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EYiE of Horus

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Epilepsy Youth in Europe: Bringing The Senses Together

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The Youth Section of the Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association has just hosted an EU Youth Exchange Project in Malta. This project, called *The EYiE of Horus*, was co-funded by YOUTH Programme DG-Education and Culture, European Commission, and it helped to create an international forum of 36 youths with epilepsy from 10 countries. It was carried out in collaboration with the EYiE (Epilepsy Youth in Europe), IBE (International Bureau for Epilepsy) and the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the University of Malta. Its aims were to explore what it is like to be a youth with epilepsy in Europe, what it means to European society at large and how to tackle the multicultural social exclusion these youths often experience.

The participants took part in several interactive workshops as well as cultural activities around various historical sites in Malta. It also included a visit to his Excellency, The President of the Republic, Professor Guido de Marco at the Palace in Valletta, where the aims of the exchange were explained to him by Dr John Chaplin, co-ordinator EYiE project and the local organiser Dr Janet Mifsud.

At the end of the week the participants expressed their satisfaction that the project activities such as role play, dealing with the media, lectures by various NGOs in Malta, personal presentation of epilepsy and experiential activities assisted them in developing their character, expanding their knowledge about the condition and about the situation in various EU countries.

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Further information about the EYiE project can be found at www.eyie.org while information about epilepsy and our association can be found at www.caritasmalta.org.

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