

UNDERSTANDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY



Duration	30 hours
Dates	Fridays
Starting	24 th April, 2009
Time	1700 - 2000
Venue	University of Malta, Msida
Course Fee	€ 150
Registration Deadline	31 st March, 2009

Introduction

This short course will engage with issues that are at times provocative and controversial, enabling participants to develop a critical appreciation of some of the most significant challenges affecting young people in today's society and the way they are designing their lives around these realities. The sociological dimension of this course will encourage participants to think independently and critically about the social world in which we live in. It provides participants with a tool kit to enable us to reflect on how the lives and experiences of youth fit in the family, the crime scene, education and mass media. It allows us to ask searching questions about the distribution of wealth and power in societies and the way governments and social policy can actually improve the lives of young people.

Training Objectives

The main strand of this Course is to analyze youth in local contemporary society. This short course explores these issues and roles in the family, education, economy, politics and government, youth organizations, subcultures and social movements.

Target Audience

- Youth activists
- Youth and Community Workers
- Volunteer workers
- Policy makers
- General Public

Course Outline

During this 30-hour course the following themes will be discussed:

1. Understanding the lifestyle of young people
2. Developmental stages (psychological)
3. Developmental stages (social)
4. Stigma and stereotyping
5. Young people and addiction
6. Supporting young people in life transitions – 1
7. Supporting young people in life transitions – 2
8. Young people and crime
9. Principles of youth work and youth policy
10. Tutorials

Deliverables

- Able to understand the changing reality of youth
- Able to locate the way youths think and reason
- Able to conceptualise basic notions of youth development and youth organisation

Training Methodology

Lecturing via OHP and powerpoint. Use of internet, discussions, seminars, group and thematic work.

Lecturers

The tutor of the course is Dr Andrew Azzopardi. Dr Azzopardi is a Lecturer within the Department of Youth and Community Studies (Faculty of Education) at the University of Malta. His lecturing focuses on youth and community studies, sociology, critical pedagogy, disability politics, inclusive and multi-cultural education, community management, emancipatory research and narrative enquiry. Dr. Azzopardi is highly involved in the Masters in Youth and Community Studies and currently coordinates the research component of the course. Dr Marilyn Clark (Social Psychologist), Mr Albert Bell (Sociologist) and Ms Miriam Theuma (Youth Worker), members of the said Department will be contributing to this short course as well.

