

Young Reporters for the Environment

Malta

Newsletter 4

Dear YRE participants,

The second term is coming to an end, and most of the students are currently working on their projects. Deadline for submissions in the local website is the **end of March**. Feel free to contact me if you find difficulties in registering online and uploading entries.

You may have noticed that the age groups have changed to accommodate more participants: 11-14, 15-18, 19-21. If you have students with different ages working in groups you may subscribe them under any group you deem fit, as long as one of the students fits that age group.

YRE Connect

As already stated in the previous newsletter, the YRE international website has been newly refurbished. **The YRE connect**, a tool which features the entries of participating countries, is now working. Apart from uploading your entries on the local website (for competition purposes), you are also invited to upload your entries on the international

website. Entries here will be visible to all visitors, and chances of networking will also increase. Even though voluntary, schools are encouraged to upload their projects there too, giving higher status to Malta. You can either log in through the international website: www.youngreporters.org, the icon on the local website:



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you find difficulty doing so.

YRE International Facebook page



YRE international have also introduced their facebook page, and there are very useful links related to various environmental issues. You can access the page through

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Young-Reporters-for-the-Environment/294691627215114>

and like the page. Feel free to post any comments and ideas, and even upload pictures / investigations you are working on.

YRE NOM

During the last YRE National Operators' Meeting, which took place in Turkey in February 2012, various issues and difficulties have been raised and discussed. Unfortunately we tend to look at this programme more as a competition rather than as an opportunity to publish local investigations.



Plans for next year are to make YRE more active as a programme and invite students to publish their investigations as young reporters throughout the year, and not only for competition basis. Further details will be given later on.

Missions

As already mentioned, various countries organise missions for students, where investigation is done as a group. Malta is invited for a Rock in Rio mission, taking place in May or June.

Detailed information can be accessed through :

<http://www.abae.pt/programa/JRA/atividades/rockinrio/2012/index.php>

Use the google translator if it features in Portuguese. Accommodation, transport and food are fully catered for at no charge, but students need to pay for their own flights. Kindly let me know if you are interested in attending.

Video competition: Share your vision of a sustainable future and win cash prizes

YRE Malta have been invited to take part in the video competition by the European Environment Agency (<http://www.eea.europa.eu/>).

The competition 'Generation '92' offers the opportunity for young Europeans born in 1991, 1992 or 1993 to make a video showing their vision of a sustainable future. The winners will be invited to take part in an event on sustainable development in

Copenhagen on 5 June. The best entries will also win a total of €6,000 in cash prizes. Entries may be submitted between 1 March and 2 April.

Most of the students are probably much younger, but the competition is open for all, so if you know someone who is interested you can pass on the information. Details can be obtained from the website : <http://www.eea.europa.eu/pressroom/newsreleases/youth-video-competition-share-your> or by sending an email to karolina.slowinska@eea.europa.eu

US Embassy



The US Embassy in Malta, has been highly impressed by the success achieved by the local reporters, and has generously offered prizes to all national winners this year. Prizes will be given during the award ceremony which will take place in November 2012. Heartfelt thanks to the US Embassy for giving support.

In the meantime, the US Embassy is putting at your disposal the eLibraryUSA which is full of useful resources. To register for the library which is

free of charge you need to set an appointment with Ms Louise Falzon on falzonlm@state.gov from the US Embassy.

A username and password will be issued, and you will be able to access the library from home.

ReFab



Some of you may already be aware of the ReFab project here in Malta, where a local company is collecting used fabrics (clothes, blankets, curtains and any kind of textiles) and, exporting them for recycling. Any reusable material is given to local people in need, such as institutes and animal centres; the rest is exported.

Such an initiative is highly recommended. Schools who wish to participate are to contact Mr David Micallef on info@refabmalta.com or call on 9946 2768. The initiative is free of charge, and fabrics are collected from the school, so no transportation is required. More information can be accessed through their website: <http://www.refabmalta.com/>

Screening of The Great Global Warming Swindle

The Euro Media Forum and Science is Culture are organising a free screening of The Great Global Warming Swindle + science discussion taking place on Monday 12th of March at 7 p.m, at the Italian Cultural Institute, St. George's Square, Valletta - opposite Malta's Parliament house and next door to the Attorney General's Office. For seat bookings kindly text an sms on 9960 8361 or send an email to euromediaforum@gmail.com

The film and talk will be followed with an open discussion and a short quiz where participants can win prizes.

Maltese Young Reporters

Most of the students are currently at work on their projects. I would appreciate if you could send me photos of students at work. I need to use them both for the website and for other promo material, so kindly make sure that they are data protected.



YRE press day

Plans are underway to hold a YRE press day, where young reporters will meet local journalists and present their investigations and projects. The event will take place towards the end of May, and the MTA will present its awards on the day. Further details will be given later on.

In the meantime – I wish the best of luck to all young reporters. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any kind of assistance.

Regards

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