ACTION PLANET

MAKING MALTA MORE SUSTAINABLE

MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

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Hello and Welcome to Action Planet Environmental Education Initiative!

Action Planet is a student led initiative that encourages and empowers children and young adults to take an active role in safeguarding the environment for present and future generations. Students will work alongside NGO's and organisations that are proactively engaged in finding solutions to make Malta and the planet more sustainable. Through experiential, hands on learning they will be inspired to make informed decisions about subjects such as waste management and sustainability.

Through workshops, field trips, research, collaboration, innovation and creative expression students will investigate the challenges that the planet is facing, both environmental and man-made and will present solutions in the form of research that will be shared with their peers. By taking an active role in the welfare of the environment they will learn to respect, protect and educate others about their choices, helping them to become responsible world citizens. The schools and colleges will come together to present their research and design initiatives at a month long exhibition at St James Cavalier in Valletta, from 16th February - 18th March 2018, forming part of the Spazju Kreativ 2018 season programme during the V18, Valletta - European City Of Culture celebrations.

Alongside the education initiative Action Planet will be running think tanks and events with NGOs, businesses and government ministries.

Amongst our many collaborators are the Ministry of Education, Spazju Kreattiv, Nature Trust - FEE Malta, Eco Schools, YRE - Young Reporters for the Environment, LEAF (learning about Forests), WER (We Eat Responsibly), Wasteserv, Malta Clean Up, US Embassy, BirdLife Malta, Global Green Events, University of Malta and Turkish Airlines.

Thank you for joining us on this pivotal journey.

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Our Aims and Objectives

Inspiring change through education, creativity, empowerment and positive collaboration is the core philosophy of Action Planet. Change is possible when we unite to find solutions to build a more sustainable future.

Through Action Planet we:

- Create a strong, diverse, inclusive network whose focus is proactive education and lasting change
- Create an arena where ideas, knowledge, skills and creativity can be developed and shared
- Make sustainability education fun and engaging by encouraging creativity, exploration and creative thinking
- Stimulate children and young adults to become leaders that take action and make positive decisions that safeguard the wellbeing of the planet for future generations

GET INVOLVED

Schools are invited to participate in a range of different Action Planet activities. They can choose as many or as few as they would like. The activities include workshops, clean ups, in class activities and YRE, Young Reporters for the Environment research projects, that have the chance of being displayed at the exhibition in February.

Schools will also be invited to visit the exhibition and workshops at St James Cavalier in Valletta between February 16th - March 18th 2018. The exhibition forms part of the Spazju Kreattiv Season Programme during the Valletta 2018 - European City of Culture celebrations.

Workshops and in class activities will be offered by the different NGOs and organisations supporting Action Planet. These will be listed and frequently updated on our website. All necessary information including location and contact details may be found at:

www.actionplanet.org
www.facebook.com/actionplanet.org
Please keep checking our website for new listings.

Some of our many collaborators are:

- Spazju Kreattiv at St James Cavalier
- Valletta 2018 - European City of Culture
- Ministry of Education
- Nature Trust - FEE Malta and Eco Schools
- YRE, Young Reporters for the Environment
- LEAF
- We Eat Responsibly
- Blue Flag
- Malta Clean Up
- Wasteserv
- BirdLife Malta,
- Why Not?
- Friends of the Earth
- US Embassy
- MCAST
- SBE - Sustainable Built Environment
- University of Malta

GET INVOLVED

The schools may choose from the following:

Workshops offered on location by NGOs and organisations supporting Action Planet. In-class activities and competitions are also listed on our website

Clean Ups - a school may sign up to participate in a clean up and experience on site education from one of our collaborators

YRE Young Reporters for the Environment Research Projects - students can have the chance of reporting on a sustainability related theme. They can either submit a report, a photograph or create a short 3 minute film. (Please check the guidelines included in this brochure). Summaries of the best entries will feature at the exhibition, on our website, in our book and will also be entered in to an international YRE competition with the chance of winning an award

Visit the exhibition and participate in on site activities and workshops. This can be booked through Spazju Kreattiv at St James Cavallier. We will let schools know when the box office will be available to take bookings. There will be limited places available.

Please keep an eye on our website for other events that may be listed.

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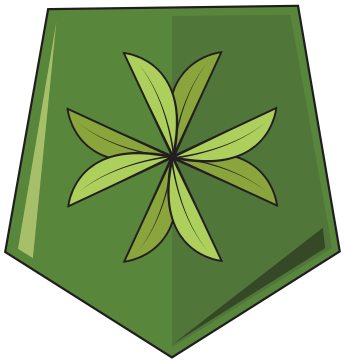


CLEAN UPS

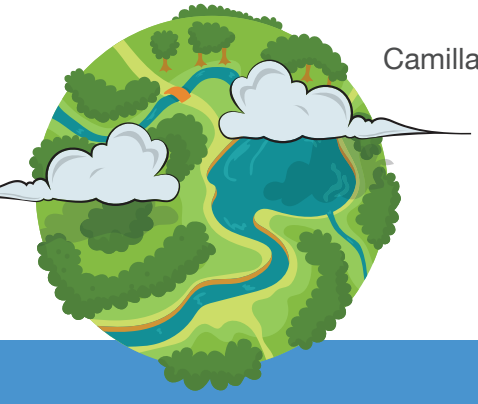
Education comes in all forms. At Action Planet we believe that hands on learning is a very important tool to help children get a deeper understanding as to why it is important not to litter and respect the environment.

