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Editorial Note

Happy New Year! This year promises to be quite an intensive one in matters concerning the environment as the movement about the Climate Change Emergency spearheaded by young people is gathering more and more momentum. We have also been quite busy trying our best to support you in your efforts to promote Education for Sustainable Development.

GLOBE Meeting

Members of the GLOBE Program community in the Europe and Eurasia Region met for the Annual Regional Meeting in Italy, 21st-25th October 2019. Twenty countries were represented by 33 Country Coordinators and their Deputies, accompanied by trainers, scientists and teachers. The meeting included three days of training for GLOBE trainers and teachers.

Country representatives shared highlights from their countries and learned about GLOBE's most recent activities and worldwide preparations for the 25th anniversary of the program. Besides its Country Report, the Maltese delegation displayed information about 'The effects of trees on urban temperatures' – an investigation carried out by the Gozo College Middle School during the Exhibition Market of projects and activities. Attendees were impressed by the work and how successful schools in Malta were, particularly in linking the GLOBE Program with various curricular subjects and other international programmes such as Eco-Schools and eTwinning. Ms Jessica Zahra, a link teacher at St Theresa College, Birkirkara Middle School, was also part of the Maltese delegation.



In Malta, GLOBE is being implemented in 31 schools. For more information about the program contact Prof Paul Pace (GLOBE Country Coordinator) on paul.j.pace@um.edu.mt or Ms Ramona Mercieca (GLOBE Deputy Country Coordinator) on ramona.mercieca@ilearn.edu.mt or visit the GLOBE Malta Facebook Page or the website on <https://www.globe.gov/>.

Green Flag Award Ceremony

On Tuesday 29th October, H.E. Dr George Vella, President of Malta, presided over the Green Flag Award Ceremony at the San Ġorġ Preca College, Guardian Angel Secondary Education Resource Centre, Hamrun. A total of 36 schools received recognition for promoting sustainable lifestyles in their school communities. The number of schools flying the Green Flag in the Maltese islands is now 76.

In his address, H.E. Dr George Vella commended the students for their commitment towards improving the quality of life in Malta. He stressed the importance that students voice their concerns as they are part of the global movement that is driving adult policymakers to take serious actions towards safeguarding our planet.



The Executive President of Nature Trust - FEE Malta, Vincent Attard, thanked His Excellency for being the distinguished patron of the EkoSkola programme and for the trust. Students also presented gifts produced during EkoSkola activities in their schools.



7th Green Flag Winners



6th Green Flag Winners



5th Green Flag Winners

The following is a list of all the awarded schools:

Received the Green Flag for the 7th time

- St Benedict College, Żurrieq Primary School
- St Clare College, San Ġwann Primary School

Received the Green Flag for the 6th time

- San Ġorġ Preca College, Floriana Primary School

Received the Green Flag for the 5th time

- St Benedict College, Kirkop Secondary School
- St Monica School, Birkirkara
- St Francis School, Cospicua Primary School
- St Thomas More College, St Lucia Secondary School
- St Michael's School, Santa Venera

Received the Green Flag for the 4th time

- Immaculate Conception School, Tarxien
- St Ignatius College, Luqa Primary School
- Our Lady Immaculate School, Ħamrun
- St Ignatius College, Qormi San Ġorġ Primary School
- Sacred Heart College, Senior Section
- St Patrick's Salesian School
- Savio College, Dingli
- St Theresa College, Lija/Iklin/Balzan Primary School
- St Benedict College, Birżebbuġa Primary School

Received the Green Flag for the 3rd time

- Gozo College, Rabat Primary School
- St Ignatius College, Ħandaq Middle School
- Gozo College, Żebbuġ Primary School
- St Paul's Missionary College
- St Benedict College, Helen Keller Secondary School/Young Adult Education Resource Centre



4th Green Flag Winners



3rd Green Flag Winners



2nd Green Flag Winners



1st Green Flag Winners



Silver Award Winners

Received the Green Flag for the 2nd time

- Bishop's Conservatory Secondary School
- Gozo College, Għarb Primary School
- Gozo College, San Lawrenz Primary School
- Laura Vicuna Primary School, Għasri
- Maria Regina College, St Paul's Bay Primary
- San Ġorġ Preca College, Guardian Angel Secondary Education Resource Centre
- San Ġorġ Preca College, Secondary School, Hamrun
- St Albert the Great College, Valletta
- St Augustine College
- St Nicholas College, Rabat Primary School
- St Thomas More College, Secondary School, Żejtun

