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## Integrating Youths with Autism in the Community (IYAC) Literacy Course for Parents from the Autism Parents Association (APA)

The St. Jeanne Antide Foundation is working closely with the Autism Parents Association on a number of initiatives. The partnership is one element of a wider project entitled *A Package of Outreach Services for Social Wellbeing* being funded by the *Voluntary Organisations Scheme (VOPs) of the Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties (MSDC)*. The VOPs scheme is managed by the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector (MSDC).

During June, the Foundation started offering a course for parents who are members of the Autism Parents Association. Through the course, parents are enabled to learn how to support their children with reading and writing from the early days. During the course, participants are being trained on how to use multi-sensory techniques for the acquisition of reading and writing competences.

**Integrating Youths with Autism in the Community (IYAC)**  
A PROGRAMME FOR YOUTHS AGED 14+

The St Jeanne Antide Foundation in collaboration with The Autism Parents Association (APA) will be launching this programme, part of a project entitled *A Package of Outreach Services for Social Wellbeing* funded through a grant from the Voluntary Organisations Fund (VOPs) of the Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties (MSDC) managed by the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector (MCVS).

The Programme is open for 25 individuals until June 2017 and 3 groups will be running at the same time. Sessions will be held at St Jeanne Antide Foundation, Tarxien or B'Bugia or in the community.

- Group CI Community Integration – Making friends and integrating in activities organised by other philanthropic organisations. The intention is for our youths to continue attending independently.
- Group CE Community Exposure – Participating in a variety of community activities such as sport, music, art and crafts workshops and local community events.
- Group CS Community Skills – Life and Social skills will be practiced through role play and social stories followed by hands on experiences.

A parents meeting is going to be held on Thursday, 28th July 2016 at 6:00pm at Ċentru Antida, 51 Tarxien Road Tarxien

For registrations please call on telephone number 21809011 or 99427839 or send an email to [autismparentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:autismparentsassociation@gmail.com)

Malta Council for the VOLUNTARY SECTOR  
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Multisensory learning involves the following:

- ∅ the use of our senses;
- ∅ the importance of using visual, auditory, and kinesthetic-tactile elements;
- ∅ teaching strategies incorporate all senses into the learning process so as to activate different parts of the brain simultaneously, enhancing memory and the learning of written language;
- ∅ learners discover what learning style fits them best;
- ∅ the process provides more ways for understanding new information, more ways to remember it and more ways to recall it later on.

All children benefit from this methodology, but it is a must for children who might be experiencing some form of difficulty. Discussion and techniques are based on how to present the basic elements for reading and writing to learners within the autistic spectrum.

