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Young Reporters



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Dear YRE participants,

March is here – and most of the students are busy working on their projects. From the little feedback I had, the precious advice given during the seminar is being followed. Students are busy conducting their investigations and planning how to write their articles to catch the readers' attention. Well done to all!

Kindly note that I am here at your service. If you need any kind of assistance – especially at this time of year when projects are in full swing – please do not hesitate to contact me. I have already seen some projects, and most of them are on the right track.

As soon as the students decide what they are going to work on, log on to the international website www.youngreporters.org and register as a school. Fill in the description of your project – even though it is still unfinished. This will give a clear guideline to foreign countries what we are working on and would facilitate the production of a joint article.

Feel free to integrate projects with other activities in school. Some are adapting the coursework used for the MATSEC exams (Environmental Studies, European Studies, Biology, Geography). Projects for Flick the Switch campaign and Schools to Community (GAS II) can also be easily integrated. This could easily mean less work and more results – but obviously feel free to adapt according to the school's needs.



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YRE Calendar:

- 1. Register your school*
- 2. Select a topic to be investigated*
- 3. Choose methodology : article or photograph*
- 4. Inform the national coordinator*
- 5. Register your project online*

Once validated by coordinator, articles/ photos are stored in the Library, and become available to the YRE community. These may be updated online

Bajada International Solar Systems – a company producing environmentally friendly products - has kindly offered to sponsor the winners with solar packs from next year. In addition to that, they are also offering their assistance. They can provide a free service where a qualified member of staff can teach an age group of your choice about renewable energy, in particular solar energy. Sessions are around 40 minutes long, can be tailored to different age groups and are interactive and engaging. They have a range of solar gadgets to show children how the sun's energy can be harnessed to produce fun results. To find out more and/or to book your session please call 79493414 or email: m.bajada@bajadagroup.com

NEWS

- ✚ The International Coordinator Vincent Laurent has now replaced Sophie Blanchet. One of the new initiatives is creating chat rooms for students, giving them the opportunity to meet online and discuss the projects they are working on. I will keep you informed about dates and times.
- ✚ The last week of March will be earmarked by the National Operators' Meeting, where, through video conferencing, I will be meeting other national operators and discussing the best way forward. If you have any suggestions or comments that you would like me to present, please contact me asap. Our aim is to improve the programme, so your suggestions are valuable to us!
- ✚ The annual seminar, held at the EU Commission on the 25 Jan 2010, had very positive feedback. Any comments or suggestions for next year's seminar would be greatly appreciated.



Some useful information:



Climate Change

"The Age of Stupid" is a great film on Climate Change. It is currently available on you tube in parts - highly recommended!



Flick the Switch Campaign

Many of the participating schools have also embarked in the Flick the Switch campaign. Cooperation with YRE is taking place on an International level - so feel free to produce the same work for both initiatives. It's added bonuses for students!



Biodiversity

2010 is the international year for Biodiversity. Hope many of you will investigate issues related to our precious Biodiversity and ways of preserving nature!

Once again NTM would like to thank MRRA, HSBC and Wasteserv for their constant financial support. Without them, YRE in Malta would not be possible.

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Some useful links:

www.naturetrustmalta.org – representing FEE in Malta

www.youngreporters.org – international website

www.flicktheswitch.eu – integrate projects

www.nso.gov.mt – useful to get statistics

www.wasteservmalta.com – useful to get statistics and information

www.ekoskolamalta.org – integrate your work if you are already registered