

Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association

The First 10 Years

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1996 The Birth of: Caritas Malta Epilepsy Support Group.

Objectives of the Support Group

- People with epilepsy meeting together to share their experiences.
- Professionals delivering talks on epilepsy.
- One becomes aware that he / she is not the only person suffering from epilepsy.

16th May 2001 Change to:
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- **The Core Group agreed to join an International Organisation to help us in our work. The group became an association and applied for membership with the International Bureau of Epilepsy.**

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Main Objectives of the Association:

- Promote public awareness and education and epilepsy.
- Improve public image of the person with epilepsy.
- Enhance the self image and self confidence of persons with epilepsy.

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- To stifle local discrimination of people with epilepsy and minimise the social consequences brought about by this condition.
- To counsel and educate persons with epilepsy and their families on coming to terms with, and adapting to epilepsy.

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- To present the interests, rights, needs, grievances and problems of persons with epilepsy to the notice of policy makers.
- To promote the exchange of information with other organisations.

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Activities 1

Conferences:

- 2001 “L-Epilessija Fil-Miftuh – Esperjenzi F’Malta”
- 2003 “Malta, l-Epilessija u t-Tfal – Flimkien Naslu”
- 2006 “CMEA : Ghaxar snin ta’ Hidma – “L-Impatt Socjali”

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Activities 2

- 9th European Conference on Epilepsy and Society “Focus on Change” 2004
- Attendance of European Epilepsy Conferences abroad.
- Youths active in Epilepsy Youth in Europe.
- Grundtvig Programme: Curricular Education for Professionals Allied to Medicine

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Other Activities

- a Interviews on TV and Radio
- b Newspaper articles
- c Talks to teachers in schools
- d Talks to various organisations
- e In-service courses for teachers / Head of Schools
- f Youth Section