

LETTER CIRCULAR

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To: All Heads of College Network and Heads of Kindergarten Centres and Primary, Middle and Secondary

Schools (State and Non-State)

From: David Muscat – CEO, National Literacy Agency

Subject: European Day of Languages 2021

The *European Day of Languages* is organised by the Council of Europe to celebrate linguistic diversity. Throughout Europe, 800 million Europeans are represented in the Council of Europe's 47 member states and all are encouraged to discover more languages throughout their lives.

This year, as part of the European Day of Languages activities, the National Literacy Agency is encouraging children and young people (ages 3 to 16) to showcase their knowledge of foreign languages.

Participants are invited to take part in a competition: *What can you do in a foreign language?* by creating a short video clip that exhibits their skills in a foreign language. Children and young people may create a video clip on their own, with their friends, siblings, teachers or parents and family members. The length of clip must range from 2 to 5 minutes. The following are a few examples of what the clips may feature, but we also encourage participants to surprise us with their own creativity.

- 1. Cook a dish and explain the recipe in a foreign language.
- 2. Talk in a foreign language about a country you have visited or would like to visit.
- 3. Record and explain your favourite activity at home in a foreign language.
- 4. Write and recite a short text, like a poem, a song, or a story in a foreign language.
- 5. Act out a sketch in a foreign language.
- 6. Read or narrate a story in a foreign language.

Entries will be evaluated for use of a foreign language and for creativity. More information and ideas can be obtained from the European Day of Languages website: https://edl.ecml.at/

Deadline for submissions is Friday 10th September 2021.

Parents/ guardians are to fill in the following consent form for their children to participate in the event. A consent form has to be filled in for each child participating in this competition. Educators are to ask parents/ guardians to fill in the consent form: https://forms.office.com/r/eitugLvkcU

The video clip can be sent by private message to the official FB page for this event: *Language Policy Malta*: https://www.facebook.com/langpolicymalta

Parents/ quardians are to write the **participant's name** in the private message.

For further information please call on 25983328 or send us an email on lara.ann.vella@ilearn.edu.mt.

Thank you for your attention.

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