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Cottonera Resource Centre

Academic Report

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Introduction

The scholastic year 2014-2015 marked the third year of the Cottonera Resource Centre. During this academic year, the Centre continued its work within the Cottonera and Kalkara communities.

Dr. JosAnn Cutajar continued to direct the Centre throughout the year, while Ms. Pamela Vella Scicluna remained working on reduced hours. Ms. Maria Gilson left the Centre in December 2014 and Ms. Maria Fava joined the administrative team at the beginning of May 2015. Ms. Mariella Said was assigned as a cleaner at the CRC in July 2015.

For the 2014-2015 academic year there was also a reshuffle on the Cottonera Resource Centre board. For the academic year of 2014-2015 the board consisted of:

Chairperson: Ms Andreana Dibben

Director: Dr JosAnn Cutajar

Board Members:
Prof Maria Attard
Dr Ing John Betts
Prof Carmel Cefai
Prof Peter Mayo
Ms Maria McNamara
Mr Simon Sammut
Dr Noel Vella

The board met on the 26th November 2014 and on the 27th of March 2015. During the board meeting, the running of the centre, current and upcoming projects were discussed.

Discover University

Discover University was held on the 26th of October 2014 on campus. Mr Valletta, a community member, was asked to prepare a power point presentation on some of the neglected heritage sites found in the Cottonera area. Representatives from Domus Piux IX were also present to showcase their works and demonstrated to the public how to adopt various techniques of decorating with salt and rice.

University of the Third Age

The University of the Third Age sessions were held every Thursday from 9 am to 11 am. This year the following sessions were held:

U3E 181:	Il-Kostituzzjoni Maltija - H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici
No. of sessions held:	6
Dates:	9 th October – 27 th November
Average attendance:	16

U3E 238: Health Promotion: A Holistic Approach - Dr. Suzanne Piscopo	
No. of sessions held:	8
Dates:	4 th December – 5 th February
Average attendance:	10

U3E 213:	Aspetti mill-Ekonomija Maltija - Mr. Carl Camilleri
No. of sessions held:	8
Dates:	12 th February – 26 th April
Average attendance:	10

U3E 206: Practical First Aid - Mr. Anthony Scerri	
No. of sessions held:	8
Dates:	30 th April – 11 th June
Average attendance:	7

Notes:

Some of the applicants said that this year they will apply at the Cottonera Resource Centre. Participants underlined that they prefer to attend U3E sessions held at the Cottonera Resource Centre since parking is more accessible.

On the 18th of November, partners of the TEMPUS project visited the Cottonera Resource Centre and had the opportunity to meet H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici during his lecture on the Maltese Constitution. The following is a quote from the email we received after their visit:

"we are very proud to get acquainted with such a great person as H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici. Thank you very much for this opportunity and hospitality".

After the lecture the delegation was shown around Vittoriosa by Dr. Doris Cannataci, one of the U3E participants who also happens to be a guide.



Figure 1 Dr Doris Cannataci and Mr Said with TEMPUS delegation

Oral History

Oral histories are being conducted in collaboration with Professor John Chircop, the director of the Mediterranean Institute. Before the research started, a meeting was held with Prof Chircop. During said meeting he explained how such research is conducted, how to present it and made reference to certain interviewing skills which are important during the data collection process.

The chosen interviewees are senior citizens who were born and/or lived in the Three Cities. During such interviews, the participants have the opportunity to highlight important notions of the different stages of life, work experience, lifestyle patterns, etc. Copies of old photographs, documents, certificates, memorabilia and other valuable material were also taken. The transcribed interviews and documents collected will be eventually posted on the Public Memory Archives and the Cottonera Resource Centre websites.

Revision classes

Revision sessions are held at the Cottonera Resource Centre for secondary school students who find difficulties with coping with their school work. During such sessions the students have the opportunity to discuss with their mentors topics or skills they have had difficulties with in class. University students, the majority reading a B.Ed.(Hons.) degree acted as mentors. The call for volunteers went out in late October 2014 through the Registrar's Office. The first weeks of November were devoted to interviewing those who had applied to act as mentors. The following table shows the subjects being offered, name of the mentors and number of students who attended such sessions. The majority of the students who attended these sessions were Form 4 students.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
Biology	Maria Gambin	1
English	Ivonne Gonzales Del Pliego	4
Italian	Shakira Zammit	1
Maltese	Francesca Vassallo	2
Maths	Kenneth Hili	4
Physics	Eric Zahra	1
Physics	Erica Falzon	2
Physics	Kenneth Hili	4

Furthermore, there were other one-to-one sessions for 4 more students who had been recommended by the school guidance teachers and college principal to attend such revision sessions. Such sessions were held on a weekly basis and included Physics, Maltese, Italian, Maths and English revision lessons.



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St. Edward's Street, Fortini,
Vittoriosa



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crc@um.edu.mt**

Legal Clinic

The legal clinic started at the Cottonera Resource Centre after Mr Paul Pace, manager of LEAP Xlokk maintained that a number of residents from the Cottonera area found it financially impossible to seek legal advice. The Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Kevin Aquilina, was contacted. Prof Aquilina invited a representative from the Centre to a Faculty of Law board meeting where this issue was raised. Dr David Zammit underlined that his Advocacy students were conducting legal clinics with the help of NGOs. After a number of discussions and a meeting with Rector, an infrastructure was drawn for the running of this clinic at the Cottonera Resource Centre. Community and media outreach was conducted to promote the services of this clinic at the Cottonera Resource Centre.