Received the Green Flag for the 1st time

- Maria Regina College, Naxxar Middle School
- St Margaret College, Senglea Primary School
- St Margaret College, Vittoriosa Primary School

Received the Silver Award

- Maria Regina College, Mosta Primary School A

Received the Bronze Award

- St Nicholas College, Mtarfa Primary School
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Eco-Schools 25th Anniversary National Operators Meeting

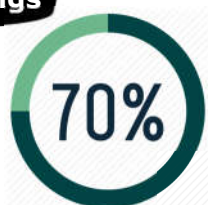
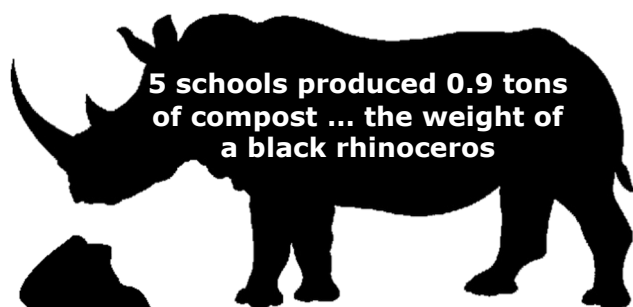


This year's National Operators Meeting (NOM) celebrated the Eco-Schools 25th Anniversary in the country which hosted the first-ever Eco-Schools meeting – the Netherlands, at the bungalow park Landal Reeuwijk from 11-14 November. The main objectives of the meeting were to look at strategic planning for 2020-24, strengthen Eco-Schools' impact at a global scale, networking and capacity building, exploring opportunities within Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and gaining a better understanding of the FEE EcoCampus programme, its implementation and potential. The meeting was attended by over 120 delegates from 60 different countries. Malta was represented by Vincent Attard (Executive President of Nature Trust - FEE Malta) and Prof Paul Pace (National Operator). Prof Pace was part of the jury reviewing the entries for the 25th Anniversary Lesson Plan Competition and conducted a workshop on Training Teachers for Lesson Planning.

Seminar for Eco-Schools Link Persons

Given the widespread popularity of EkoSkola, the number of new link persons involved in the programme and the number of new schools enrolled in the programme, Nature Trust - FEE Malta organised a seminar about EkoSkola and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) on the 28th November 2019 at San Ġorġ Preca College, Middle School, Blata l-Bajda. Besides information sessions about EkoSkola, attendees were shown how the programme can be used to integrate ESD through a whole school approach and how GLOBE could be integrated within it. The results and actions derived from the Link Persons Survey Report (distributed towards the end of the 2018-19 scholastic year) were shared and discussed with the 52 attendees, hailing from 41 different schools.

These are some examples of the accomplishments that students and schools achieved last scholastic year. (The data was collected by the schools as part of the Monitoring and Evaluation of their Action Plan).



is the average % of students (in 8 schools) bringing healthy lunches

... the whole student population in 3 of these schools brings healthy lunches



A golden learning opportunity for your students

The Berkeley Model United Nations (BMUN Malta) is a 4-day conference with international student-delegates representing countries from around the world in order to address topics of international concern and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The conference is run on the United Nations Conference model and is open to **13-18 year** old students who are fluent in English.

BMUN Malta is a hands-on lesson in international relations, and focuses on developing skills such as diplomacy, public speaking, technical writing, research, and critical thinking. An experience not to be missed. More information is available on the BMUN Malta website: <http://www.bmun.org/bmun-malta> from where you can also register.

Participation for Maltese students is free of charge (disregard the delegate fee of €150 mentioned in the website), but the places available are limited (i.e. 40 delegates) and will be available on a first come first served basis. So if interested register your students at your very earliest. An information session will be organised in January and again in February for the registered delegates that will familiarise them with the procedure and how to prepare for the conference.

