

PRESS RELEASE:

Think Equal: Launch of two competitions and exhibition

Through the implementation of the project, *VS/2010/0569 Think Equal*, co-funded by EU PROGRESS funds, the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) has launched an Equality in Arts Competition and Exhibition and a Photographic Competition and Exhibition targeting youth and the general public.

The general public (especially Art students) is encouraged to produce works of art expressing concepts of equality and non-discrimination. This art competition and exhibition aims at encouraging and stimulating self-expression and reflection on issues of equality and non-discrimination, thereby necessitating an internal individual thought process that is exhibited through an artistic medium to the public.

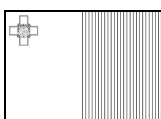
The photo competition gives photographers the opportunity to participate and submit photographs or a series of photos showing instances of discrimination or of equality being put into practice. The best photos will then be exhibited publicly. Youth and the public in general will be given the opportunity to become aware of, and reflect upon, discrimination taking place locally. The exhibition aims at provoking the public by exposing real situations caught on film. A selection of the entries will also be published into a desk calendar.

The art and photo submissions will be then shown through a roving exhibition which will travel to different locations. The general public together with an expert team will evaluate and award the submissions (each having 50% weighting). The winners will be invited to attend an awards ceremony held during the Diversity through Music Concert.

Deadline: 16th September 2011 by 12:00 pm (Noon).

For further information on *VS/2010/0569 Think Equal Competitions and Exhibitions*, visit www.equality.gov.mt or contact NCPE on 25903850 or equality@gov.mt

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