The Advocacy students who participated in this project were:

- Natalino Caruana De Brincat
- David Gatt
- Ruth Ellul
- Nikolai Lubrano
- Matthew Xuereb

The legal clinic appointments were normally held on Wednesday morning. Between December 2014 and August 2016, there were more than 40 appointments and 20 community members who benefited from this service.

Counselling

Counselling sessions held at the Cottonera Resource Centre are conducted by students attending MA courses provided by the Department of Counselling, namely the Master in Counselling and MA in Transcultural Counselling. Students are assigned placements at the Centre to help individuals from the Cottonera and surrounding area who are facing emotional and/or psychosocial difficulties, or those seeking personal growth and understanding.



Free Counselling Sessions

at the Cottonera Resource Centre,
St. Edward's Street,
Fortini, Vittoriosa

For more information or for an
appointment please call on
T: 2340 7801 or email: crc@um.edu.mt



The role of the CRC administrative staff is to promote this service within the community, liaise with entities/individuals who might need this service, and to allocate clients to trainee counsellor. Counselling sessions were held on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays during the academic year, and Wednesday afternoons during summer.

This year the students on placement were:-

- Leonard Griscti
- Josef Mizzi
- Maria Lisa Mangion Abdilla
- Olivia Scerri

The table below shows the number of sessions and clients each counsellor had between October 2014 and August 2015.

<u>Counsellor</u>	<u>Total Number of sessions</u>	<u>Total Number of Clients</u>
Leonard Griscti	30	7
Josef Mizzi	19	3
Maria Lisa Mangion Abdilla	22	2
Olivia Scerri	29	8

STEM Summer School 2015

The objective of the STEM summer school is to teach and organize revision classes in Integrated Science, Physics, Mathematics, English, Maltese, Chemistry, Biology, Design & Technology, Theatre Studies and Personal Development to Form 1 and Form 4 students. The following entities were involved: St Margaret's College Secondary Schools among others, Cottonera Resource Centre, Michigan Tech University Pavlis Institute, and the USA Embassy in Malta.

The number of applicant for the STEM Summer School 2015 was that of 47 students aged between 11 to 15 years. The students were divided into four (4) classes, all of which was named after a renowned scientist. Students were divided into classes on the basis of their age and subject area followed at school. This division permitted us to have one class for the Forms 1 & 2 and three classes for Form 4 students. Although the bulk of the students derived from St Margaret and St Thomas More Colleges, students attending church schools as well as St. Edward's and De La Salle Colleges also applied.

Every class had two sessions of approximately two hours each from Monday till Wednesday, while on Thursday the students participated in various outings organized by the staff members. Students who had chosen Chemistry had a two hour session on Friday. The following is the attendance of students from 6 July to 14 August 2015:

Week Ending	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
10/07/2015	37	38	35
17/07/2015	32	34	31
25/07/2015	35	25	30
31/07/2015	28	25	28
07/08/2015	26	28	29

Authorized and unauthorized absentees were not included in the table above and in average attendance. The average attendance in the STEM summer school was of 31 students per day.

Graffiti Project

The American Embassy approached the Cottonera Resource Centre to host a Mural Project in the collaboration with St. Margaret's College's Youth Club, ZTK, and Centru Tbebxix. In the end, it was decided that the mural would be painted on the south wall of the internal yard, with the participating students coming from the pool of students attending the STEM Summer School and ZTK. The American Embassy sponsored the American graffiti artist, Damien Perdue, together with the materials utilized for the project that ran from the 6th till the 10th of July. In total fifteen STEM students participated in the Graffiti project.

The common theme underpinning Mr. Perdue's artistic creations was diversity and inclusive societies. During his workshops, Mr. Perdue taught basic mural skills and techniques while utilising different mediums as a base. The artist encouraged the students to create and develop their own ideas to practice said techniques with spray paint. Under the guidance and supervision of Mr. Perdue, the students were able to draw out their sketches on the bike ramps.



On July 17, U.S. Ambassador Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley visited the Cottonera Resource Centre/St. Margaret College to view the mural created by Mr. Perdue and youths from Cottonera and the south of Malta. In brief comments she said, "This mural celebrates diversity and inclusion. I believe we all can benefit from open, tolerant and inclusive dialogue. We should reject violence or intimidation that's aimed at silencing people's voices." The Ambassador applauded the Cottonera Resource Centre's mission to promote higher education among youths. She said, "Societies are more likely to succeed when all our people -- regardless of colour, class, creed, sexual orientation, or gender -- have equal opportunity to pursue a first-class education." (US Embassy Press Release, July 17, 2015).



U.S. Ambassador Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley at the Cottonera Resource Centre

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Pavlis Institute - Experiments

Once again, two Engineering undergraduates from the Michigan Tech University delivered a number of experiments during the Physics sessions. The experiments permitted the students to learn through a hands-on approach and were a consolidation of the topics that were being tackled during the theoretical part of the lessons. The materials utilised for the experiments were mainly brought by the undergraduates themselves.



Homemade Compass



3D Waves

Excursions

Every Thursday during the STEM summer school an excursion was organized for the four classes. The idea behind the excursions was to learn by seeing and doing. The students visited a variety of places on topics relating to culture, history, science, further education and sports.

Excursion 1 – Birgu historical tour and the Inquisitor's Palace

This took place on the **9th of July**. For the first excursion the students were taken on a whirlwind tour around Birgu. During the tour of Birgu, which was led by Local Counsellor Mr Lawrence Attard, the students were encouraged to spot and take selfies with historical artefacts that can be found around the town. After the tour, the students visited the Inquisitor's Palace, where they were taken on a guided tour by a staff member and which helped them answer a short questionnaire on the artefacts found in said palace.



