



# MALTA PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: PHARMACY STUDENTS IN ACTION

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MPSA members participating in World Pharmacist Day activities

In 2015, MPSA executive members strove to highlight importance of being active healthcare professionals in the context of public education and various health campaigns were held. Activities to educate patients on the use of generic medicines were carried out in collaboration with the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Malta as part of 'World Pharmacist Day'. Blood pressure (BP) measurement and blood glucose (BG) monitoring was undertaken during these activities. MPSA members also participated in 'Science in the City' in collaboration with The Chamber of Pharmacists, where students discussed women's health and put on a short performance depicting a typical scenario encountered within the community pharmacy setting emphasising the importance of presenting a prescription to pharmacists.

Other members targeted a younger age group by attending the third edition of the 'JChallenge Youth Village', where BP, BG and body mass index measurement were also performed.

On campus, MPSA continued to raise awareness on various topics such as the importance of healthy eating on 'World Diabetes Day' and breast cancer awareness throughout the month of October, where a bake sale was held in collaboration with the Malta Health Students' Association and pink was worn every Wednesday. Moreover, the association formed part of the 'Solidaritree' campaign affiliated with the Malta Community Chest Fund, contributing in fundraising events such as 'Christmas on campus' with other student organisations.



The MPSA Executive members 2015 - 2016

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