

# Pathways towards a hope-filled future: the implementation of an integration programme for youth



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# Context



An overwhelming majority (consistently over 80% in recent years) of sea arrivals are under 35 years of age, making youth the largest percentage of asylum seeking migrants arriving in Malta.



In 2023 72% of our interventions at JRS Malta were to young migrants aged under 35, and over 75% of our interventions for 2024 were for the same age group.



Asylum seekers have difficulties in navigating key institutions and services which could potentially support their meaningful integration in Malta, particularly (though not only) in the field of education. Similarly, mainstream institutions at times lack the knowledge and skills required to support such a vulnerable population effectively.

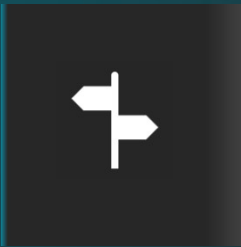
- Aim: Develop and run a targeted integration programme for adolescent and young adult asylum seekers and beneficiaries of protection aged 15-30, promoting self-development, social inclusion, and labour market integration.
- Total Budget: €444,049,79 (incl. VAT)
- Duration: 4 years
- Start date: September 2024

## Project info

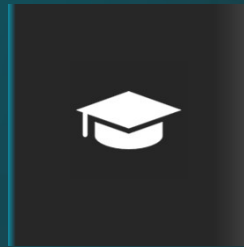
OUTPUT INDICATORS	PROJECT TARGETS
Number of participants supported	425
Of which number of participants in a language course	280
Of which number of participants in a civic orientation course	100
Of which number of participants who received personal professional guidance	255

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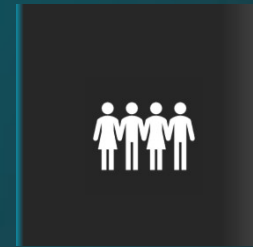
# Pillars



Information provision and individual guidance, mentoring and support to address gaps in information and integration support for this cohort of TCNs.



Non-formal education, including language, literacy, civic orientation and life-skills, for those who are unable to obtain these services from other sources.



Community-building initiatives aimed at creating spaces where refugee youth can come together to find support, make friends, and explore the different facets of life in Malta.





## Objectives & Activities

- To develop and run a **targeted youth information and advisory service focusing on education and integration-related issues** for adolescent and young adult asylum seekers and refugees operating weekly from the JRS office in Floriana.
- To set up a **coordinated basic education and integration programme**, focusing on **language acquisition, literacy, life skills and civic education**.
- To ensure that asylum seekers can achieve true independence and self-sufficiency, by developing a **specialised service providing individualised education and employment support**.



## Objectives & Activities

- To facilitate the creation of spaces where refugee youth can come together to find support, make friends within and beyond their community, and explore the different facets of life in Malta, through the development of a **programme of recreational, social, cultural and educational community-building activities**.
- To ensure that integration **services and programmes are truly relevant and accessible to refugee women and girls**, particularly those who have children.
- To **build the capacity** of JRS Malta, CSOs and state agencies working on migration, and mainstream social and youth work service providers **to provide holistic and appropriate services to refugee youth**, and **encourage networking**, through regular training workshops.





# Thank You

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