Excursion 2 – The Fortress Builders’ Fortification Interpretation Centre

On the **16th July**, students visited the Fortress Builders Fortification Interpretation Centre in Valletta, where different models are exhibited to illustrate the different types of fortifications that are/were present in the Maltese Island. The students also participating in a question and answer session with the director of the institute.



Excursion 3 – The National Aquarium

On the **23rd of July** the students visited the National Aquarium. At the Aquarium the students could witness an array of marine life from local waters and exotic seas. They also participated in a workshop organized by BirdLife Malta volunteers where they learnt about the different birds which frequent Malta.



Excursion 4 – Ta' Qali National Stadium

On the **30th of July** the students visited the National Football Stadium in Ta' Qali. The students saw the press room, the changing rooms of the National Football team, the football ground and the trophy room, after which the students participated in team building and sports activities by a Skola Sport trainer.



Excursion 5 – Civil Protection Department – Marsa and Hal Far Station

On the **6th of August**, the Civil Protection invited us to the Marsa Fire Station, where the students were shown the different equipment used by the Marine Section of the Civil Protection unit. While touring the quarters the students enjoyed hearing about the different scenarios and accidents that the Search and Rescue Officers have come across during their service, which provided a good platform to learn about the various fires and incidents that can occur at sea and on land. In addition, the students were later shown the Hal Far Fire Station, where Training Officer Anthony Pisani familiarised them with the various types of fire engines present on the premises together with the equipment they carry. The excursion highlighted the vital link between theoretical and scientific knowledge and everyday life of the officers, a link which was further reinforced with a live

demonstration of igniting and then the putting out of a small fire on the premises of the Hal Far Fire Station.



Visit by Iron Man

On the **10th of August**, the triathlon athlete Fabio Spiteri addressed two Form 4 classes where he shared his experience of being a full-time athlete. Mr. Spiteri showed the student the equipment he uses especially a special bicycle he uses in the various races and competitions in Malta and abroad. The session ended with a discussion about the challenges Mr. Spiteri faces, his diet and the lifestyle he follows.

Graphic Novel Workshop

On the last day of the STEM Summer School, a workshop was organized by the Graphic Novels Library. The students were invited to create a superhero, including his/her background story and the image of said superhero. The session permitted the students to work on their creative and presentation skills while working as a team.

Kids on Campus

Once again this year the University of Malta sponsored 10 primary students from St. Margaret College to attend Kids on Campus, in order to promote integration with children from different

areas and to help them develop new friendships. CRC liaised with the head of schools who nominated students between the ages of 8 to 11 years who would benefit from this opportunity. From the nominated students, six were from Cospicua, two from Senglea and two from Vittoriosa.

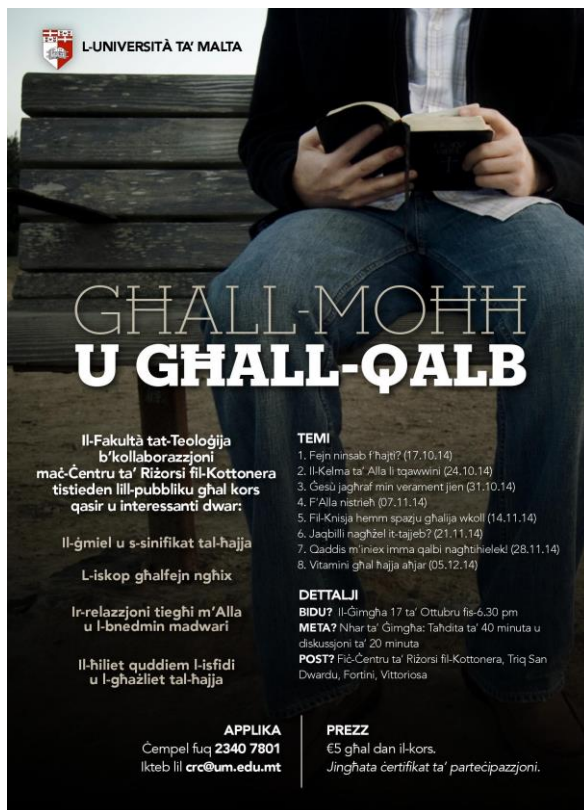
On the 4th of June a meeting was held at the Cottonera Resource Centre, where the Director of Kids on Campus, Ms Dragana Gnjatovic, the Principal of St. Margaret and the Director of the CRC addressed the parents of the nominated students to relay information on the programme and transport arrangements. Transport to and from the University was coordinated by the staff of the CRC.

A feedback on the students' behaviour and attendance was given by Ms Gnjatovic after the programme ended. Ms Gnjatovic informed us that while most of the nominated children behaved well and attended regularly, three students dropped out for personal reasons. Additional feedback was sought directly from the parents who all had positive comments for the programme.

The project was a success with most of the nominated students thoroughly enjoying their experience with some even expressing a desire to return next year.

Għall-Moħħ u għall-Qalb, course organized by the Faculty of Theology

This course was organized by Rev Dr John A. Berry. The intention was to promote capacity building among community leaders working in the parishes found in the Cottonera and surrounding area. The course was conducted every Friday from 6.30 pm to 8 pm from 17th October up to 14th December 2014. The lecturers were mainly given by MA graduates from the faculty in question. 24 applicants registered for this course. Certificates of attendance were presented to participants on the 23rd of January 2015 at 6.30 pm. The majority of those who registered attended the courses assiduously.



