



Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD)

News updates – January 2017

- 1st January 2017

Dar tal-Providenza Fundraising Marathon on New Year's Day

Mr. Oliver Scicluna attended the Dar Tal-Providenza Fundraising Marathon which was held on 1st January 2017.



- 12th January 2017

Court Case: St. Anthony Band club, Birkirkara to receive a fine every day due to lack of accessibility

<http://www.tvn.com.mt/mt/news/multa-kuljum-ghal-kazin-karkariz-li-mhux-accessibbli-ghall-persuni-bdizabbilta/>

The following are some clarifications issued by Mr. Oliver Scicluna:

“1) Il-Kummissjoni tidhol il-Qorti BISS meta tkun pruvat kemm il-darba tagħmel kuntatt ma' l-entita rappurtata (inkluż dipartiment tal-Gvern, Pub, Restaurent etc...). Meta ma'

tirċivix l-ebda risposta lura, Il-Kummissjoni tagħmel Protest Ġudizzjarju u jekk tibqa mingħajr twegiba tinfetaħ kawża l-Qorti.

2) Il-Kummissjoni fetħet kawżi fil-konfront tal-Gvern u anke rebħet każijiet. Għalekk kummenti li l-Gvern eżentat jisfaw fix-xejn.

3) Hafna mil-entitajiet kemm privati kif ukoll tal-Gvern jikkominkaw lura sew mal-Kummissjoni u b'hekk naslu għall qbil mingħajr neċċessita li tinfetaħ kawża.

Napprezza li qabel jintqal ċertu diskors, tivverifikaw l-affarijiet. Kull sena l-Kummissjoni toħroġ rapport li qiegħed fuq il-website tagħna (www.crpd.org.mt) fejn hemm informazzjoni fuq il-każijiet li għanda miftuħa kif ukoll magħluqa. Ahna nużaw l-istess riga ma' kulhadd u min għandu dubju dwar dan dejjem lesti li jistaqsi biex nuruħ l-fatti. Preferenzi ma jeżistux."

(Oliver Scicluna, Commissioner, CRPD)

- 20th January 2017

Newspaper article: Employers face 14 million in penalties over disability quotas

<http://www.maltatoday.com.mt/news/national/73475/employers-face-14-million-in-penalties-over-disability-quotas#.WIEEQ7YrI6h>

According to the 2015 annual report issued by the Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability, there were 16,058 persons with disability in Malta. Those aged between 17 and 59 amounted to 5,475 persons.

- 24th January 2017

People registered as disabled persons with CRPD

The total number of people registered as disabled people with CRPD during the past year was that of 17,400 people, an increase of 1,400 from the previous year. This means that there we need to work more on removing the barriers and discrimination against persons with disabilities.

- 24th January 2017

Catholic mass readings to be recorded in sign language

<http://www.newsbook.com.mt/artikli/2017/1/25/filmat:-il-knisja-se-tirrekordja-l-qari-tal-quddiesa-bil-lingwa-tas-sinjali-maltija.55856/>

“Another step in the right direction, this time by the Church. Kudos to the Malta Deaf Association.”

(Oliver Scicluna, Commissioner, CRPD)

- 27th January 2017

Press Release - 27/01/2017: Blue Badge Abuse

Reference is being done to a number of reports, comments, and instances about an abusive use of the Blue Badge.

In cases such as this one, where CRPD receives reports of the abuse of a Blue Badge the Police are informed and requested to visit the person to carry out checks and if necessary remove the Blue Badge, which is returned to CRPD.

Where an abuse is confirmed the Blue Badge will be permanently revoked in line with the legislation in place.

This case was not treated any different and the CRPD acted accordingly following a number of different reports, whereby allegedly the Blue Badge was abusively used.

