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5th Meeting
REPORT

HOW CIVIC ENTITIES WORK

Mosta Local Council Hall

7th July 2026

MEETING BRIEF



A recurring theme across meetings was the role and significance of the government (and thus the civil service) in meeting people's various needs. We have observed this in past meetings whilst discussing education, democracy, and, lately, mental health.

Therefore, Żgħażaġh għall-Bidla wanted to give youths a closer look at how different civic bodies (and entities) work in Malta. Since governmental roles are extensive, we limited the meeting to three speakers from different civic backgrounds:

Sherona Briffa, a young community development worker who works within the Mosta Community Service and FSWS.

Clifford Galea Vella, the president of Reġjun Tramuntana and the high commissioner of Malta to Namibia.

Joseph Gatt, the mayor of Mosta (and one of the main collaborators of this group).

Together with the 3 speakers, we held open discussions, shared valuable insights and collaboration opportunities, and held 1-1 conversations. It is worth noting that the respective speakers went beyond their roles when explaining the intricacies of how civic bodies work, answering every question the group asked.

Moreover, the meeting was again successful in delivering spaces of encounter, giving youths the opportunity to learn how civic societies work.

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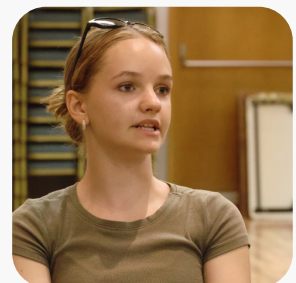
Founder of Żgħażaġh għall-Bidla

DISCUSSION POINTS



- During the introduction, Sherona, Clifford, and Joseph each gave a brief overview of their primary duties and responsibilities and the environment in which they work.
- During the meeting, it was noted that the young people began to better understand what goes on behind the scenes in civic work. This has also helped young people discover future possibilities for themselves in working (and contributing) in the public sector.
- The audience was encouraged to ask the speakers any questions they had about topics they wanted clarified or were curious about.
- Joseph made it clear that the Local Council isn't responsible for everything that happens in a village, a point residents often overlook. Some services, such as energy, are primarily managed by Enemalta. For example, broken lamppost lightbulbs are handled by both Enemalta and the Local Council, so any reported bulbs must first be verified by the relevant authority.
- Joseph highlighted that garbage collection is no longer managed by the Local Council and is instead handled by contractors. Many locals complain to the Local Council about garbage-related incidents, even though the Council is limited in what it can do. The major also suggested that the youths download the Clean and Upkeep application, which sends all cleanliness-related issues residents find in a village directly to the relevant authorities, speeding up the process of resolving them.
- Sherona was asked whether Community Services would partner with Wasteserv again after their collaboration last November for Waste Management month. It was confirmed that it's already under discussion and is likely to happen again.
- The relationship between Reġjuni (such as Clifford's Reġjun Tramuntana) and Local Council members (such as Joseph's Mosta Local Council) was clarified.
- Youths inquired about the firework factory incident that occurred a few weeks ago, asking the speakers about the government's role in such incidents.
- Future collaborations with all of the three speakers were discussed, including the possibility of organising cleanups and marketing campaigns.

SNIPPETS





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