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GHALL-MOHH U GHALL-QALB

Il-Fakultà tat-Teoloġija
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tistieden lill-pubbliku għal kors
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Il-ġmiel u s-sinifikat tal-ħajja
L-iskop għalfejn ngħix
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u l-bnedmin madwari
Il-ħiliet quddiem l-isfidi
u l-ghażliet tal-ħajja

TEMI

1. Fejn ninsab f'ħajti? (17.10.14)
2. Il-Kelma ta' Alla li tqawwini (24.10.14)
3. Ġesù jagħraf min verament jien (31.10.14)
4. F'Alla nistrieħ (07.11.14)
5. Fil-Knisja hemm spazju għalija ukoll! (14.11.14)
6. Jaqbilli nagħżel it-tajjeb? (21.11.14)
7. Qaddis m'inx imma qalbi nagħtihielek! (28.11.14)
8. Vitamini għal ħajja aħjar (05.12.14)

DETTALJI
BIDU? Il-Gimgha 17 ta' Ottubru fis-6.30 pm
META? Nhar ta' Gimgha: Taħdita ta' 40 minuta u
diskussjoni ta' 20 minuta
POST? Fil-Ċentru ta' Riżorsi fil-Kottonera, Triq San
Dwardu, Fortini, Vittoriosa

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Ikteb lil **crc@um.edu.mt**

PREZZ
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The sessions included:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Session Title</u>
14.10.14	F'Alla nistrieħ
24.10.14	Il-Kelma ta` Alla li tqawwini
31.10.14	Ġesù jagħraf min verament jien
07.11.14	Fil-Knisja hemm spazju għalija ukoll
14.11.14	Fejn ninsab f'ħajti?
21.11.14	Jaqbilli nagħżel it-tajjeb?
28.11.14	Qaddis m'inx imma qalbi nagħtihielek!
05.12.14	Vitamini għal ħajja aħjar

Public Lectures

The public lectures took place after the course organized by the Faculty of Theology came to an end. This year the speakers did not derive from the University of Malta, but were persons with close links to the Cottonera area or the CRC.

- **Open Spaces in the Inner Harbour - a Mare Nostrum Project**

IRMCo. Ltd. carried out a seminar on Thursday the 19th February from 17.30 until 8.00pm followed by a reception. In this seminar, the company shared with the public the eco-heritage trails it had drawn up with the help of interactive sessions held at community level. It provided the participants during this seminar with the opportunity to participate in the Public Participatory GIS, (PPGIS) and continued building on this data. The company also launched the webGIS at this 1st PPGIS Practice event to enable interested members of the public to contribute further in this project from the comfort of their home. The Mare Nostrum project aims at promoting coastal planning and management around the Mediterranean. IRMCo. Ltd. is the Maltese partner studying coastal planning issues in the Grand Harbour in Malta.

- **13th March 2015 Ġużeppi Ruġġier by Prof Raymond Agius, Manchester University.**


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Ġużeppi Ruġġier

Fl-1859 il-gżejjer Britanniċi nbaqmu mill-ikrah maltempata ta' dak is-seklu. F'lejl wieħed għenqu mijet ta' biċċiet tal-baħar u tifu hajtjom bosta mijet ta' nies. Iżda kien hemm ukoll hafna atti ta' qlabija biex isalvaw in-nies. L-okbar qlabija kienet ta' bahri mill-Kottonera li kien jismu Ġużeppi Ruġġier. Lil dan il-Malti tawh l-ikbar għieh.




Min kien dan Ruġġier? N'kien l-erojżmu tiegħu?
 Tabdita minn Prof. Raymond Agius

Data: 13 ta' Marzu 2015
 Post: l-Ċentru ta' Risorsi fil-Kottonera, Triq San Dwardu, Birgu
 Hin: Fis-sebgha ta' filgħaxija



Poster of Public Lecture

Profs. Raymond Agius - Speaker

This lecture focused on the Maltese seaman born in Vittoriosa who volunteered to swim during a terrible storm in order to save the lives of passengers and crew on board the vessel 'The Royal Charter'. After this heroic event, Ruggier received various honours with his name being imprinted on several memorials commemorating this event. A number of people related to this unsung hero turned up for this lecture.



- **17th April 2015 Il-Maltemp li ġab lil Pawlu Malta: Waqaf jew għadu sejjer?** by **Dr Doris Cannataci.**

Il-Maltemp li ġab lil Pawlu Malta:

Waqaf jew għadu sejjer?

Tahdita minn Dr. Doris Cannataci



Data: 17^t April 2015

Post: Iċ-Centru ta' Rizorsi fil-Kottonera

Triq San Dwardu, Fortini, Birgu

Hin: 19.00hrs

F'din it-tahdita sejrin naraw kif il-Maltin imwexxhom jirbhu l-maltemp li hakem lil Malta meta kienet kolonja Ingliża bil-mewġa kbira ta' Protestantizmu u Maġnerja. Naraw kif Malta salvat il-fidi Kattolika kull meta l-baħar kien imdaqlaq gnielu. U jekk il-maltemp għadu sejjer, x'għandna nagħmlu blex insalvaw? Naraw kif żewġ persuni Maltin, Monsinjur Giuseppe De Piro u San Gorg Preca, kienu providenzjali blex salwaw dak it-tavor li għibna Pawlu, u kif nisigħu nikkumbattu l-maltemp li għadu b'qawwa kbira jhabbat mal-blat ta'-Għira tagħna.



