



EDITORIAL

TECHNOLOGY

Our team at **THINK** has dedicated the last issue of 2018 to technology, the seemingly unstoppable force that has permeated the world around us, for good or bad. As communicator Jason Silva said: 'Technology is, of course, a double edged sword. Fire can cook our food but also burn us.'

Technology can be dangerous, but it can also protect us. Swiss artist, filmmaker, and researcher Dr Adnan Hadzi analyses artificial intelligence and privacy invasion through art (p.16), while food technologist Dr Sholeem Griffin describes how, together with her colleagues, she is developing algorithms that will allow ready-made food-testing to be heaps faster (p.28). Moving on to seemingly miraculous feats, geneticist Dr Rosienne Farrugia shares some new advancements in gene analysis that will potentially help develop treatment and dramatically improve patients' lives (p.24). Dr Ing Marc Anthony Azzopardi also discusses how tech and innovation may be just what Malta needs to bring the manufacturing industry into the 21st century (p.22).

Technology can benefit society through companies. Ideas need to be turned into sustainable businesses. Andras Havasi shares his thoughts on the academic entrepreneur who could spearhead the effort (p.52). Meanwhile, Prof. Russell Smith tackles companies already set, from established plumber services to tech startups, with a new model that assesses their business health. His work could revolutionise how entrepreneurship is taught, saving many from failure (p.46).

Beyond all this, the issue also discusses the arts (p.44), female empowerment (p.12), climate change (p.13), and the fishing industry (p.60)—all to make you **THINK** about that fire that sustains us.

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