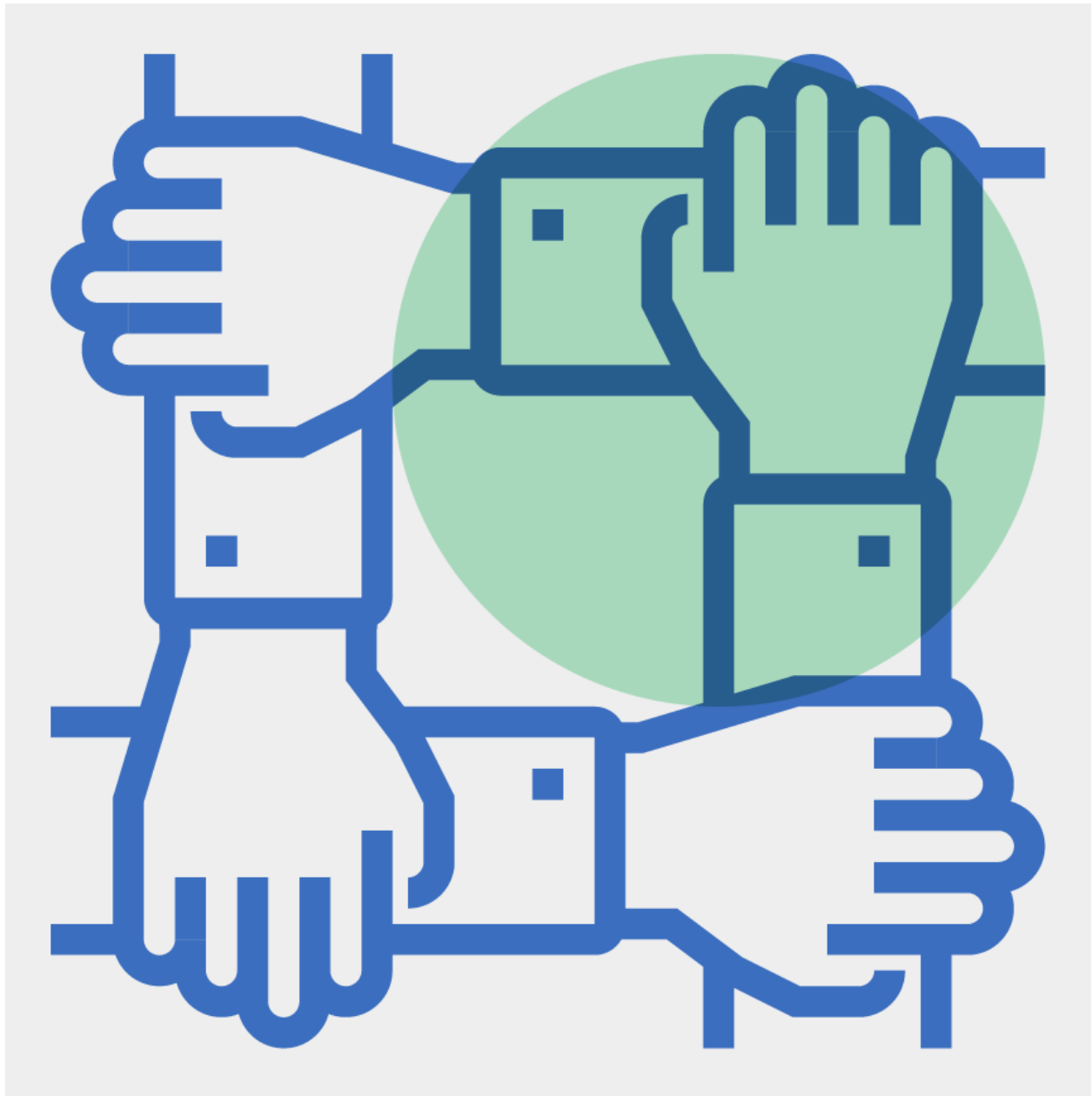


**Support services for young people and  
parents in Malta**




#### **4.1: What are the support structures that exist for young people in Malta?**


The remit of the Migrant Learners' Unit are the learners of compulsory schooling age. However, further outreach is offered by liaising with a number of NGOs, post-secondary schooling entities and other government supporting entities. Below one can find a list of Maltese organizations working with young people.

##### **4.1.1: Prisms Malta**


Prisms Malta is made up of a number of youth workers that provide different services to young people. These services range from coaching and mentoring to social activities for the young people to relax and enjoy their time. Prisms Malta is actively involved in Erasmus+ and thus offers the opportunity for youth residing in Malta to go on mobilities abroad together with foreign youth that are their age.

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##### **4.1.2: Agenzija Zghazagh**


Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ provides young people with the time and space to make friends, learn in new ways and develop their talents through our regional youth services and our extensive empowerment programme.

Through their interactive youth information service, they provide information on services and opportunities for young people as well as listening to their views on issues that impact on their lives. Through Eurodesk, the European Youth Card and participation in EU programmes, young people are offered the opportunity of exploring life, learning and work across Europe.