Poster of Public Lecture

Dr. Doris Cannataci - Speaker

Dr Cannataci was conferred with a PhD by the Greenwich School of Theology and North-West University of South Africa at the age of 82 years. She happens to be one of the people attending the University of the Third Age held at CRC. In this lecture she focused on some of the issues she raised in her PhD research project. She explained the contributions of Mgr G. De Piro and St. G. Preca in safeguarding the Roman Catholic faith and cult of St. Paul in Malta after Malta became a British colony. During this lecture Dr. Cannataci made references to the importance of catechetical instructions, the setting of moral example and personal care for the well-being of the church.

- **30th April 2015 19th Century Dockyard Creek Memories by Mr Michael Cassar**

**19TH CENTURY
DOCKYARDCREEK MEMORIES**

Public Lecture by Mr Michael Cassar



Date: 30th April 2015 Time: 9.30hrs
Venue: Cottonera Resource Centre,
St. Edward's street, Fortini,
Vittoriosa

The old Porto delle Galere, the Galley Port, became Dockyard Creek under the British. From the ousting of the French in 1800 to the beginning of the 20th century this historic stretch of water tells an exciting story as the birthplace of heavy industry and its effect on the Cottonera, as well as the perennial trade-off between prosperity, employment and the consequent loss of heritage and landing rights.

Despite the ravages of war, much remains from the time of the Order of St John. Michael Cassar likes to think that the last grandmaster would not feel at all out of place at Dockyard Creek today, if one explains 19th century additions such as the bakery and the late 20th century yacht marina. The British period is like the proverbial stone thrown in a pond: it makes a splash and ever widening concentric circles that weaken and fan out to nothingness until the pond returns to its previous calm state.

Michael Cassar (b.1949) has lived around the Grand Harbour for as long as he can remember, savouring its moods from the wild grogales and noisome sciroccos to the honey sunsets of late summer and the long, vivid shadows of winter.

Public lecture Poster

Mr. Michael Cassar delivered a lecture on Dockyard Creek in the early 19th century. Particular focus was given to William Scamp's major works, the Number One Dock in Cospicua and the steam bakery in Vittoriosa. Mr Cassar went over the changes that occurred in the Three Cities during this era, together with the benefits and disadvantages that derived from the building and expansion of the Dockyard on the local population.



- **22nd May 2015 British Travellers and Visitors to Malta (1611-1939), by Mr Nicholas Dakin.**

The talk focused on a number of renowned and less known British figures from the literary and artistic fields who visited Malta in the past. Mr Dakin shared with the public the impressions they had of Malta. Some wrote their impressions in the journals they kept and which are found in public archives; others incorporated their experiences of Malta in artistic endeavours. During this public lecture, Mr Dakin made reference to the writings of several British travellers who visited Malta and documented their perceptions about Maltese villages, culture and lifestyle.




**British Travellers and Visitors to
Malta
(1611-1930)
Travel Writing in English**


A Lecture
by
Nicholas Dakin
Fortini, 7.00pm Friday, May 22





● **12th June 2015 Art for Life by Charmaine Zammit.**

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Public Lecture by Ms Charmaine Zammit

Date: 12th June Time: 19.00hrs
Venue: Cottonera Resource Centre, St. Edward's street, Vittoriosa

The 'ART FOR LIFE' lecture will be delivered through an inquiry-based approach, through which the audience will be guided/challenged to reflect on artworks/ concepts and discuss about the following:

- What is Art?
- What are the benefits of Art?
- Is good Art a close representation of reality?
- Does Art have to be beautiful?
- What is the difference between Arts & Crafts?
- Does one need to be an artist to create Art?
- Can one create Art to observe one's journey through life?

Short Bio:-

Charmaine Zammit is a visual artist who obtained a Bachelors' and Masters' Degree in Art Education from the University of Malta. Currently she is reading for a PhD in Art Education and works full-time as a Head of Department of Art Education (Ministry for Education & Employment), a role which encourages her to work passionately to raise more awareness about the essence of art education towards a holistic education.

Poster of Public Lecture

This public lecture focused on the use and appreciation of art in everyday life. The benefits of art were discussed and the difference between crafts and art was outlined. A discussion highlighting art as the representation of reality followed.

Lifelong Learning Courses

The Cottonera Resource Centre hosted 2 courses organised by the Directorate for Lifelong Learning and Early School Leavers. These programmes comprised of:-

- Lace Making course which was held every Monday morning between 9.00 - 11.00 hrs. This course commenced in October and lasted for one scholastic year (i.e. up to June 2015). There were eight adults who participated in this course.
- Sugar Craft course which was held every Tuesday between 16.00 - 19.00hrs. This course commenced in October and lasted for one semester (i.e. until January 2015). Around thirteen adults attended these sessions.

Since this was the first time that such courses were conducted at the CRC, the staff had to promote these programmes among the community, and to help community members who did not know how to use the internet to apply for such courses.

As from October 2015, the following courses (part of the lifelong learning courses) will be held at the centre:-

- Lace Making
- The Maltese Cultural and Natural Heritage
- English (Basic Level)

Seminars and Meetings

- **EVS**

To find out how EVS operates, a seminar was attended in December 2014. Further to this, advice was sought from Projects Office. Moreover, a meeting was held with EUPA officials who provided us with guidelines during the application process. Dr JosAnn Cutajar took part in these meetings.

- **Information Seminar on the EU Joint Research Centre**

The Malta Council for Science and Technology hosted an information seminar on the EU Joint Research Centre (JRC). The seminar was used to highlight the work being done at the Centre while promoting EU Funded programmes that one can make use of to finance research in core sciences. Ms. Maria Fava attended in the name of the Cottonera Resource Centre on the 12th of May.