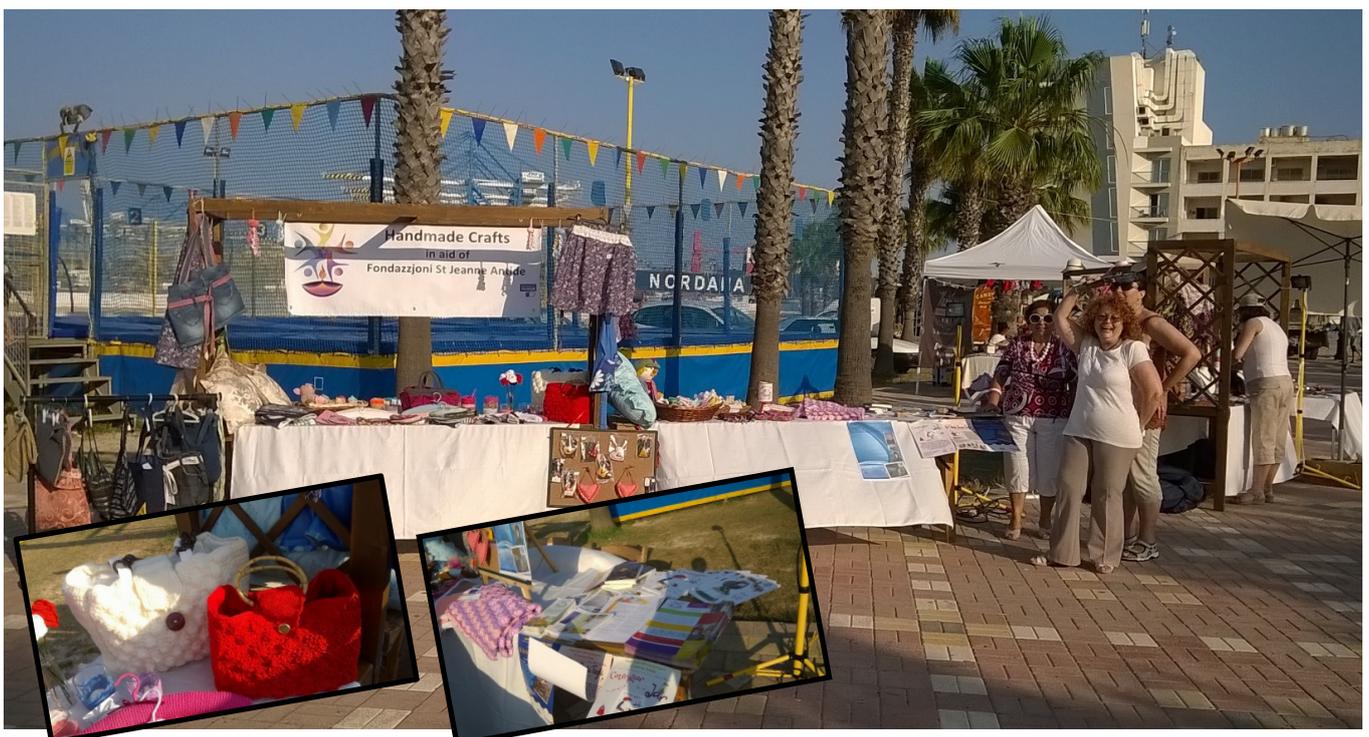
During the course, the participants are provided with resources in order to develop their own homeliteracy tool kit for use with their child during their school years. This will also increase the parents' knowledge on how to implement the strategies learnt.

The course is being held every Wednesday at Ċentru Enrichetta in Birżebbuġa. Course sessions are about one and a half hour long up to 8 to 10 sessions, depending on the participants' needs. The Course Tutor is Marthese Cini who heads the Foundation's Family Learning Support Service.



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SJAF had the opportunity to sell handmade crafts during the *Inġeddu Tfulitna* event organised by the Birżebbuġa Local Council. Volunteer Master Craftspersons from the Foundation could showcase and sell their products.



## PAGNA POEŻIJA



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### Dwari

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### SOAR Collaboration with JRS and WRF

**SOAR Service** Coordinator Elaine Compagno, was invited by Jesuit Refugee Service and Women's Rights Foundation to collaborate during two events forming part of their new project Stronger Together.

**Stronger Together** is a women's empowerment and advocacy project implemented by Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Malta in partnership with the Women's Rights Foundation (WRF) and funded by the Commonwealth Foundation. The overall goal of the project is to enhance the quality of life of women living in institutional settings (Open Centres and homeless/DV shelters) by working with them to improve the policies, structures and services which impact their lives.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, during a training activity led by Anne Bathily, for service providers to female migrants and women living in institutional settings, Elaine's participation led to a sharing of experience related to the difficulties that survivors of domestic violence face at various stages of their journey.

Then on July 29<sup>th</sup>, Elaine gave a presentation to 6 women living in institutionalised settings on advocacy and how the user-led SOAR Service was set up, to demonstrate how female service users can also become empowered advocates.

### SJAF collaboration with President's Trust

The Foundation is providing input in a pilot project of the President's Trust which involves the recruitment, training and engagement of Volunteer Mentors with vulnerable youth. The project has reached the Volunteer Mentor induction training phase.



Sisters of Charity of  
St Jeanne Antide Thouret

## ESTHER House night shelter

As a congregation committed to supporting people in difficult life circumstances, we plan to open a night shelter for women who suddenly become homeless. We have spent €76,995 to refurbish a house which was in a bad state of repairs. The house is now ready but we have a shortfall of €32,495.

Donations would be appreciated.  
Receipts will be issued.

We will be entrusting the management of Esther House to The St Jeanne Antide Foundation (VO/0005).

