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Diaconia Office

Diaconia Office coordinates the social and charitable entities run by the Diocese of Gozo.

Services offered:

1. Social Worker.
2. Migration Legal Clinic: The legal clinic provides free legal advice and indormation about refugee law and other immigration related matters. The work is done in collaboration with JRS.
3. Free English tuition lessons for third country nationals.

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Telephone: 2156 4235

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Office hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday: 09:00-12:00

Caritas

Caritas Gozo runs a drop-in centre in Victoria.

Caritas is and international organisation of the Catholic Church, known as *Caritas Internationalis*. Through Caritas, the Church reaches out to the most vulnerable, without any distinction of gender, race, or religion, in order to build a society founded on solidarity and justice.



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michael.borg1944@gmail.com

Office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 08.30-12:00

Dar l-Arka



The Arka Foundation (VO/0032) is a voluntary, non-governmental organization that promotes the welfare of people with special needs and their families. Arka Foundation runs Dar l-Arka, a residential and respite home for persons with disability. The Home was official opened on December 3, 2000.

Contact: Fr Michael Galea
Address: Dar l-Arka, Triq il-Maghdija, Ghajnsielem
GSM 1071 Gozo
Telephone: 2156 5773 / 7930 1734
Email: respite@go.net.mt / arka@go.net.mt
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/www.arkafoundation.org>
Website: www.arkafoundation.org

Dar Ġesù Nazzarenu

Dar Ġesù Nazzarenu is night shelter in the community for the elderly residents. As a joint project between the Diocese and the Ministry for Gozo, the Home was inaugurated on September 30, 2018.

Contact: Fr Anthony Refalo
Address: Triq Mannar, ix-Xaghra
Telephone: 2156 0813

Dar il-Ġublew tal-Ħniena



Dar il-Ġublew tal-Ħniena is a residential home that offers semi-independent living for persons with disabilities. It can house up to five persons and is run by Arka Foundation. The Home was officially inaugurated on December 3, 2016.

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Gozo

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Email: respice@go.net.mt / arka@go.net.mt
Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/www.arkafoundation.org>

Website: www.arkafoundation.org

Dar Ġużeppa Debono



Dar Ġużeppa Debono is run by the the NGO Dar Ġużeppa Deobno (VO/0674). The organisation caters for and provides help to single parents, whilst promoting the value of life as from conception and healthy relationships in our lives. Opened in 1985, Dar Ġużeppa Debono is run by volunteers. It provides residence, support, and professional help to single mothers, fathers, and their respective families in liaison with other agencies. The organisation delivers awareness campaigns in schools and the local community.

Contact: Maria Attard
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Telephone: 2155 2595 / 7904 6051
Email: info@darguzeppadebono.org
Faebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Dar-%C4%A0u%C5%BCeppa-Debono-180162242024947>
Website: www.darguzeppadebono.org

Diocesan Commission for Persons with Disabilities (KDPD)



The mission of KDPD (Kummissjoni Djoċesana Persuni b'Diżabilità) is to promote inclusion, full participation and the ministeriality of persons with disabilities and their families in the life of the Church and the Diocese of Gozo.

Contact: Fr Joseph Bajada

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Hospital Chaplaincy

Contact: Fr Joseph Cardona
Address: Gozo General Hospital, Steward Healthcare
Malta, Victoria, Gozo
Telephone: 2344 6000 / 2344 6524

Hostelling

On September 2018, the Diocese of Gozo opened two hostels in Malta for Gozitan young people studying in Malta. This was made possible with the help of the Augustinian Fathers and the Sisters of Saint Joseph, who offered the use of the buildings to the Diocese of Gozo. The two hostels together can accommodate 21 persons.

Contact: Kurja Administration
Address: Kurja tal-Isqof, Triq ir-Repubblika, Victoria
Telephone: 2155 1211
Email: reception@gozodiocese.org

Migrants Commission



**MIGRANTS
COMMISSION**

Formerly known as the Emigrants' Commission, the Gozo Office is a branch of the Migrants' Commission of the Archdiocese of Malta.

