

TEACHING TOMORROW (KA1 Erasmusplus course)

This initiative was organised by the Mikiel Anton Vassalli (MAV) College in cooperation with Eekhout Academy (Belgium). This one week intensive course (5th to 10th November) surely will serve as a golden opportunity for all those who participated, to reflect on our current practices and gain a lot of insights on new learning for the 21st century in a calm and relaxed atmosphere and with like-minded people. The training took place at Hotel Calyspo, Marsalforn with about 35 educators/teachers/administrators mainly coming from Belgium, The Netherlands, Slovenia, Estonia and Romania. Ms. Joanne Ghirxi Deputy Head and Ms Maureen Muscat both from Sir M.A Refalo Sixth Form Gozo took part in this course. Here are their comments regarding this experience.



Joanne Ghirxi

Deputy Head

Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form

The course was organised by the Mikiel Anton Vassalli College in cooperation with Eekhout Academy. During this intensive Erasmus+ International Course, we got to know and work with teachers, Heads and other educators from

various European Countries, including Belgium, Netherlands, Romania, Estonia, Slovenia and Malta. This course gave insights on new learning in the 21st century. We had discussions on the global trends and changes, and how these changes are affecting teachers, students, teaching and learning.

We had various discussions and we also had the opportunity to learn about foreign educational systems. It was evident that the challenges faced by the Maltese educational system are similar to the challenges encountered by the educational systems of the participating countries.

Such courses should be encouraged as they are a highly beneficial to the participants.



Maureen Muscat

Teacher

Sir M.A Refalo Sixth Form

This one-week course hosted several educators from different European countries in Gozo. This provided us with the opportunity not only to share

innovative ideas but also to realise that most schools in Europe are facing the same challenges. The seminar underlined that it is evident that a radical paradigm shift is needed in European educational systems. Our role as educators means that we prepare our students for the challenges of the future world. Therefore we have to be aware that, as society is changing at a very rapid pace, it is crucial that present education does not focus solely on knowledge but also on the development of skills, where students become more and more equipped to face the challenges of tomorrow. This can only be achieved through a combination of inspirational and strategic leadership. Both these approaches provide a vision and the necessary direction which ensure that our schools are effective and successful in forming our students into citizens of tomorrow.

On Thursday 7th November the same group visited Sir M.A Refalo Sixth Form Gozo.