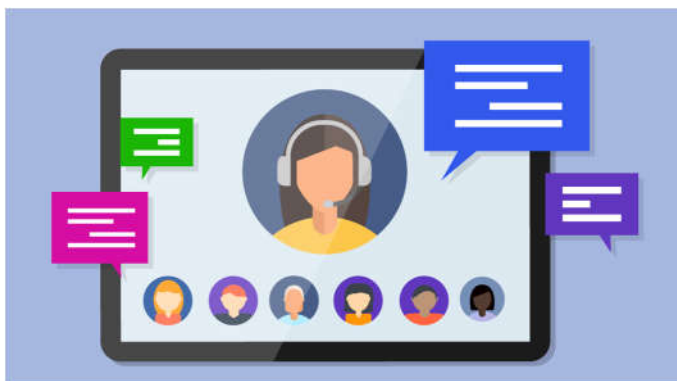


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ESD Webinars for teachers and students

This year FEE has started a series of webinars aimed at supporting their efforts to achieve sustainability and promote ESD. These webinars are run through the Litter Less Campaign but they are open to every teacher or student from our network so please share widely.

The next webinar will be on the 14th January 2020 at 15:00 (registration is now open) with a repeat on the 28th January 2020 at 09:00 (registration open on 13th January 2020). The theme of the webinar is: **How to promote a campaign at school, at home and at local communities? How to promote a campaign on social media?**



If you want to get millions of people across the world engaged with a single piece of video, then learn from Jiff Pom, a cute dog who danced his way to 14 million hits on Tik Tok and has 9 million Instagram followers. But if you want to do some good, you need more than 'likes'. You must have a campaign that will make people think, and hopefully take action. During the webinar Christopher Slaney (the presenter) will describe ten things you

must do in order to be effective on social media. Greta Thunberg got millions of people to take climate change seriously, what will your campaign achieve?

To register and information about webinars and planned topics please go to: <https://www.ecoschools.global/webinars> or <https://www.yre.global/webinars>.

Fashion Revolution Malta

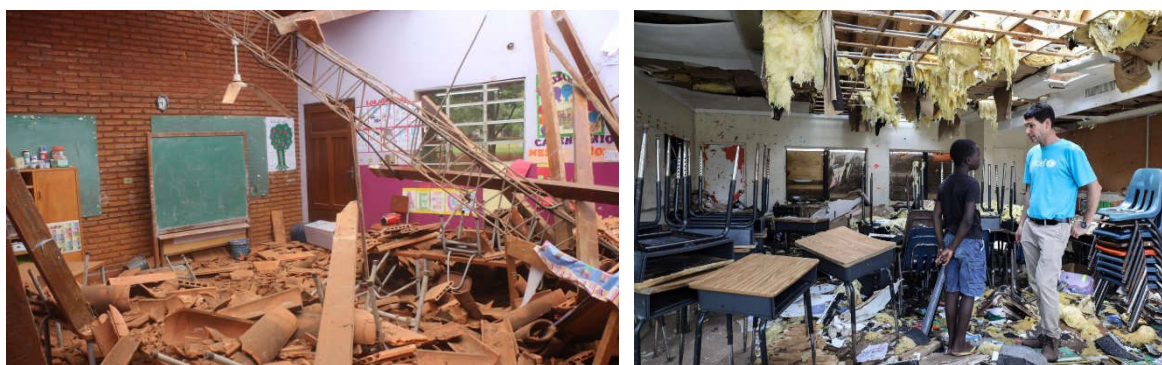
Fashion Revolution is a global movement made up of people from all around the world who make the fashion industry work. Present in over 100 countries, the movement includes people who wear clothes and people who make them: designers, academics, students, writers, business leaders, policymakers, brands, retailers, marketers, producers, makers, workers and fashion lovers. Most of all, it includes people who



believe in a fashion industry that values people, the environment, creativity and profit in equal measure. They want to unite people and organisations to work together towards radically changing the way our clothes are sourced, produced and consumed, so that clothing is made in a safe, clean and fair way. For more information follow them on Instagram [@fashrev_mlt](https://www.instagram.com/fashrev_mlt) or send them an email on: malta@fashionrevolution.org.

Eco-Schools Children for Children Campaign to Support The Bahamas

Once again we would like to draw your attention to an appeal we made before the Christmas holidays. Twelve Eco-Schools on two islands in The Bahamas were devastated by Hurricane Dorian last September. It is estimated that more than 18,000 children and teachers were impacted by this nature disaster. If you want to offer a helping hand visit: <https://www.ecoschools.global/childrenforchildren> for more information.



The following entities support EkoSkola



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