

## Research proposal incubator at the Faculty of Education



During a recent seminar, part-time evening students reading for the BA (Hons) course in Adult Education, Training and Development individually presented and collaboratively discussed their initial ideas for the research project tied to their programme's Dissertation study-unit. Chaired by the programme co-ordinator, [Dr Maria Brown](#), participants of the seminar also included the Dean of the [Faculty of Education](#), members of the programme's Board of Studies, and lecturers of the same programme.

The seminar gave the opportunity to further develop presentation and communication skills, network students with the broader Faculty of Education and with prospective supervisors, present, discuss and review preliminary research designs (including peer-to-peer review), incubate ideas with research potential in the areas of adult education, training and development, identify leads, and examine commonalities and differences, and disseminate the capacity for range, variety and innovation of studies in the areas of adult education, training and development.

Participation in the seminar fostered practice-based engagement with recommendations of the University of Malta's [Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#), such as [Research and Knowledge Transfer](#), by offering guidance on developing research that responds to local, regional and global needs and emerging areas; and [Learning and Teaching](#), because it created accessible channels for student to seek support, fostered informal feedback system between students and academics, and gave opportunities to learn about and develop areas of research which have an impact on lifelong education and society.

*Do you have an example of good QA practice at your unit which you would like us to share?  
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