

Recent Activities at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

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The Summer Activity

This year's summer social activity was entitled 'An Evening with Chasing Pandora'. The event took place on Friday 26th August in the central courtyard of the University of Malta – Gozo Campus. An audience of about two hundred attended the event.

The programme included a number of items from the band's repertoire and each song was accompanied by a brief commentary. Chasing Pandora, consisting of duo Melissa Portelli and Keith Anthony has become one of Malta's most successful and respected bands. Recently the duo has added friends and fellow musicians Ismael Azzopardi on keyboards and Dru Mayer on percussion to their lineup.

Like previous events held at the same venue, this year's concert offered patrons an enjoyable evening of live performances al fresco in the ideal setting of the Campus's charming central courtyard followed by a reception in the gardens.

Among the guests were the Hon. Giovanna Debono, Minister for Gozo and Professor Lino Briguglio, Director of the Campus .

Courses Offered at the University Gozo Campus

This year two new courses were opened by the University of Malta at its campus in Gozo. The courses are the Diploma in Commerce and the Diploma in Facilitating Inclusive Education.



The summer activity: An Evening with Chasing Pandora



A video-conference lecture in progress.

Eight students are attending the former while the latter is being followed by 85 participants.

Another course leading to the Higher Diploma in Public Accounting and Finance, which is being offered at the University of Malta, is also being followed from the Gozo Campus through the video-conferencing system. This system enables the Gozitan students to follow the course from Gozo avoiding the hassle of commuting to the Msida Campus. The University of Malta's Institute for Sustainable Energy is also offering three different courses through video conferencing. These courses are aimed at training solar installers, engineers and architects in the fields of solar heating and solar photovoltaic (PV) system installations (single and three phase systems).

The Gozo Campus offers short courses from time to time. A short course entitled 'Emotional Intelligence: Listening to Children and Young People's Needs' was held at the Campus during October and November. The course covered basic concepts in emotional intelligence, as well as the basic techniques in developing emotional intelligence skills in those working with children and young people. The course was coordinated by Dr Erika Ferrario, a lecturer within the Department of Human Sciences at the University of Milan-Bicocca (Italy) and a visiting researcher at the European Centre for Education Resilience

and Socio-Emotional Health at the University of Malta. The course was repeated due to over-subscription.

Graduation of University Gozo Campus Students

Five students who completed courses at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus received their certificates during the recent graduation ceremonies. The courses completed were those leading to Masters of Arts in Islands and Small States Studies (three students) and the Master of Arts in Hospitaller Studies (two students). The



The Gozitan and Maltese graduates in MA (ISSS), with Professor Lino Briguglio, Director of the University of Malta - Gozo Campus. Middle row: Christopher Gatt (second from left), Neville Vella (third from left) and Reuben Galea (fourth from left).



The Gozitan and Maltese graduates in Master of Arts in Hospitaller Studies. Back row: Chris Galea (fifth from right) and Maureen Rapa (second from left).

students who graduated in Masters in Islands and Small States Studies are Christopher Gatt, Reuben Galea and Neville Vella, while those who graduated in the Master of Arts in Hospitaller Studies are Chris Galea and Maureen Rapa.

Installation of a Photovoltaic System

The University Gozo Campus will be benefiting from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) under the Cohesion Policy Programme 2007-2013 through a project that has the aim of setting up a Photovoltaic System at the University of Malta Gozo Campus. The project, which will be completed in March 2012, has a total cost of €175,820.

The aim of this project is to contribute towards the reduction of 30 tonnes of CO₂ emissions at the University Gozo Campus with consequent environmental benefits to society. This project also contributes directly to the Eco-Gozo objective of the Government through a reduction in the use of grid-connected renewable energy, as well as the RES policy, by contributing to the Government's aim of establishing a decentralized system of power generation with small and medium-scale, environmentally-friendly RE facilities.

As part of the preparatory works for the actual installation of the photovoltaic panels, the main roof of the Gozo Campus was water-proofed through the application of a screed and a layer of insulation material. This project, which costs around €30,000, was financed by the Ministry for Gozo.



Works during the reinstatement of the main roof of the Gozo Campus.

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