


## Inspire Conference 2024 supported by AX Foundation Accessibility – The Art of the Possible Agenda

 AX The Palace Malta, Triq Il - Kbir, Tas-Sliema SLM 1542

 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2024

 08:00 – 15:30

08:00hrs	Registration and Welcome Coffee
08:55hrs <i>5 mins Compere</i>	
09:00hrs	<b>Welcome Addresses</b>  Hon. Minister Julia Farrugia Portelli, MP <i>Minister for Inclusion and The Voluntary Sector</i>  Hon. Graziella Galea, MP <i>Shadow Minister For Inclusion and The Voluntary Sector</i>  Commissioner Rhoda Garland <i>Commissioner for the Rights of Persons with Disability</i>
09:40hrs <i>5 mins Compere</i>	
09:45hrs	<b>“Inspire: A Vision for the Future”</b> Mr. Antonello Gauci <i>Chief Executive Officer at Inspire Foundation</i>
09:55hrs	<b>“AX Foundation – Supporting the educational journey of children with invisible disabilities”</b> Mr. Joseph Borg <i>Deputy Chairperson of AX Foundation</i>
10:05hrs <i>5 mins Compere</i>	

<p><b>10:10hrs</b>  Comperere for Panel One:  Dr. Nathalie Buhagiar  <i>Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Health Sciences and R&amp;I</i>  <i>Council Member Inspire</i></p>	<p><b>Panel One: “Championing Inclusive Education and Employment”</b></p> <p>Ms. Hope Brincat, Ms. Valerie Brincat  <i>Student at MCAST and parent</i></p> <p>Ms. Olivia Farrugia  <i>Head of Division Jobseeker Service at Jobsplus</i></p> <p>Dr. Josanne Ghirxi  <i>Director of National School Support Services (NSSS), Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation</i></p> <p>Mr. Oliver Scicluna  <i>Chief Executive Officer at Agenzija Support</i></p> <p>Dr. Rita Micallef  <i>Director of Allied Health Services and Board Member at Inspire Foundation</i></p> <p>Mr. Joseph Zammit  <i>Deputy Director of Learning Support and Inclusion Unit at MCAST</i></p>
<p><b>11:00hrs</b> 5 mins Comperere/Audience Questions to Panel</p>	
<p><b>11:05hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p><b>11:35hrs</b> 5 mins Comperere</p>	
<p><b>11:40hrs</b></p>	<p><b>“Confronting Our Biases”</b></p> <p>Prof. Richard Mills  <i>Special Advisor, Head of Research &amp; Clinical Support at AT-Autism London and Chairperson of the Research and Innovation Council at Inspire Foundation</i></p>
<p><b>12:10hrs</b> 15 mins Comperere – Poll Questions</p>	

<p><b>12:25hrs</b>  Comperere for Panel Two:  Dr. Amy Camilleri Zahra,  <i>Department of Disability Studies, Faculty for Social Wellbeing, University of Malta</i></p>	<p><b>Panel Two: “Accessible Design and Inclusive Digital Innovation”</b></p> <p>Ms. Kiki Mizzi  <i>Senior Executive (Head of Education) at Esplora Science Centre (Xjenza Malta)</i></p> <p>Ms. Mary Ann Cauchi  <i>Director of Funding and Strategy, Arts Council Malta (ACM)</i></p> <p>Mr. Joseph Seychell  <i>Senior Manager at Malta Communications Authority (MCA) responsible for the Web Accessibility Directive (WAD)</i></p> <p>Dr. Joseph H. Spiteri  <i>Senior Lecturer, Construction and Property Management, Faculty for the Built Environment, University of Malta, and Malta’s National Expert for AccessibleEU</i></p> <p>Mr. Noel Aquilina  <i>President of the Malta Wheelchair Basketball Association</i></p> <p>Prof. Kenneth P. Camilleri  <i>Professor at the Faculty for Engineering, University of Malta and Director of the Centre for Biomedical Cybernetics</i></p>
<p><b>13:15hrs</b> 5 mins Comperere/Audience Questions to Panel</p>	
<p><b>13:20hrs</b></p>	<p><b>“Accessible language – a how-to”</b>  Dr. Stefanie Turk  <i>Research Support Officer at Inspire Foundation</i></p>
<p><b>13:40hrs</b> 5 mins Comperere/Audience Questions</p>	
<p><b>13:45hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Building the bridge between research and Practice</b></p> <p><b>"Introducing <i>Dance For All</i> and the IDEAL Model: fostering Inclusion, Diversity, Exchange, and Accessible Learning for everyone"</b>  Ms. Sara Accettura  <i>Assistant Lecturer at the School of Performing Arts, University of Malta</i></p> <p><b>“DigiClap - A User-Centred Device for Children with Cerebral Palsy”</b>  Mr. Matthew Bonello<sup>1</sup>, Ms Sharon Borg<sup>2</sup>  <sup>1</sup><i>PhD student researcher at the Faculty for Engineering, University of Malta</i>  <sup>2</sup> <i>Occupational Therapist, ACTU</i></p>
<p><b>14:15hrs</b> 5 mins Comperere</p>	
<p><b>14:20hrs</b></p>	<p><b>“Accessibility - so what? Reflections on the day and key take home messages”</b>  Dr. Ruth Moyses  <i>Director of AT-Autism London</i></p>
<p><b>14:50hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Networking and Lunch</b></p>