



Newsletter 3 - May 2016

Dear YRE community,

Please find in this issue the much awaited results for this year's YRE Entries. It has to be said that choosing the best entries this year was a very big feat. The submissions were of high quality, and – as has always been said – it is unfair to choose the best ones when there are so many best ones! Where the level of the entries was really close, finalist (i.e. second placed) certificates were awarded – so the list shows Best Entries, Finalists and Commended. Please note that ALL participating students will be given a certificate showing the level obtained. All entries were good – some just needed a little re touch to be more of a reporting style.

Sponsors have chosen their best entries too – they are listed separately at the end. All sponsors including NTM will be awarding gift vouchers to the entries of their choice except for EDIC Victoria, Gozo. EDIC is giving tablets to the best three entries focused on migration and human rights - submitted by students attending schools in Gozo. Once again heartfelt thanks goes to all the sponsors – they make our students' work appreciated even more.

Apart from these awards, we have also been surprised with another attractive incentive. Dr Metsola Tedesco Triccas, one of the local MEPs, will be sponsoring 2 adults and 2 students to visit the European Parliament in Brussels and interview the MEPs there! The selected school will be announced during the upcoming award ceremony, and will visit the parliament in December.

An important mention is the validity of projects when these are integrated within the school curriculum. This year there was a good amount of entries integrated directly with European Studies, English language, Geography and Science. Integrating Education for Sustainable Development in the school subjects is now part of the National Curriculum Framework, and through YRE this practice is being highlighted. Do not hesitate to contact the YRE team if you need further guidance in this regard.

The tentative date for the Award ceremony is 3rd June. However this is only tentative – it will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Well done again to ALL participants.

Best regards

Audrey Gauci
YRE National Coordinator

Press Kids Articles

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| San Ġorġ Preca College, Paola Primary 'B' | Brightening our School | Yeziyah Farrugia Maya Galea Neil Busuttil Faith Achokwu Alexander Takoub | Best Entry NTM Award |
| Gozo College Sannat Primary and Special Unit | Our Beautiful Island of Gozo | Maarika Xuereb | Commended |

Press Kids Photos

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| Gozo College, Rabat Primary | Hide and Seek | Anthea Xiberras | Best Entry NTM Award |
| Gozo College, Rabat Primary | Protecting Dwejra | Dauida Gatt | Commended |
| Gozo College, Sannat Primary and Special Unit | Hunting in Gozo | Maarika Xuereb Amy Saliba | Commended |

Press Kids Videos

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| St Ignatius College, Luqa Primary | Kampanja EkoMilied | Sara Riani Melaine Stivala Julia Galea Hayden Magri Aleandro Farrugia Jamie Sultana | Best Entry |
| St. Francis Primary School, Cospicua | Every Drop Counts | School's Sub-Committee | Commended |
| St. Francis Primary School, Cospicua | Unwanted waste? Not for Us! | School's Sub-Committee | Commended |
| St. Francis Primary School, Cospicua | YoungOld - Being part of a change | School's Sub-Committee | Commended |

Articles 11-14 years

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| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | Let's try to save the last few that are still alive | Anthea Ellul | Best Entry NTM Award |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | An enlightening experience | Veronika Sytnyk | Finalist |
| Gozo College, Secondary School, Victoria | All for our families | Elenia Jo Xiberras | Finalist |
| Saint Francis Secondary School, Sliema | Junk Mail | Paula Zammit | Finalist |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | A children's plan for peace | Matthew Schembri Kristina Catania Luca Caruana | Finalist |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | The maritime environment in Malta | Mariah Vella | Finalist |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | Forced to leave my life... | Aimee Mallia | Finalist |