- **The Call for FUSION**

Ms. Fava also attended another seminar led by the MCST on the 18th of May. The purpose of the seminar was to promote the FUSION programme, where local entities and researches could make

use of the EU funded programme to commercialise their idea and/or findings. The seminar was an opportunity for the Cottonera Resource Centre to expand its network.

- **Seminar for Project leaders and potential PLs administering projects co-financed through Centralised Funds**

On the 26th of May, Ms. Maria Fava attended an information seminar that focused on the different types of funding available, and the role and responsibility of the project leader. The seminar provided a good opportunity to learn about the various EU funding projects available as well as the procedures to follow and responsibilities of the entity involved.

- **Grupp Qawsalla**

Ms. Amanda Vella approached the Cottonera Resource Centre for a possible collaboration with Access, specifically for the Friday morning course named *Grupp Qawsalla*. A meeting was held on the 9th of June, where Dr. Cutajar and Ms. Fava met with Ms. Vella and Ms. Claire Ciantar. During the meeting it was decided that the CRC will provide speakers on a monthly basis to conduct sessions on various matters including but not limited to dentistry, legal advice, physiotherapy and personal empowerment. The targeted audience are mainly housewives who are over 40.

- **Prima Klassi**

LEAP Xlokk together with St. Margaret's College and ETC is collaborating on a project entitled Prima Klassi. The proposed course will run during the academic year 2015-2016 at the Cottonera Resource Centre. The course will target males and females, aged 18 and over, residing in the Cottonera area with the aim to motivate or help them enter the labour market. The project is intended to equip the participants with basic literacy, computer, self-development, home management and employability skills.

Community outreach

To be able to operate in the Cottonera and Kalkara, the CRC needs to be in constant touch with what is going on. To do so, CRC representatives attend a number of meetings. These included among others:

Date	Entity	Objective
28 October	Forum tal-Komunita' Bormliza	Networking and planning session
27 November	Forum tal-Komunita' Bormliza	Networking and planning session
28 January	St Margaret's College	Met principal re Revision Classes
11 February	Mid-Dlam għad-Dawl	The objective was to find out how we can apply together for ISIS funds, and who would be in charge of what
9 March	LEAP Xlokk	Networking
11 March	Mid-Dlam għad-Dawl	Map way forward once they got the ISIS funds
11 March	Ċentru Tbexbix	To find out whether they are interested in collaboration in a project
6 April	Mid-Dlam għad-Dawl	Employability skills programme to be done with female inmates at Corradino facilities
22 April	Mid-Dlam għad-Dawl	Discussed Parenting skills at Birgu Primary
11 May	LEAP Xlokk	Networking
12 May	Verdala Middle School	Promotion of STEM
13 May	Principal of St. Margaret's College	Discussed STEM
1 June	Fgura FC	Promote Revision Classes and STEM

9 June	Appoġġ social worker and community worker	Discussed how we collaborate on a future project
12 June	President's Trust	Met with Bormla Local Council
16 June	Fgura FC	Promotion of STEM
18 June	Forum Komunita' Bormliża	Networking and planning session
3 August	LEAP Xlokk	Networking and planning session
20 August	LEAP Xlokk - Job Club	A meeting was held to discuss Job Club, a short course organised by the ETC. The meeting provided networking and awareness of services provided in the area.
31 August	Forum Komunita' Bormliża + V18	Launch of video – Minn Fomm il-Bormlizi
2 September	Forum Komunita' Bormliża	Discussion of American University in Dock No. 1
9 September	Malta Arts Council	Pitching of Project - President's Awards
10 September	LEAP Xlokk	Meeting with LEAP & St. Margaret's College to discuss Prima Klassi Project. ETC youth workers were also present at the meeting.
23 September	St Margaret's Boys' Secondary school	Revision classes + other services offered by CRC
25 September	Sir Thomas More College	To promote services offered by CRC

Senglea Women's Club

During this year the Cottonera Resource Centre organized several sessions for the Senglea Women's Club. These sessions included:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
16.10.2014	Relationships and Manners	Maria Lisa Gilson & Pam Vella Scicluna
08.01.2015	Money Management	Pam Vella Scicluna & Luisa Vieites Rodriguez
12.02.2015	Legal Clinic - Talk	Natalino Caruana De Brincat & Ruth Ellul
12.03.2015	Legal Clinic - Talk	Natalino Caruana De Brincat & Ruth Ellul
07.05.2015	Healthy Eating	Antoinette Pickard - MEH Health Promotion
04.06.2015	Healthy Eating	Antoinette Pickard - MEH Health Promotion

Erasmus + Mundus placement

Luisa Vieites Rodriguez from Portugal started working at the CRC on the 10th of November 2014. Her role was to help in the promotion of events and outreach via the social media. Ms Vietes Rodriguez was brought over through the initiative of Ms Micheal Checchi (Hermes Corporation).

Italia Film Festival

The Italia Film Festival was held on the 14th December 2014. Mr Minghardi, the organizer of this event introduced ‘*Il Sorriso di Angelica*’, one of the sessions from the TV Series ‘*Il Commissario Montalbano*’. Peppino Mazzotta (who interpreted *Ispettore Fazio* in this TV Series) was present during the projection of this series.

