



LETTER CIRCULAR

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To: All Heads of College Network and Heads of Primary, Secondary and Post-Secondary Schools (State and Non-State)
From: David Muscat – CEO, National Literacy Agency
Subject: European Day of Languages 2020

The *European Day of Languages* is organised by the Council of Europe to celebrate linguistic diversity. This year's motto is "Discover the world through languages." Even though presently we may not be able to physically go to the country of our choice, we can still gain unique insight into its culture through learning its language or languages. This year, as part of the European Day of Languages activities, the National Literacy Agency is encouraging children and young people to showcase their knowledge of foreign languages.

Participants are invited to take part in a competition: *What do you dare to do in a foreign language?* by creating a short video clip that exhibits their skills in a foreign language and sending it attached to an email to lara.ann.vella@ilearn.edu.mt by **Friday 18th September 2020**. The video clip can also be sent by private message to the official FB page for this event: *Language Policy Malta*. All participants are to include their name and surname, age, school attended, and telephone number. The length of clip must range from 2 to 5 minutes.

The following are a few examples of what the clips may feature, but we also encourage participants to surprise us with their own creativity:

1. Cook a dish and explain the recipe in a foreign language;
2. Talk in a foreign language about a country you would like to visit after the crisis is over;
3. Record and explain your favourite activity at home in a foreign language;
4. Write and recite a short text, like a poem, a song, or a story in a foreign language;
5. Act out a sketch in a foreign language.

More information and ideas can be obtained from the European Day of Languages website: <https://edl.ecml.at/>

There are 4 age-groups for this competition:

1. Ages 3-7
2. Ages 8-11
3. Ages 12-15
4. Ages 16-18

Three winners from each category will be chosen. Schools with the most participants in each category will also receive a prize.

For further information please call on 25982130 or send an email to lara.ann.vella@ilearn.edu.mt.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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