



KUNSILL NAZZJONALI
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Work Plan 2018-2019

FOREWORD

Dear Members,

Last year we had presented you with an ambitious workplan which was different from the past KNZ workplans. We worked to make our proposals as concrete and precise as possible to make sure that there we would be accountable. A year has passed, and as an executive, we are proud that last year's work was approved by yourselves, our members, during our General Assembly. A year after that first workplan, we are today presenting what will be our 2nd and final workplan of the current executive. I feel honoured to be presenting you this plan which in my opinion is even more ambitious than last year's. I am certain that a year from now, it will be 100% complete.

Last year I had written that we can only achieve so much when we work on our own and I urged everyone to work together for youth's common interests. This year it will be our priority to touch on policy issues which are of great interest to youths. We might not always agree on these issues, but we aim to work together with each and every one of you and youths in general. This will be done in order to make sure that the youths' interests are represented. We have already made great progress in the past year but I believe that together we can go to great lengths.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Piccinino". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Michael Piccinino

KNZ President

WORKPLAN

1. KNZ will set up **individual meetings with all member organisations** with the idea of promoting further collaboration and collecting valuable feedback on its work and activities.
2. KNZ will also seek to **broaden its horizons** by contacting other youth organisations who may potentially fulfil the KNZ membership criteria as part of KNZ's goal to further represent more youths.
3. KNZ will also seek to broaden contacts with other **umbrella organisations** representing different sectors of Maltese societies.
4. KNZ will establish a **2-year plan to effectively consolidate its finances** by increasing generated income from various sources, whilst sustainably expanding the council's activity and reach on a national and international level.
5. KNZ will organise and regularly update its **alumni database** in order to keep in touch with past executive members who have greatly contributed to the council's past.
6. KNZ will also collect and digitally stores its **archives** since its inception by means of media mentions, reports and internal documentation.
7. KNZ will collaborate with the European Youth Forum in relation to the United Nation's **Universal Period Review (UPR)** initiative to critically evaluate Malta's track record in the field of human rights.
8. KNZ will build on its present reach on social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram), whilst increasing the council's presence on **traditional media platforms**, such as Television, Radio, Newspapers and a Wikipedia page.
9. KNZ will re-evaluate its corporate image through new **branding guidelines** and a possible re-branding exercise.
10. KNZ will collaborate with a Maltese media-house to provide a rotating **weekly blog** to the council's member organisations, as an opportunity to reach out to youths in general.
11. KNZ will fund a **mental health first aid course** to one member from each KNZ member organisation as part of a new KNZ campaign in the field of youth mental health.
12. KNZ will present a **resolution to the European Youth Forum's General Assembly** to promote the previously-mentioned mental health initiative on a European level.

13. KNZ will conduct a detailed review of the **National Youth Strategy**, taking into consideration its current aims, desired goals and implementation.
14. KNZ will enter into discussions with member organisations and national stakeholders in relation to current topics of national interest, such as **marijuana and prostitution**, and aim to develop its own policies in this regard.
15. KNZ will hold a number of **Q&A sessions** to inform and educate youths in general in the fields of the previously mentioned policy topics.
16. KNZ will further collaborate with the **Youth Guarantee Office** within the Ministry of Education and Employment to increase youth employment opportunities available to youths in general.
17. KNZ will strengthen its focus the **vote 16** initiative by pushing for further civic education through formal and informal streams of education.
18. KNZ will lobby for the lowering of the **sexual age of consent**.
19. KNZ will organise a number of interactive activities for youths, parents and educators to **increase awareness on sexual health**.
20. KNZ will introduce the concept of **sustainable development goals** in its work and will carefully examine its holistic relevance to Maltese youths and will organise workshops to educate youths in this field
21. KNZ will publish a **policy paper on sustainable development** to push for further implementation of innovative ideas in this regard.
22. KNZ will seek to become a member of the **Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youths**.
23. KNZ will take part in the **voluntary review of Sustainable Development Goals** organised by the United Nations.
24. KNZ will accelerate co-operation with the **Office of the Children's Rights Commissioner** to co-ordinate representation of youths under the age of 18.
25. KNZ will also collaborate with the **President's Foundation** to share research knowledge on youth policy and take part in their youth-related initiatives.
26. KNZ will evaluate the possibility of becoming a member of the **Human Rights Platform**, Malta's first network of NGOs striving to promote human rights.
27. KNZ will continue organising past successful events such as the **National Youth Parliament and the Youth and Technology Fair**.

28. KNZ will re-organise the National Youth Parliament **Live-In** for ages between 13 and 18, whilst introducing a team **building exercise** for those over the age of 19.
29. KNZ will lobby the Office of the Speaker to have the resolutions of the National Youth Parliament **debated in an actual parliamentary sitting**.
30. KNZ will also build on last year's pilot project whereby KNZ **promoted its events and initiatives in Maltese secondary schools**.
31. KNZ will organise more **public speaking** initiatives to provide an opportunity for youths to practice and build upon their skills to increase confidence.
32. KNZ will seek to promote empowerment through an online campaign entitled, "**Inspire, Empower**", by increasing awareness on youth activism.
33. KNZ will come up with an informative and interactive campaign focused on the prospective **EU Parliamentary Election in 2019**, with the aim of engaging youths to effectively participate in the election process.
34. KNZ will organise events to bring together Maltese youths to celebrate **International Youth Day** on the 12th August.
35. KNZ will look into organising a conference in Gozo on **Gozo's regionality** and youth's perspective on the island's future.
36. KNZ will work with Agenzija Zghazagh to increase the number of participants and Local Council participating in the **Youth Local Council** initiative across Malta and Gozo.
37. KNZ will participate in this year's **European Week for Waste Reduction** and seek to organise a workshop on fair trade and related topics.
38. KNZ will dedicate a new section to **Working Rights** on its newly revamped website and will set up an online social media campaign on youth rights and employment.
39. KNZ will participate in the **Transparency at Work** campaign organised by the European Youth Forum, which aims to offer young people the perspective of employers in terms of good quality employment opportunities.
40. KNZ will follow up on the **Vocational and Education Training (VET)** project started by KNZ in the field of hospitality, as a collaboration between schools and hotels and will make sure that other similar projects are piloted.
41. KNZ will organise a **Jobs and Opportunities Fair** to offer youths an opportunity to compare and evaluate a number of choices offered by prospective employers, educators and trainers.

42. KNZ will participate in the **Commonwealth Youth Forum** in April and will work on increasing co-operation with the Commonwealth Youth Council.
 43. KNZ will set up meetings with **embassies** to explore closer co-operation and opportunities for Maltese youth.
 44. KNZ will organise a **Youth Seminar on Brexit** and its effects on Maltese youths in general.
 45. KNZ will lobby with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to introduce the concept of **United Nations Youth Delegate** to form part of the Maltese delegation in the United National General Assembly (UNGA).
 46. KNZ will organise a number of **sport activities** to encourage youths to increase youth sports participation.
 47. KNZ will co-operate with **Sixth Form Institutions** to promote international opportunities available to Maltese students.
 48. KNZ will organise events to allow representatives from European institutions, organisations and youths to informally meet and **discuss potential youth opportunities**.
 49. KNZ will organise a '**Train the Trainer**' programme for youths interested in becoming trainers, with the prospect of having a pool of available trainers.
 50. KNZ will hold an information session for youth organisation to inform and educate representatives on the potential effects of the new EU **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**.
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