



I'm Not Racist, But...

PRESS RELEASE:

***'Celebrating Diversity'* – Anti-Racism Theme Day**

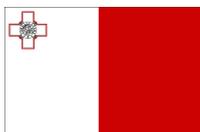
Various activities created a multicultural atmosphere promoting diversity last Saturday (8th December) at Pjazza La Vallette in Valletta as part of an Anti-Racism Theme Day with the slogan *'Celebrating Diversity'*. This activity was held as part of an EU co-funded project being implemented throughout this year by the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE). JUST/2011/PROG/AG/1902 *I'm Not Racist, But...* is a project co-funded by EU PROGRESS funds, with the main objective being the promotion of racial equality. The Agency for the Welfare of Asylum Seekers (AWAS), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Malta and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Malta are partners in this project.

'Celebrating Diversity' targeted awareness raising on the relevant issues pertaining equality and diversity, particularly with regards to race and ethnic origin.

Prominent personalities, including TV personalities, media persons and bands endorsed anti-racism by presenting the event and involving themselves in discussions that promoted anti-racism, equality and diversity throughout the day. Ongoing activities held during this multicultural day encouraged diversity by featuring live African and ethnic music, dance performances together with free dance lessons, ethnic food and free tasters, arts and crafts; hand made jewellery, games, face painting, Henna, hair braiding, and an Art exhibition portraying equality and anti-discrimination messages through Art work.

Providing a platform to different communities as well as promoting NCPE's role in safeguarding racial discrimination were key objectives of Saturday's event. Furthermore, the theme day served as a promotion to a multicultural society. NCPE representatives distributed two (2) sets of leaflet guides about the rights and obligations concerning housing, one for property owners and one for tenants, which were specifically developed through the project. In order to communicate and reach out with the message of the project, five (5) video clips on equality and diversity, particularly focusing on anti-racism were produced as part of this project and showed during this day. These video clips are available on NCPE facebook page and are also being aired by local media.

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