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ITALIA FILM FESTIVAL

University of Malta (Facoltà di Lettere) Auditorium Valletta, 11 Dicembre 2014
 University of Malta (Facoltà di Lettere) Msida Campus Lecture Theatre 1, 12 Dicembre 2014
 Cottonera Resource Centre, (University of Malta), 12 Dicembre 2014
 Bir Mula Heritage Museum, 14 Dicembre 2014

PROGRAMMA
 Entrance to the festival is free of charge

Giovedì 11 Dicembre 2014 - Ore 19:00
 University of Malta (Facoltà di Lettere)
 Auditorium Valletta Campus
 Old University Bldg - St. Paul's Street, Valletta
SEIATA D'ONORE
 Proiezione del film **ANIME NERE**
 Un film di Francesco Musci
 Con Peppino Mazzotta, Marco Leonardi, Fabrizio Ferracane, Barbara Bobulova, Anna Ferrara
 Drammatico, durata 103 min. - Italia, Francia 2014
 Storia di tre fratelli calabresi figli di pastori, vicini alla nomadità, e nella loro arida Sicilia si muove un terrore un western ambientato nei giorni nostri, dove il richiamo della legge del sangue e il trattamento della vendetta fanno la magia del mito.
 Luigi (Marco Leonardi), il più giovane, è un trafficante internazionale di droga. Rocco (Peppino Mazzotta), miserevole acchiuffo dalle apparenze borghesi, è un imprenditore grazie ai suoi rapporti del primo. Luciano (Fabrizio Ferracane) è un siciliano, coinvolto per un'occasione patologica di una Caserta premoderna, indiziando un matrimonio a soltanto dialogo con i morti. Leo (Giuseppe Furnari), così fido, ventenne, è la generazionale ventata senza identità. Dagli avi ha ereditato solo il ranch e il futuro è un treno che per lui sembra già passato. Per una vita è un treno che per lui sembra già passato. Per una vita è un treno che per lui sembra già passato. Per una vita è un treno che per lui sembra già passato.
 L'esperto regista Musci ha riuscito a trovare una specie di tragedia greca antichissima ambientata ai giorni d'oggi tra Anandiano, Milano e la Calabria più buia, che vede il distacco di una famiglia segnata dalla logica del monopolio, del dominio, dell'arbitrio e della vendetta.
 Sarà presente l'attore coprotagonista Peppino Mazzotta Organizzatore e Coordinatore Gloria Lauri Luciani

Venerdì 12 Dicembre 2014 - Ore 14:00
 University of Malta (Facoltà di Lettere)
 Msida Campus - Lecture Theatre 1
IL GIOCO DEGLI SPECCHI
 dell'omonimo romanzo di Andrea Camilleri
 con Luca Zingarelli, Barbara Bobulova e Peppino Mazzotta (Ispettore Fazio) che sarà presente alla proiezione del film.
 Drink finale

Venerdì 12 Dicembre 2014 - Ore 19:00
 Cottonera Resource Centre (University of Malta) in St Edward Street, Fort St, Vittoriosa
 (ex-Lorenzo Gallo Boy's Secondary School)
IL SORRISO DI ANGELICA
 dall'omonimo romanzo di Andrea Camilleri con Luca Zingarelli, Margareth Madeo e Peppino Mazzotta (Ispettore Fazio) che sarà presente alla proiezione del film.
 Drink finale

Domenica 14 Dicembre 2014 - Ore 14:30
 Bir Mula Heritage Museum
 (79 St. Margaret Street, Cospicua)
UNA VOCE DI NOTTE
 dall'omonimo romanzo di Andrea Camilleri
 con Luca Zingarelli, Peppino Mazzotta e Cesare Bocchi
 Drink finale

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Mentoring

The mentoring project is conducted with the help of Psychology students who conduct a 12 hour placement at the Cottonera Resource Centre. This year the Psychology students helped students who had attended the STEM revision classes who were in need of psychological support to

continue with their studies. Prior to the onset of the mentoring per se, an orientation session was held with the Psychological students in question. During this meeting the students were informed what mentoring entailed, and what areas they needed to work upon with their mentees. The mentoring sessions were held every Tuesday between December 2014 and January 2015 and focused on studying skills and vocational orientation.

Learning how to support and mentor women entrepreneurs – Ms Samira Cook Gaines

This training seminar targeted NGOs and community leaders working with women. It took place on the 3rd of December at 5.30 pm at the CRC. This workshop was sponsored by the USA Embassy in Malta. Ms Cook Gaines, the speaker, serves as the Chief of Civil Rights and Economic Empowerment for NCRC. She runs four business development centres in Washington DC, New York City.



Premju Tal–President Għall–Kreattivitàta'

The Cottonera Resource Centre in collaboration with Tgħanniqqa, applied for the President's Awards funds for a project entitled '*Ktieb Mitkellem*'. The aim of this project is to make Maltese literature more accessible through the recording of two audiobooks. It was proposed that two books would be recorded; one targeting teenagers while the second would be enjoyed more by the older generations. It was further decided that the two books would be read by a group of adolescents from Tgħanniqqa and a group of elderly citizens, coordinated by the CRC. Dr. Noel Vella represented Tgħanniqqa and Ms. Maria Fava represented the Cottonera Resource Centre during the pitch for the award offered by the Malta Arts Council.