Contact: Sisters of Charity on 2169 4451/9948 9134

152 Sisters Street, Tarxien TXN 1042.

Donations through Bank transfers can be made as follows:

BOV - MT91 VALL 2201 3000 0000 4002 0809 335  
HSBC – MT72 MMEB 4413 0000 0000 1307 5510 051  
APS – MT61 APSB 7708 0000 4977 1049 7711 018

# BBQ

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Tas -Sorijiet tal-Karita'



**Is-Sibt, 3 ta' Settembru,**  
**fis- 7.30 pm.**

**Fil-bitħa tal-Kunvent tas-Sorijiet**  
**(dħul minn wara - Carmel Str.Tarxien)**

**Prezz:** kbar €13 zghar €7

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Ċempel: Sr. Dositea Cardona 79293798  
Charlie Piscopo 79250246  
Doris Seguna 79269706





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#### DONATIONS

Your donation is truly appreciated. It enables us to sustain our services to vulnerable and poor individuals and families.

Donation to the St Jeanne Antide Foundation can be made as follows:

**Cheque** issued to The St Jeanne Antide Foundation and posted to the Foundation: 51 Tarxien Road, Tarxien TXN 1092

For **local bank transfers**: **APS** 2000 0681 886      **HSBC** 013175021001  
**BOV** 4002003379-0      **BANIF** 00210404101

If you are a Go/Vodafone/Redtouch subscriber you can donate by sending a **blank SMS** (SMS tariffs applicable):

€2.33 – 50617371      €4.66 – 50618095  
€6.99 – 50618909      €11.65 – 50619217

You will receive a text message of thanks and acknowledgement

For **bank transfers from overseas**: APS Bank, 146/147, Antoine De Paul Square, Paola PLA1260

Bank Code (Swift) APSBMTMT IBAN No: MT03 APSB 7708 0005 5047 2000 0681 886 (last 11 digits are the account number).

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP US - OTHER OPTIONS

- If you are getting married: make a donation instead of buying wedding souvenirs.
- If you are having a birthday party: ask friends to make a donation instead of buying a gift.
- If you are having a wedding anniversary celebration: convince your guests to make a donation instead of buying a gift.
- For funerals: you may wish to make a donation instead of buying flowers.
- Get Together: organise a spontaneous collection.
- You may wish to send us a monthly or annual donation, whatever the amount.
- You can encourage others to consider donating to the Foundation.
- Ask your employer for a matching scheme which will make your contribution go even further!

**Become a HELP-SJAF Champion and ask friends and family to make a donation.**

**CONTACT US:** [sjafngo@gmail.com](mailto:sjafngo@gmail.com)

#### Foundation SERVICES

##### 1. Family Resource Centres:

- **Ċentru Antida** Family Resource Centre, 51, Tarxien Road, Tarxien. Open from 7.30am to 5 pm daily in winter time (sometimes later as well); up to 1pm in summer Serves localities of Tarxien, Paola, Fgura and Santa Lucia. Social Work, community outreach, advocacy, referral, information, emotional support, support groups.

**Volunteering** opportunities, included inclusive volunteering for service users.

**Volunteer Handymen** in support of vulnerable and poor families.

**Learning Support** for vulnerable persons supported by Foundation Social Workers. Includes: *For Children*: weekly learning support for primary level students; *For adults*: non-formal learning opportunities such as self-esteem groups & literacy.

**Volunteer Befriending** for lonely, home-bound elderly persons **Counselling**;

**Bazaar** in Tarxien (recycling and fundraising).

- **Ċentru Enrichetta** Family Resource Centre, Misraħ il-Pajtier, Birżebbuġa. Open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8am to 2pm. Social Work service; Family Literacy Support Programme; MCCF service on Tuesdays from 8am to 11am. Tel No. 21652038—99960381.

**2. LWIEN Service – support for family carers** of persons with mental health problems. Includes family consultations, counselling, support groups, home-visits, social work.

**3. IRENE Service** in support of very vulnerable women involved in street prostitution. Dar Hoesa drop-in centre. Tel no. 27133684—99508954.

**4. SOAR Service: advocacy and support** for victims and survivors of domestic violence. Includes workshops on dating and domestic violence for young persons. Tel No. 99927872 from 9:30am to 5pm. Email: [soar-malta@gmail.com](mailto:soar-malta@gmail.com).

**5. Emotional Freedom Service** for persons wanting to be free from their anger, fear or other emotional distress;

**6. Overseas Development Projects:** SJAF works with partners in developing countries to formulate anti-poverty projects. It has also arranged for public funding of such projects in Pakistan, Central African Republic, South Sudan and Malawi.

**7. Centering Prayer Group** for contemplative prayer practice.

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