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| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | Użu aħjar tal-ilma ġo Ħal-Kirkop | Amy Zammit | Finalist |
| St Monica School, Gżira | When Dreams are Shared | Jael Marie Scicluna | Finalist |
| St Monica School, Gżira | School Canteens: What Are We Really Eating? | Angele Pocock | Finalist |
| St Thomas More College, Secondary School, Żejtun | Myths on Composting | Kristy Xuereb | Finalist |
| St Thomas More College, Secondary School, Żejtun | Recycling of clothes | Naomi Blundell | Commended |
| St Thomas More College, Secondary School, Żejtun | Green leaders | Bernice Mifsud Sarah Mifsud | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | The not so pretty bay | Rebecca Abela Sheridan Balzan | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | Save the Hedgehogs! | Claire Pace Aimee Mallia | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | A Refugee Story | Kelley Vella | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | Being a Refugee is a Hard Life! | Axel Sammut Jamie Farrugia Daniel Attard | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | There`s no place like home | Abdel Hafid Massa | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | Refugee project | Dynalee Bartolo | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | Just because it isn't happening here, it doesn't mean it isn't happening! | Ylenia Tabone | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | There is No Place Like Home | Claire Pace | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | Vandaliżmu ġewwa l-Imqabba ... x'effett iħalli fuq ir-raħal | Antonella Borg | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | O for Obesity ... O for Obstacle | Nicole Pisani | Commended |
| St Margaret College, Boys' Secondary School, Verdala, Cospicua | My Footprint Counts | Negai Galea Conti Blake Vassallo Neville Coleiro Sven Gatt Jerome Gatt Kyle Dalli Islam Nessim | Commended |
| Mater Boni Consilii, St Joseph School, Paola | Water Quiz | Haley Cassar | Commended |
| St Monica School, Gżira | Their Silent Cry | Julia Scerri | Commended |
| St Edward's College | Water Scarcity in Malta | Julian Beacom | Commended |

Photos 11-14 years

| St Monica School, Gżira | The Guilty Conscience | Julia Scerri | Best Entry NTM Award |
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| Gozo College, Secondary School, Victoria | Time Machine | Josslyn Camenzuli | Finalist |
| St Thomas More College, Secondary School, Żejtun | Pollution Dilution | Britney Marie Galea | Commended |
| St Thomas More College, Secondary School, Żejtun | Pollution Confusion | Roxanne Poggi | Commended |
| Gozo College, Secondary School, Victoria | Camouflage | Elenia Jo Xiberras | Commended |
| Gozo College, Secondary School, Victoria | Topsy Turvy Thinking | Elenia Jo Xiberras | Commended |
| Gozo College, Secondary School, Victoria | Neolithic Times | Antonella Vella Muskat | Commended |
| Gozo College, Secondary School, Victoria | We All Fall Down | Chantelle Stellini | Commended |
| Gozo College, Secondary School, Victoria | Doing it Blindly | Maria Attard | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Girls' Secondary School, Mosta | Abjad, Iswed jew Kannella | Martina Frendo | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | If nature had a voice | Michela Calleja | Commended |
| St Ignatius College, Secondary School | Why ... why be racist? | Jael Micallef | Commended |
| St Monica School, Gżira | Halt Bad Habits | Julia Scerri | Commended |
| St Monica School, Gżira | The Hidden Helper | Julia Scerri | Commended |
| St Monica School, Gżira | Urbanised Tradition | Julia Scerri | Commended |
| St Margaret College, Boys' Secondary School, Verdala, Cospicua | Tiny but harmful! | Melvin Vella | Commended |

Videos 11-14 years

| Gozo College, Secondary School, Victoria | To Ghana with Love | Elenia Jo Xiberras | Best Entry |
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| St Thomas More College, Secondary School, Żejtun | Waste free school lunches | Chanelle Zarb Kirtsy Collins Hayley D'Amato | Commended |
| St Monica School, Gżira | CHOGM and Migration | Mariah Morgan Ruggier | Commended |

Article 15 - 18 years

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| Maria Regina College, Girls' Secondary School, Mosta | What Goes Around Comes Around: Farming and Nitrates in the Water Table | Francesca Maria Sant | Best Entry NTM Award |
| St Margaret College, Boys' Secondary School, Verdala, Cospicua | Superhero NEPTUME – an innovative project to purify and reuse wastewater | Luke Agius Samuele Verde Moses Galea Leon Piscopo | Commended |
| St Margaret College Boys' Secondary, Verdala, Cospicua | Promoting wellbeing across the Commonwealth at the EkoSkola Young People's Environmental CHOGM Summit held in Malta | Merton Pace Moses Galea | Commended |
| St Margaret College Boys' Secondary, Verdala, Cospicua | Taking the initiative...for the environment! | Lenard Camilleri Kurt Micallef | Commended |
| St Monica School, Gżira | Food...glorious local food! | Nicole Pace | Commended |
| San Ġorġ Preca College, Boys' Secondary School, Ħamrun | The Essential Resource for Living | Nikolai Micallef | Commended |