Media

Constant media exposure has to be maintained to ensure that the public is informed about what is happening at the CRC and hence participate. To do so we approached local councils, parish priests and Radju Kottoner to advertise some of our projects. Paid adverts were used to advertise STEM and to recruit the human resources needed for STEM and the Revision Classes. Apart from these a number of interviews were enacted:

Date	Contact person	Station/newspaper	Topic
2 January	Lea Hogg	l-Orizzont	Legal clinic and revision classes
26 January	Nadia Galea Sant	One Radio	Legal clinic
6 March	Joe Dimech	Radju Malta	CRC + Gender Studies Department
13 March	Christa Boffa	Illum	http://www.illum.com.mt/ahbarijiet/socjali/41081/ilkotonera_gaddejja_mimien_tarrinaxximent#.VeliCfaqqko
11 April	Svetlana Azzopardi	One TV	Girls in football
30 May	Lea Hogg	L-Orrizont	file:///C:/Users/J/Downloads/20,21.pdf
17 June	Claudette Baldacchino	One TV	Body image
22 June	Pauline Miceli	Radju Malta	Promote STEM
1 July	Claudette Baldacchino	One TV	Kelmtejn – promote Legal Clinic, Counselling, STEM
22 July	Claudette Baldacchino	One Radio	Promote Lifelong Learning Courses, U3E

Date	Entity	Project
27 October	Institute for Mediterranean Studies	Oral histories
4 November	Human Resources, Development and Management	Recruitment of new graduate trainee
14 November	Edward Duca	Updates on experiments conducted during STEM
14 November	Counselling Department	Counselling sessions at CRC
21 November	Faculty of Law	Legal clinic
25 November	Centre for Resilience and Socio-emotional health	Board meeting
4 December	Rector and Director for Finance	Financial input
4 December	Department for Civil Law	Met advocacy students
16 January	Faculty of Theology	Rev Dr Berry on Theology course
26 January	Department for Civil Law	Modus operandi of Legal Clinic
16 March	Rector, Faculty of Law, Advocate's Chamber	Modus operandi of Legal Clinic
26 March	Legal Services & Human Resources, Development and Management	Plan for the recruitment of mentors and project co-ordinators for CRC
15 April	Faculty for Social Wellbeing Brown Bag Seminar	Focused on what CRC is doing
17 April	Centre for Industrial Heritage, UoM	Introduced CRC
21 April	Director of Kids on Campus	Discussion of the sponsorship by rectorate of kids from Cottonera
24 April	Department for Civil Law & Advocate's Chamber	Discussed launch of Legal Clinic
4 May	Director of Kids on Campus	
10 June	Head, Department of Counselling	Procurement of furniture
10 June	Head, Department for Civil Law	Administration of Legal Clinic

15 June	Gender Studies Dept + Lucienne Bugeja	COST workshop
16 June	Centre for Resilience and Socio-emotional health	Board meeting
17 June	Head Librarian	Setting up of library
3 July	Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture	Board meeting
2 September	Faculty of Theology	Meeting with Rev Dr. Berry to plan Kors fuq il-Familja

Visits by foreign universities

A number of students visited CRC and Cottonera this year.

23rd March visit by Geography students from Birmingham University (MUHC)

11th May visit by Kingston University geography students (Dr Hughes)

The visits usually involve a short delineation of the socio-demographic and historic description of the Cottonera area. This is followed by a discussion of the remit of the Cottonera Resource Centre. After this short overview, the students take a walk around the Three Cities so that they can compare the areas which have benefitted from regeneration projects and compare it with the areas which have suffered from neglect. This usually entails a discussion of the positive and negative effects of regeneration projects on the area.

Meetings with representatives of entities at the University of Malta

To ensure the smooth running of the Cottonera Resource Centre and the creation and implementation of new projects, we are in constant dialogue with different entities at the University of Malta. Other meetings involved sessions where the Director had to attend in her capacity of director.

Date	Entity	Project
2 October	Consultative Council for the South of Malta – Hon. Silvio Parnis, Osvaldo Pace	The meeting took place so that the two entities learn how they

		can collaborate on potential projects.
6 November	Hermes Corporation	Discuss how to acquire Erasmus + placements
21 November	Parliamentary Secretariat for Research, Innovation, Youth and Sport	To underline that we need finances to help run the CRC
2 December	US Ambassador	Networking with business organisations and NGOs
4 December	Malta Enterprise	Promote the need of a social enterprise in Bormla
10 January	Malta Enterprise	Above
22 January	Malta Enterprise	Visit to Fort St. Clement
30 January	The Critical Institute	Map out possibility of collaboration on a project
16 February	Lifelong Learning Directorate	Discussed which courses can be offered at CRC
27 February	EUPA workshop on EVS	To find out how CRC can apply for this scheme
6 March	President's Trust	
10 March	Malta Enterprise	Visit to Fort St. Clement
18 March	President's Trust	
3 April	President's Trust	
9 April	President's Trust	
1 May	President's Trust	
5 May	Kunsill għall-Malti book fair	Spoke about Bormla: a struggling community
12 May	President's Trust	
26 May	EUPA	The focus was on how to re-apply for EVS scheme
27 May	Prince's Trust International	

28 May	Prince's Trust International	
29 May	Prince's Trust International	
29 May	Malta Enterprise	Follow up on site visits
4 June	President's Trust	
19 June	President's Trust	
1 July	US Embassy	Networking
14 July	President's Trust	
16 July	President's Trust	
24 July	President's Trust	

SIS Scheme – Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector

The Cottonera Resource Centre helped the organization Mid-Dlam ghad-Dawl apply for and attain funds from the SIS Scheme – Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector to conduct two projects. These consisted of an employability skills, training and support programme which was eventually conducted in May-June at the female section of the Correctional Facility at Corradino instead of Cottonera, while a Positive Parenting course will be conducted at the Vittoriosa Primary school in October 2015. The role of the CRC was to delineate which programmes could be conducted, where and with the help of whom.

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