 <https://youth.gov.mt/>

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#### 4.1.3: TDM2000 Malta

TERRA DI MEZZO (TDM) 2000 Malta is a non-profit, non-governmental voluntary organization. Their main aim is to create opportunities and to help its youth members develop their skills in order to be active in society on a local and international level. They strive to achieve this aim by organizing and hosting a number of various activities of a voluntary nature regularly. These activities include;

- 1) Hosting and/or sending youths on several youth exchanges, initiatives and training courses.
- 2) Doing charity work for local charitable institutions in Malta through fund raising activities

 <http://tdm2000malta.org/>

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#### 4.1.4: The Scout Association of Malta

Founded in 1908, The Scout Association of Malta has always maintained a high and respectable scouting tradition. Its leaders and members are committed to further the ideals of Scouting in line with those as traditionally established by the Founder, Lord Baden Powell and as further developed by the World Scout Movement. The Association is a forward-looking organisation that enjoys great respect both locally and internationally.

The Scout Association of Malta is a member of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement as well as a member of the European Scout Region.



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<https://www.facebook.com/MaltaScouts>



#### **4.1.5: Right to Smile**

Right 2 Smile is a non-governmental organisation offering opportunities for volunteers to engage in social projects with children, young children and their communities around the world. Volunteers offer their time, energy and skills to the projects. In return, volunteers receive a unique opportunity to immerse in a local culture and engage in the joy of giving on the projects.

Volunteers are the heart of our organisation. It is with their support and commitment to our projects that we are able to support communities in Kenya, Cambodia and Malta.

Right 2 Smile commits to creating long-standing relationships with partners and volunteers. There is a beautiful exchange of knowledge, values, and skills that occurs when children and volunteers come together; a unique opportunity for education for all.



<https://right2smile.com/>



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<https://www.facebook.com/right2smile>



#### **4.1.6: Karl Vella Foundation**

The Karl Vella Foundation (V/O 0992) was established to provide educational and psychological assistance to children in families disrupted by serious illness of a family member. All too often, in situations where one has been taken seriously or chronically ill, the focus in the family shifts completely to the invalid. This is only natural. The other members of the family mould to the situation, and families cope as best they can in the prevailing circumstances.

What often happens to children in these situations is that they are looked after by relatives, friends, and anyone else who comes to the assistance of these families. The result is that oftentimes,

through absolutely no fault of the parents / guardians, these children end up feeling isolated, forgotten and lonely, despite the best efforts made to ensure they are looked after.

 <https://www.karlvellafoundation.org/index.html>

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 <https://www.facebook.com/karlvellafoundation>



#### **4.1.7: St Jeanne Antide Foundation**

The St Jeanne Antide Foundation (SJAF) is a registered social purpose non-profit organisation. It is the social care services arm of the Sisters of Charity of St Jeanne Antide Thouret. Its overarching aim is to provide professional support services to very vulnerable individuals and families who are suffering due to very difficult life circumstances and those who are sliding into poverty and are socially excluded.

Workers at the Foundation work in partnership systematically in teams for the support and self-empowerment of socially excluded persons, families and minority groups. The mission of the Foundation is to be present for individuals and families who need someone who can listen to them with compassion, link or guide them to appropriate existing support services, support them in the restoration of their dignity, and guide them towards self-reliance, resilience and fulfillment of their potential. Looking holistically at persons in need, the Foundation's mission is to give all round support to such persons.

 <https://www.antidemalta.org/about-us.html>

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 <https://www.facebook.com/SjafAntideCentre/?fref=ts>



#### **4.1.8: SOS Malta**

- SOS Malta is a non-governmental organisation working in Malta and overseas
- SOS Malta assists all peoples through projects of a social and charitable nature
- SOS Malta provides assistance to the poor helping them to improve quality of life

- SOS Malta helps to enhance the knowledge and skills of those it serves
- SOS Malta advocates on behalf of the poor
- SOS Malta promotes models of good care and practice
- SOS Malta works with local and international NGOs in order to achieve its aims

SOS Malta aids people experiencing times of crisis and empowering them by providing support services and opportunities to implement development and change in their country to ensure a better quality of life.



<http://www.sosmalta.org/home?!=1>



<https://www.facebook.com/sosmaltapage>



#### 4.1.9: Richmond Foundation

The Richmond Foundation offers all-round support to anyone experiencing mental health problems and the people who live and work with them. It is determined to stamp out stigma through education and the promotion of mental wellbeing. Its goal is to ensure that those living with mental health problems live fulfilling lives in a community that accepts and understands them.

Amongst other things, the Richmond Foundation offers;

- Support groups
- Assisted living
- Psychological support services
- Support specifically for kids



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<https://www.facebook.com/RichmondMalta>



A full list of voluntary organisations can be obtained from:

[https://education.gov.mt/en/vo\\_home/Pages/vo\\_list.aspx](https://education.gov.mt/en/vo_home/Pages/vo_list.aspx)

#### **4.2 What kind of support is given to the parents of the migrant children attending the local schools?**

The support provided by the Migrant Learners' Unit goes beyond the requirements of formal schooling. The wellbeing of the children and their families is also extremely important. This support is delivered by the social worker and through the assistance of the Community Liaison Workers (CLWs), working at the migrants Learners Unit. The objective of this group of people is to support inclusion not exclusively addressing the linguistic borders but also on a cultural perspective. The role of the CLWs is to act as a communication channel between the schools, the local community and the parents. Being Third Country Nationals themselves they perceive better the challenges migrant families might experience. The final aim of the MLU is to offer the best support in terms of schooling by involving the rest of the families, making sure they manage to become active members in their new community.