delivers a speech at a workshop organised by The

President's Trust, at San Anton Palace.

6.30pm The President attends the final of the Cawnpore Cup, organised by the Malta Polo Club, in aid of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation in Marsa.

SUNDAY

10am The President receives representatives from RISE Foundation on a courtesy call, at San Anton Palace.



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In line with its pledge to actively promote education for sustainable development, the HSBC Malta Foundation renewed its support for the Nature Trust – FEE Malta's Ekoskola programme by committing €10,000 towards the initiative. This was announced during the seventh edition of the Ekoskola Young People's Summit held at Kirkop Sports Complex.

The foundation's contribution also supports the Young Reporters for the Environment Programme – an international programme that encourages students to conduct journalistic investigations about environmental issues and then report them via articles, photos and video clips, as well as the Learning About Forests Programme – an international outdoor learning programme promoting awareness and knowledge about the key role

forests play for sustainable life on our planet and whether that role is being compromised by the way of life we lead.

"HSBC Malta has been investing in Ekoskola for over 10 years because we believe that the future of our environment is intrinsically linked to new generations of citizens choosing to live a different, more sustainable lifestyle than those that have gone before them. Ekoskola is an amazing programme that helps young people understand the opportunity and responsibility they have," said HSBC Malta's CEO Andrew Beane.

Nature Trust Malta president Vincent Attard said: "Ekoskola encourages young people to engage in their environment by allowing them the opportunity to actively protect it.

"It starts in the classroom where it expands to the school and eventually fosters change in

the community at large. The Ekoskola programme is an ideal way for schools and students to embark on a meaningful path towards improving the environment in both the school and the locality."

The Eco-School programme, known in Malta as Ekoskola, was introduced in Malta in 2002, with six pilot schools.

Today, the number of local participating schools stands at 116. Eco-Schools, an international programme run by the Foundation for Environmental Education among over 17 million students in 64 countries, aims to mobilise schools to encourage students to adopt an active role in environmental decision-making in their school and community.

The programme has been recognised by Unesco as the programme for education for sustainable development in the world in 2015.

Inspire Foundation helped through music

To make noise and raise funds for Inspire Foundation were the ideas behind the 19th edition of The Simon's Pub Music Festival in the heart of Sliema.

GasanMamo Insurance was one of the supporting sponsors for this event, together with other companies.

A good crowd attended the three-day event, which featured the participation of some of Malta's best groups and singers.

"With music all around us, it seems only natural to use people's love for music to do a little good. At GasanMamo, we are proud to be associated with these events and to contribute in a philanthropic way. No doubt this helps reaffirm our commitment to help NGOs such as Inspire, known to promote equality and inclusion, to raise funds and awareness," said managing director Julian Mamo.

The festival has become a staple event for concert-goers. Through the years, it has offered an ideal platform for both well-known and upcoming artists such as Ira Losco and Winter Moods. It also hosts foreign bands, who come to Malta specifically to participate. This year's line-up featured popular bands such as Red Electrick and The Busker.

"It is wonderful to see people come together through music and so willingly help Inspire. We thank GasanMamo for supporting us," said Inspire's fundraising manager, Claire Galea.



Archbishop visits Helen Keller Centre

Archbishop Charles Scicluna administers the Sacraments of Initiation to children and youths attending the Helen Keller Resource Centre in Qrendi. PHOTO: IAN NOEL PACE/CURIA COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE