As in previous years, WasteServ are supporting Young Reporters in projects focused on waste. Students who wish to report on waste management can ask for direct help to WasteServ, quoting YRE as their project.

This year WasteServ will be awarding a **digital SLR camera** to the best entry which has sustainable waste management as its theme, giving preference to waste prevention and food waste reduction in particular.

Students can start off right away by writing articles / taking photos / reporting through videos about actions occurring during the European Week for Waste Reduction between the 22nd and 30th of November. A list of actions taking place in Malta will be available online during the beginning of November. During the EWWR, workshops on composting will be organized on the 26th November at the Family Park in Marsaskala, and it will be interesting to see investigations on this issue. Students may also wish to report any action taking place at their school and then submit it as a YRE entry.

More information about WasteServ and waste reduction week is available through their website www.wasteservmalta.com/ewwr. They can also be contacted on freephone 8007 2200 or via email on ewwr.ws@wasteservmalta.com.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries.

Audrey Gauci
YRE National Coordinator
The photography lessons and writing lessons were very interesting. A great experience, especially meeting new friends from other countries.

Antonella Vella Muskat, Gozo College Secondary School

My visit in Cyprus with YRE was a really enjoyable experience where I learnt a lot and made several new friends from various countries around the world.

Kimberly Galea, Junior College

The workshops were extremely informative. I learned about all the types of litter. Marine, recyclable and biodegradable. I also attended a presentation by an immensely likable video creating expert who helped me develop my skills in video shooting.

Gabriel Sciberras, St Edward’s College
Nine Maltese young reporters from various schools had the opportunity to meet and work with 70 reporters from all over the world. The workshop, which took place between the 26th and 29th September 2014 was possible thanks to the Litter Less Campaign, run internationally by FEE (Foundation for Environmental Education) and represented locally by Nature Trust Malta. The young reporters, who represented our islands in several workshops and activities around Cyprus, had participated in the Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE); a programme which lays its foundations on Education for Sustainable Development principles. As one of those students I can truly say that this was a one of a kind experience.

The three packed days included not only travelling around several sites around the island (UNESCO heritage sites like Kourion) but also opportunities to befriend students and teachers from different nationalities such as New Zealanders, Portuguese and Romanians. Workshops included informative sessions on journalism by local experts, and different work groups who produced articles, photographs and short videos. Some of the Maltese students included interviews with locals as part of their investigations, which was a very formative experience. This initiative was unique because it was not just a way for foreigners to work together, but also an opportunity for us to promote our countries. We all had the chance to represent our countries' folklore and traditional food. The intercultural aspect of the experience proved to be very rewarding.

In less than a week we learned not only issues related to sustainable development and journalism, but also how to appreciate different ways of living and to work with people from different backgrounds. I hope that similar opportunities will crop up again in the future.

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