

# Young Reporters for the Environment

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Dear YRE participants,

The first term has now come to an end, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for all the interest and support you have shown. All the activities would not have been possible without your constant participation!

## FEE Seminars

The annual 2013 FEE seminars (for ES, YRE and LEAF) were held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November and 25<sup>th</sup> November in Gozo and Malta respectively. Schools were given information about the 3 programmes and integration between them and with Education for Sustainable Development in the curriculum. Details, posters and leaflets on the YRE-Litter Less campaign were also given out on the day.



The YRE, LEAF and Eco Centre Award ceremony was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 at Xrobb I-Għagin Nature Park, Marsaxlokk. The Hon. Minister Leo Brincat presented the awards to the schools. First placed winners were given a trophy, a certificate and a book donated by the US Embassy, while Nature Trust Malta will be sponsoring a local Environment Mission in the coming term.

Since last year students participated in the Litter Less Campaign and YRE, entries were

sorted and distributed accordingly and placed in either of the two possibilities.

Out of all entries, Malta managed to get an international award in the YRE Section and 3 international awards in the Litter Less Campaign. The YRE winning student is Yasmin



Joy Attard from Our Lady Immaculate, Hamrun. Her photo "If this eyesore you cannot bear... don't be afraid to care" placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the photo category 11-14 years. Well done to Yasmin!



# YRE – Litter Less Campaign

Waste starts with what you buy

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Natura Trust (malta)

YRE-LITTERLESS.ORG

WRIGLEY  
Company Foundation

You throw away 500kg of waste every year.\*

**LITTER LESS!**

Attractive prizes for the best entries  
[www.yremalta.org](http://www.yremalta.org)

\*EuroStat

As most of you already know, Malta will be, for the second time, participating in the Wrigley Litter Less Campaign. This will be the third and last cycle for this campaign, and a total of 15 countries will be involved.

During the scholastic year 2012-2013, Malta participated with a total of 27 schools, and 3 of them managed to qualify internationally. International winners were awarded a prize of a value of more than USD 500 (3<sup>rd</sup> place winning prize), while the supporting schools were also awarded USD 500.



National winners received tablets, a camera, iPod and camping kits, and all national winners will be participating in an International Mission in Sweden between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014.



The national launch for this year's campaign was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Paradise Bay beach lido, Cirkewwa. Divers from Paradise Bay Hotel cleaned the seabed, while students from 10 different schools helped to sort the waste for recycling. Five loggerhead turtles were then released in the clean waters after a period of recovery from injuries.



Students were given leaflets, posters and detailed information about the campaign.



YRE students from Our Lady Immaculate School, St Benedict College, Girls' Secondary School, Tarxien and Gian Frangisk Abela Junior College,



Msida reported the event.



## Plans for 2014

This year the prizes will consist of cash gifts for international winners (same as last year) and smart phones for local winners. WasteServ will once again sponsor the campaign with a full camping kit worth €500 to the project that focuses on reducing and reusing.

International winners will again participate in a Mission abroad, while national winners will stand a chance of a national or regional mission with other YRE participants.

Participation in this campaign is easy: simply register for the [YRE programme](#) and register online through the following links (local and international sites):

[www.yremalta.org](http://www.yremalta.org):  
<http://www.yremalta.org/login-to-yre/>

[www.youngreporters.org](http://www.youngreporters.org):  
<http://www.yre-litterless.org/participant-registration/>

Registration on both sites is necessary in order to upload all your projects. Please do not hesitate to contact the YRE Team if you need further details and specifications.



Between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014, last year's Litter Less winners will be attending an International Mission in Sweden. Well done to all participants!

During the second term a number of workshops on Article Writing, Videos and Photography will be held once again. There is also a possibility of in-house training for those who ask for it. Details will be submitted later on. Stay on the lookout!

Please note that the deadline for this year's entries is 31 March 2014. Late entries will not be accepted. Projects need to be uploaded by the school. Though continuous contact will be kept with the schools it is up to each school to inform YRE Malta if any difficulties arise. Please do not leave it for the last week before the deadline!



Finally, may you all enjoy a Blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Kindly extend our wishes to all staff and students.

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