Photo 15 – 18 years

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| St Margaret College, Boys' Secondary School, Verdala, Cospicua | Returned to sender by the waves! | Kurt Micallef | Best Entry NTM Award |
| Maria Regina College, Girls' Secondary School, Mosta | Beach Trap | Winona Attard McCarthy Casey Mifsud Samira Axiak | Finalist |
| St Monica School, Gżira | Scented Grass | Nicole Pace | Finalist |
| St Margaret College, Boys' Secondary School, Verdala, Cospicua | Attract the dragon to keep mosquitoes away | Luke Agius | Commended |
| Gozo College, Boys' Secondary School, Victoria | Nature always finds a way | Jan Luca Gatt | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Girls' Secondary School, Mosta | Bitter-sweet Peas | Francesca Maria Sant | Commended |

Videos 15 – 18 years

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| San Ġorġ Preca College, Boys' Secondary School, Ħamrun | Misconceptions of Positive Lifestyles | Jonathan Camenzuli Kurt Vella Matthew Bezzina | Best Entry |
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Photos 19 – 21 years

| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Eating others' leftovers | Sefora Apap | Best Entry |
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| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Behind bars | James Cachia | Finalist |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Foreign vs Local | Ryan Borg | Finalist |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Saving water | Aurelia Zammit | Finalist |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Pick me up | Alessia Kniep | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Car park or playing field? | Andrew Camilleri | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Staying alive | Anne Marie Camilleri | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Defying odds | Christian Abela | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Crossing over | Emanuel Camilleri | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Sitting on branches | Gabriel Zarb | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Dumped | Joy-Crystal Gauci | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Discuss it over lunch | Louis Falzon | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | My last dying breath | Malik Hussein | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Yummy! | Marisa Zammit | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Breaking free | Warren Cordina | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Old vs New | Mark Fenech | Commended |
| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | All wrapped up | Nathan Aquilina | Commended |

Awards by sponsors:-

Wasteserv Awards



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| St Francis Primary School, Cospicua | Unwanted waste? Not for Us! | School's Sub-Committee |
| St Francis Primary School, Cospicua | Organic Waste - Being part of a pilot projec | School's Sub-Committee |
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Solidarity Award



PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT
FOR RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY
AND ACTIVE AGEING

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| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Behind bars | James Cachia |
| St Francis Primary School, Cospicua | YoungOld - Being part of a change | School's Sub-Committee |

The HSBC WaterProgramme - Catch the Drop Campaign Award



CATCH THE DROP

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We Eat Responsibly Award



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| Maria Regina College, Dun Manwel Attard, YAE Resource Centre | Foreign vs Local | Ryan Borg |
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EDIC Gozo Award



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| Bishop's Conservatory, Girls' Secondary School | Madame Liberty | Maria Mompalao |
| Gozo College, Secondary School, Victoria | All for our families | Elenia Jo Xiberras |
| Gozo College, Secondary School, Victoria | To Ghana with Love | EkoSkola Committee |

Best Entries:



Let's try to save the last few that are still alive

Palm trees take so many years to grow and aren't just decoration; like any other tree they help the environment to stay clean.

"A lot of palm trees are dying because they are being attacked by the Red Palm Weevil." according to Grech Fiona, Senior Agricultural Officer, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Regulation Department - Plant Health Directorate. She also added that around 5000 palm trees have been destroyed as a result of this pest.

The question is how did this pest end up in Malta?

"The red palm weevil was detected in Malta in 2007 and was probably introduced with palm trees imported from third countries, i.e. countries outside of the EU." explained Mrs Grech.

Mr.Saliba a gardener,said and I quote,"This problem started because of lack of responsibility from the plant health itself". He also added "The



Misconceptions Of Positive Lifestyles



Farming and Nitrates in the Water Table

Benny Vella owns a conventional farm located at L-Iskorvit, limits of Mgarr. He has been working as a full-time farmer since the age of fourteen. To increase fertility and nutrients in soil, they spread manure, artificial fertilisers and substances to increase crop growth and soil fertility. Many people are concerned that these growing practices promote unsafe chemical use, even though the level of toxicity is said to be under a safe level. In fact, all pesticides used in Malta are 3rd class, which are the least harmful. Conventional farmers, including Mr Vella, typically spread pesticides to get rid of harmful insects. This contributes to pollution of air, water and soil and contamination of other areas due to the pesticides being blown away by the wind. Additionally, they may also be harmful to other species which do not cause any harm, like ladybirds and bees. Some farmers also spread herbicides to kill weeds, fungicides to get rid of diseases in crops, while rodenticides kill rodents.



Fig 1: The difference between conventional seeds (which are red due to the amount of chemicals) and organic seeds (which are white since they're natural).