Promoting creativity in education to foster youth inclusion within the Mediterranean communities

Programme

‘CITIES AS COMMUNITY SPACES’
Third International Conference on Cultural Relations in Europe and the Mediterranean
Friday, 25th November 2016, from 9am to 11am
King’s Own Band Club, Republic Street, Valletta

Cities and regions in the Mediterranean are facing numerous challenges linked to an exacerbation of social spatial inequalities such as increasing migration and high youth unemployment. Cities can be a catalyst for social, economic and cultural development. While they represent engines of growth offering a range of opportunities to young people in terms of employment, training possibilities, entrepreneurship and mobility, urban centres can also be saturated spaces with a high level of unemployment and pockets of poverty in some areas.

The quality of education remains the number one challenge toward building inclusive Arab and Mediterranean societies that are peaceful, cohesive and stable and the priority of successful transition is inclusion and participation by young people.

This session will focus on a new vision of education that promotes a transition from “education for all” to “learning and skills training for all”. The education model established in the twentieth century is no longer applicable in the twenty-first. What is required instead is a comprehensive, holistic approach to education that focuses on the skills development of the person and is inclusive to all citizens.

Format: 2-hour interactive conversation session

Marco Pasqualini, Center for Mediterranean Integration, moderator

1. Mourad Ezzine, Manager, Center for Mediterranean Integration
2. Hatem Atallah, Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation Fostering intercultural citizenship learning
3. Maria Pisani, co-founder and director, Integra Foundation
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