



## Press Release

### Enhancing Equal Rights

The importance of empowering individuals to know and safeguard their rights in order to establish a society free from discrimination was the message conveyed by NCPE's Commissioner, Renee Laiviera, at a conference organised by the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) to conclude various initiatives taken during the past year as part of an EU co-funded project '*Enhancing Equal Rights*'.

This Conference was addressed by Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Hon. Helena Dalli, who highlighted the various initiatives taken over the last year in the field of equal rights.

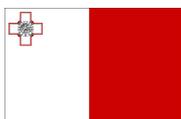
The main objectives of this work were to facilitate and accelerate the implementation phase of NCPE's extended remit by strengthening the internal knowledge capacity in this regard. Moreover, training was also given to two key sectors: employment and education. For this training NCPE engaged Niall Crowley, an independent equality expert. He has been involved in a wide range of equality initiatives at a European Union level since 2009.

The 'Have Your Say!' campaign was developed in the context of the underreporting problem. In order to obtain people's experiences and messages on equality and non-discrimination. NCPE wanted to reach out and give a voice through further dissemination of its messages to men, women, and minorities within these groups.

Moreover on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, NCPE once again organised the event 'Celebrating Diversity', on the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The purpose of such events is to give visibility to the diversity of cultures through different media such as arts and crafts, music and ethnic food.

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