By participating on a clean up children will learn:

- What happens to the waste when it is left in nature including what decomposes and what doesn't
- How to respect nature while caring for it - including indigenous flora and fauna and natural wildlife habitats
- What to wear to ensure that the children remain safe
- What is safe to touch and what needs to be reported - such as toxic waste and hypodermic needles
- How to decide if the collected resources need to go in to the recycling bags or the black bin bags
- Where the collected material gets taken
- Who is in charge of the resources 'waste' management systems
- How to be part of the solution; Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Camilla Appelgren from Malta Clean Up, who has organised over 50 clean ups with up to 70 participants, will be heading up the scheme. There are 7 scheduled clean ups around Malta which schools may participate in. If you would like to participate in a clean up please contact Camilla on the email listed. She will send you:

- A registration form
- Clean up guidelines - including what to wear, what to bring with you and the suggested adult to child ratio
- A site map and instructions on how to get there
- Which organisation will be supporting the clean up with the contact person names and details



Camilla can be contacted on camilla@actionplanet.org

CLEAN UPS

About Malta Clean Up

Malta clean up started as an initiative by Camilla Appelgren and her two children 2014. Camilla is a diving instructor and did her first clean up 2012 in St Paul's bay. Seeing the bad state of the sea bottom, she kept on going on her own arranging 1 clean up monthly during spring and winter picking up nearly a tonne on every event.

The group has a positive core value and wants to stress the fact that if we all help out we can achieve so much more. Malta Clean Up don't waste time in pointing fingers or being negative. There is a strong belief that cooperation will be easier achieved if the communication is positive. One has to be part of the solution and not the problem!

Today the group has grown into having nearly 2700 members and 2 clean ups per month. Camilla is also involved in several projects which will together hopefully have a great impact on the waste management in Malta and the attitude towards it.

RESEARCH PROJECTS WITH YOUNG REPORTERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, YRE

Who are Young Reporters for the Environment?

Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) aims to empower young people by giving them a platform to voice their opinion on local environmental and sustainability issues they feel strongly about. Through investigative reporting and photojournalism participants are able to articulate their views and explore solutions, enabling them to make a difference. YRE is represented in 34 countries worldwide. Malta has been participating in the programme since 2007, with an ever increasing participation from schools. YRE can be easily integrated with curriculum subjects.

YRE is one of 4 educational programmes offered by Nature Trust - FEE Malta, (Foundation for Environmental Education), a non-governmental, non-profit organization promoting sustainable development through environmental education.

Who Can Apply?

Students can either work individually or in groups. There are 5 age categories for entry:
7 - 10 years
11- 14 years
15 - 18 years (international collaboration - articles)
19 - 21 years
22- 25 years

Calendar

Start project: From 9th September 2017
Submission of the research reports to YRE: By December 16th 2017
National jury will select reports to be featured in the exhibition: By January 20th 2018

*Please note that the dates above are ONLY for reports that would like to have the chance of being included in the Action Planet exhibition in February. YRE will continue to accept reports for their normal programme until the end of March. This year YRE Malta is also participating in the international Litterless Campaign.
http://www.yre.global/about-the-campaign

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How Does it Work?

1) The Young Reporters decide on a topic. They can either decide on their own topic or can ask Action Planet to send a list of suggested topics. Action Planet can try to team up the students with an NGO/Organisation/Business or Researcher that can help to support their research.

2) The Young Reporters register directly with YRE Malta (www.yremalta.org)

3) For applications to be used in the Action Planet Project each research report must be approached from 4 angles:

- **What is happening in the world?**
- **What is happening in Malta?**
- **Solutions that are being explored around the world?**
- **Solutions that would work in Malta?**

When applying please ensure that the content submitted is clearly divided into the 4 areas above as the is how it will be displayed in the exhibition. For Rules on Submission to fulfil the YRE criteria, please refer to http://www.yre.global/rules-forsubmission. Not meeting the International Competition's acceptance criteria results in disqualification.

4) Submissions are to be uploaded on the national YRE website (www.yremalta.org) no later than December 16th 2017.

THE EXHIBITION

The exhibition is to be held at St James Cavalier in Valletta, between 16th February and 18th March 2018. This forms part of the Spazju Kreattiv season programme during Valletta 2018 - European City of Culture. It will be a culmination of the work of school children and higher education students. There will be an education aspect to every part.

The exhibition will include:

- A display of the best research projects, photographs and videos chosen by YRE, Young Reporters for the Environment, from the applications from school children and higher education students
- 3 art installations designed and created by MCAST students incollaboration with three established artists
- An art installation made out of recycled materials created by children from organisations represented by CRPD, Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability and Inspire
- A variety of apps designed by MCAST students for the purpose of promoting sustainable practices in the Maltese Islands
- An interactive sound installation made out of recycled materials created by students under the tutelage of Malta Sound Women's Network, Electronic Music Malta and Yorkshire Sound Women's Network with the support of Malta School of Music
- Educational workshops available for school children and the public. The workshop details will be given closer to the exhibition and may be booked directly through www.kreattivita.org. Places will be limited, so we suggest to book early

Events surrounding the exhibition will be listed closer to the time on our website and Facebook page.

We hope that you will join us on this exciting initiative to help raise awareness, empower our students and inspire change. We look forward to hearing from you.
If you would like further information about any of our initiatives, please feel free to contact our education coordinator on:
education@actionplanet.org

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Facebook	/actionplanet.org

Partners and Collaborators Contact Information

Spazju Kreattiv	https://www.kreattivita.org
Nature Trust	https://www.naturetrustmalta.org
Eco Schools	https://www.ekoskola.org.mt/
YRE Malta	https://www.yremalta.org
We Eat Responsibly	https://www.eatresponsibly.eu/en
LEAF Malta	https://www.leafmalta.org
Blue Flag	https://www.blueflagmalta.org
MCAST	http://www.mcast.edu.mt
Wasteserv	http://www.wasteservmalta.com
Univeristy of Malta	http://www.um.edu.mt