

MILESTONES

Since its inception in 1992, The National Council for the Elderly has been active in a number of projects. Amongst its achievements to date are the following:

KartaAnzjan

An identity card for the Elderly was introduced in 1992. With this card the Elderly are entitled to several benefits.

Affiliated Organizations

At present there are 19 Organizations affiliated with The National Council for the Elderly.

L-Anzjan Illum

A national quarterly newsletter is published specially for the Elderly.

Fora & Seminars

From time to time a number of fora and seminars are organized with specific interest for the Elderly.

Information Service

The Council's Secretariat answers requests for information regarding the Elderly.

Foreign Affiliations

The Council is a member of AGE-platform Europe which is based in Brussels. It joined AGE in 2005.



Entertainment at St. Vincent De Paul Residence



A Pre Retirement Course



Sports Day for the Elderly



Keep Fit Classes for the Elderly



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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE ELDERLY

The objectives of The Council are:

- To promote the rights of the Elderly.
- To assist in the formulation of National Plans, Policies and Programmes and the active participation of the Elderly in society and in the community.
- To strive to continue improving the quality of life of the Elderly.
- To serve as a link between the organizations which are of service to the Elderly and the Elderly in General.
- To study and analyse the needs and aspirations of the Elderly and make every effort to see them materialized.
- To bring about national awareness of the problems of the Elderly and to create a public conscience about their rights and needs.
- To encourage and promote intergenerational solidarity.

FUNCTIONS

- The Council has a consultative function with the Minister/ Parliamentary Secretary responsible for The Elderly, in all those matters related to their full integration and active participation in Society and in the Community.
- It is its function to advise or express opinions whenever it seems fit. It also has the duty to do so whenever requested by the Government.
- The Council organizes meetings on a national level whenever the need arises. In addition we encourage active participation of the Elderly in society through our quarterly publication 'L-Anzjan Illum'.
- The Council receives from the Government facilities and funds as agreed from time to time to fulfil its objectives and activities.
- The Council is a non-profit and apolitical organization. The Council may ask for financial contributions from different sources both locally as well as foreign.

Population Ageing in Malta

In 2009 the population of the Maltese Islands was 413,609 and of these 84,696 were senior citizens above the age of 60 – amounting to 20.5% of the entire population. This percentage is expected to rise to 26.8% as population is projected to grow to 424,000 in 2025 with 113,600 persons aged 60+ (NSO Demographic Review 2007 p.17). Life expectancy in 2009 was 77.2 for men and 81.8 for women.

Awareness about population ageing on a world level was first raised in the United Nations General Assembly of 1969 by the Maltese Government resulting in adopting a resolution to give priority consideration to this issue.

Malta pursued the matter consistently and in the first World Assembly on Ageing held in Vienna in 1982, Malta had the honour to chair the main Committee of the Assembly. The Vienna Plan of Action on Ageing presented the world at large with a plan to promote the well-being of Older Persons.

Twenty years later, the Second World Assembly on Ageing was held in Madrid in April 2002 and among other things it was agreed that the challenges arising from demographic growth should release the 'unused potential' of Older Persons through 'Active Ageing' in all spheres.

The Elderly have a most valid contribution to give not only to their own family but also to their community, to their own country to the European Union and to the world at large. All this can be achieved through Solidarity between Generations.