



## Celebrating Diversity

'Celebrating Diversity' - a day of multicultural activities - was organised once again by the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) at Pjazza De Vallette in Valletta on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March aimed at celebrating and promoting diversity and spreading the message on equality and non discrimination particularly with regards to race and ethnic origin.

This activity has become an annual occasion for NCPE when messages highlighting cultural diversity are spread through music, entertainment, children's games and activities for all the family. Prominent personalities, including TV personalities and media persons, and live bands endorse the theme of cultural diversity by participating and presenting the event.

Ethnic music, dance performances and zumba, ethnic food and free tasters, arts and crafts; and henna tattooing, are very much part of this activity. Moreover, a 'feedback/opinion wall' provides individuals with the opportunity to write and/or draw their thoughts with regards to diversity, equality and non-discrimination.

This event provides a platform to different communities as well as promotes NCPE's role in safeguarding racial discrimination. Leaflets and publications are distributed with the aim of increasing awareness on NCPE and its functions, and to inform the general public on how NCPE can support and assist them.

This event was organised as part of the EU co-funded project '*Enhancing Equal Rights*', PROGRESS Funds (2007-2013). The main objective of this project is to facilitate and accelerate the implementation phase of NCPE's newly extended remit by strengthening the necessary internal knowledge capacity; to create awareness on equality and non-discrimination and to empower stakeholders through training.



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