



Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD)

News updates – December 2016

- 1st December 2016

Premju Mons Mikiel Azzopardi awarded to Dar il-Kaptan

A big well done goes to *Dar il-Kaptan* who have been awarded the *Premju Mons. Mikiel Azzopardi* on the 1st December 2016 at the Mdina Cathedral.



- 2nd December 2016

National Conference – Disability Week 2016 ‘Drittijiet u Dmirijet’

The CRPD National conference was held on the 2nd December 2016 at Le Meridien, St. Julians. During this conference, the topics of ‘Culture & Leisure’ and ‘Family and Overprotection’ were discussed in two panels. A presentation on the EU Disability Card



- 3rd December 2016

Winners of the 'Premju Soċjeta' Ġusta 2016'

The announcements of the winners of Premju Soċjeta Ġusta 2016 was held on the 3rd December 2016. CRPD congratulates the winners of Premju Soċjeta' Ġusta 2016:

Lifetime Achievement in Disability 2016 - Kevin Vella

Award for Advocacy and Rights 2016 - Siggiewi Basketball School

Award for Disability Action and Activism 2016 - Matthew Giordmaina

Effort Award - Maria Pia Saliba.



<http://www.newsbook.com.mt/artikli/2016/12/5/ritratti:-kevin-vella-mfakkar-wara-mewtu.54046/>

<http://www.tvm.com.mt/mt/news/tircievi-l-premju-socjeta-gusta-fisimha-u-fisem-zewgha-li-miet-hames-xhur-ilu/>

<http://www.one.com.mt/news/matthew-mhux-se-jhalli-d-dizabilita-twaqqfu-mill-holm-tieggu/>

- 4th December 2016

Newspaper Article: New residential home inaugurated in Għajnsielem, Gozo

<http://www.tvm.com.mt/mt/news/inawgurata-fghajnsielem-dar-ohra-fil-komunita-ghall-persuni-bdizabilita/>

- 5th December 2016

Newspaper Article: High hurdles are no obstacle to this man's ambitions

<http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20161204/local/high-hurdles-are-no-obstacle-to-this-mans-ambitions.632797>

- 7th December 2016

CRPD Gozo Activity during Disability Week 2016

The CRPD Gozo Branch has launched an educational campaign targeting 1st year secondary students during Disability Week. This event was held on the 7th December 2016 and aimed at giving the students the opportunity to participate in different interactive demonstrations, whilst promoting the ability of persons with disability.



http://www.illum.com.mt/ahbarijiet/socjali/48047/tfal_gawdxin_esposti_garrealt_taddiabbilt_gal_iktar_inklujoni

- 7th December 2016

Article: 9 things to never say to wheelchair users

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/jul/18/nine-things-never-say-wheelchair-user>

- 7th December 2016

Disability pension is now being called Disability Assistance/Allowance

“Il-pensjoni tad-Dizabilita' issa ser tkun maghrufa bhala Assistenza ghad-Dizabilita' jew inkella Disability Allowance. Kuntent li dan kien suggeriment iehor li ghalkemm zghir ittiehed.”

(Oliver Scicluna, Commissioner, CRPD)

- 10th December 2016

Premju Nazzjonali Haddiema tas-Sena 2016 awarded to Mr. Clifford Portelli



- 13th December 2016

Newspaper Article: New Human Rights Commission to be set up

<http://www.tvn.com.mt/mt/news/abbozz-se-ikun-qed-ighaqgad-il-ligijiet-kollha-dwar-l-ugwalianza-fligi-wahda/>

- 15th December 2016

High Level Disability Group Meeting in Brussels

Two CRPD officers, Mr. Michael Debattista and Mr. Matthew Giordmaina represented the Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability at the High level Disability Group Meeting in Brussels on the 15th December 2016.



- 17th December 2016

Article: A group of Google employees spent their '20% time' making Google Maps wheelchair-friendly

<http://www.businessinsider.com/google-maps-is-now-wheelchair-friendly-accessible-20-percent-time-employee-project-2016-12>

- 21st December 2016

Play tal-Milied 'Il-preseju tan-nannu' organised by Dar tal-Providenza

In December 2016, some of the residents of Dar tal-Providenza participated in a play named “Il-Preseju tal-Milied”.



- 21st December 2016

Signing of MoU between CRPD and ITS re disability Issues lectures at ITS

The Commission for the Rights of Person with Disability have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ITS to start providing disability issues lectures at ITS.



<http://www.newsbook.com.mt/artikli/2016/12/21/minn-frar-l-its-se-jorganizza-suggetti-dwar-l-accessibilita-u-l-inkluzjoni.54637/>

<http://www.one.com.mt/news/taghlim-dwar-accessibilita-u-inkluzjoni-ghall-istudenti-tal-its/>

- 22nd December 2016

The setting up of the CRPD Council

“Bħala Kummissarju għad-Drittijiet ta' Persuni b'Dizabilita' ser nkun qiegħed naqdi dmiri bħala "Chairperson" tal-Kunsill għad-Drittijiet tal-Persuni b'Dizabilita'. Dan huwa Kunsill ġdid mwaqqaf bl-emendi l-ġodda tal-Att dwar Opportunitajiet Indaqs (Persuni b'Dizabilita') magħmul b'rappreżentanza wiesa ferm. Rapreżentanza qawwija ta' persuni b'dizabilita' li ġejjin min għaqdiet varji, flimkien ma' rappreżentanti tad-Djar Residenzjali, Aġenzija Sapport, l-Universita ta' Malta, l-Oppożizzjoni u l-Gvern.

Nhossni kommess li nkompli naħdem flimkien ma dawk kollha li jridu jaħdmu magħna biex il-ħajja tal-persuni b'dizabilita' tkompli titjeb fil-kwalita.”

(Oliver Scicluna, Commissioner, CRPD)

- 26st December 2016

Newspaper Article: Istrina Clip

<http://www.one.com.mt/news/ma-nistax-insolvi-l-problema-billi-nibki-samuel-jiftah-l-istrina/>

