Dear YRE community,

Welcome to the new scholastic year! I hope that you all had a restful summer, and wish you all a prosperous year ahead.

Once again the YRE programme will be up and running, with some changes from previous years. FEE international have just launched their new website, including the YRE handbook and the new category for competition - joint projects. Feel free to browse through the site; let me know if you have any queries. [http://www.yre.global/](http://www.yre.global/)

In the coming days you will be receiving a year planner of events, together with incentives for this year. You will also be informed of events where young reporters can report, starting from the CHOGM event and the annual summit.

In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me if you need any kind of support with any of our FEE programmes.

Regards,

Audrey Gauci

YRE National Coordinator
Visit to Delimara Power Station
Students from St Monica School, Gżira have visited Delimara power station to get an insight on the water situation there. Even though photography inside was not allowed, they still managed to get a lot of precious information. Thanks to Catch the Drop and HSBC Water Programme for sponsoring the event.

HSBC Water Programme - Catch the Drop Campaign
Once again, the CTD campaign will be sponsoring the YRE programme, with €100 vouchers for the best entries. Schools will once again be supported with free visits to water related venues, presentations, online experts and prizes. During the last scholastic year various schools made use of these incentives.

Visit to Reverse Osmosis Plant
Students from Youth Inc. have visited Pembroke Reverse Osmosis Plant, where they were given details on the water situation and how the system works. The same students reported on the event. Thanks go to Catch the Drop and HSBC Malta Water Programme for sponsoring and facilitating.
YRE students at work
During the last scholastic year we had various YRE teams reporting events related to both EkoSkola and LEAF. Below are some examples. A programme of this year’s events will soon be published. Interested schools are to contact Ms Audrey Gauci ASAP to book their place as reporters.

YRE - Plant a Tree for Peace
On Monday, 23rd February 2015, the event ‘Plant a Tree for Peace’ was held at Xrobb l-Għaġin Park, by LEAF Malta. Eleven participating schools attended this event with a total of 170 students and accompanying teachers. YRE students from St Michael School, Santa Venera reported the event and published their article on the local media.

Environmental Audit at St Vincent de Paul
A group of 42 EkoSkola students and youths from 7 schools and Youth Inc. from Aġenzija Żgħażagħ joined forces to conduct an environmental audit at St Vincent de Paul Residence. The students were first welcomed by the CEO Dr Josianne Cutajar and Dr Brian Farrugia (Deputy Clinical Chairperson, Geriatrics Department). Students went around some of the buildings and noted issues related to the sustainability of the place. The result of their audit was presented on the 29th April 2015. Young Reporters from St Ignatius College Secondary School, Ħandaq and Mater Boni Consillii School, St Joseph, Paola reported the event.
YRE provides Job Shadowing opportunity in journalism to Form 4 students:

Students from Gozo College Secondary School who showed interest in media and journalism for their job shadowing week long experience where given training in photography, videography and article writing, interviewing and journalism ethics. They went out in the streets interviewing people on topics they had previously researched about and prepared questions for. They also had the opportunity to visit the studios of Citadel Video Communications (CVC), meet the director, Mr Alvin Scicluna, see the state of the art equipment used and assist to an audio recording for a radio programme. Ms Lily Said, who has experience in print journalism and television, led them around the premises, explaining in detail what the job of a presenter and reporter involved.

YRE workshops at Resource Centre, Wardija

During the month of March, students from Dun Manwel Attard, Young Adult Resource Centre, Wardija attended three in-house photography workshops. Students had time to follow photography tips and practice taking photos at their own school. Photos were then submitted to the YRE competition. Similar workshops will be conducted again this year.