Contact: Fr Anton Schembri
Address: 12, Triq Pompej, Victoria VCT 2033
Telephone: 2155 6210
Email: info@migrants.mt
Website: <https://migrants.mt/>

Migration Legal Clinic

Providing free legal advice and information about refugee law and other immigration related matters.

To book an appointment with the lawyer:

- Call 2156 4235 (Monday, Thursday, Friday 09:00-12:00), or
- Send an email: diaconiagozo@gmail.com

Address: Kurja tal-Isqof, Triq ir-Repubblika, Victoria

Telephone: 2156 4235 (for bookings)

Email: diaconiagozo@gmail.com

Office hours: Every second Saturday of the month: 09:00-12:00

Missio Gozo



Missio Gozo is the Gozo branch of Missio Malta. Missio Malta is the Maltese islands branch of the Pontifical Mission Societies and it is the official mission aid agency of the Catholic Church, continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. Missio works with missionaries and communities to support, give life, dignity and calls all people in the world to faith, justice and love. Missio works with communities overseas to bring hope of the Gospel, spiritual and material needs to some of the most inhospitable, poor and uncertain areas in the world. Missio, through other Pontifical Mission Societies, reaches out to over 160 countries and supports projects in 1100 dioceses in five continents.

Contact: Fr Carmel Portelli

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Email: gozo@missio.org.mt

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/missiomalta>

Website: <https://missio.org.mt/>

Office hours: Monday to Friday: 08:30-12:00

Missionary Movement “Jesus in Thy Neighbour” (*Moviment Missjunarju Ġesù fil-Proxxmu*)



The Missionary Movement “Jesus in thy neighbour” is a (NGO VO/0140) that was founded in Gozo, Malta by Monsignor George Grima.

It was approved by the Bishop of Gozo, Monsignor Nikol Cauchi, on 30th October 1992. The aim of the movement is to give a better life to so many children living on the streets of Brazil, Ethiopia and Kenya. All children supported by the Missionary Movement are under the age of 12 years. Currently, the Missionary Movement has: 33 homes in Brazil, 133 homes in Ethiopia and 34 homes in Kenya.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gesufilproxxmu>
Website: <http://www.gesufilproxxmu.com>

Order of Malta – Volunteers in Gozo



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VOLUNTEERS IN GOZO

The Order of Malta Volunteers in Gozo is the relief aid organization of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta which focuses its activities on Gozo. Based on the charisma of the Order of Malta, the Volunteers in Gozo provide spiritual, medical and social care.

The Volunteers in Gozo provide a special ambulance transport service for wheelchair users. The service also provides transport for patients in Church homes and public health facilities. Relief aid and assistance to missions in developing countries, including Kenya, Ghana, Pakistan, Guatemala, Peru and Cuba, is also one of the major aims. More over the Order of Malta Volunteers in Gozo provides clothes and blankets

to the asylum seekers in Malta and Gozo. Every month a group of volunteers visits the elderly in one of the nursing homes in Gozo. Apart from this, food and supplies are distributed to people in need. This activity also involves collaborating with social workers.

Contact: Chris Galea
Telephone: 7955 2211
Email: omvg.masmom@gmail.com
Website: www.orderofmalta-malta.org.mt

Saint Dominic's Home for the Elderly

The Home is run by the Dominic Sisters.

Address: Triq Enrico Mizzi, Victoria, Gozo VCT 2044
Telephone: 2155 7520
Email: stdomnichome@gmail.com

Secretariate for Catholic Education: Social Work Services



Address: Good Shepherd Pastoral Centre,
Triq Pawlu Boffa, Victoria
Telephone: 2156 5725
Mobile: 7971 0342
Office Hours: Winter time: Monday – Friday: 08:00- 17:00
Summer time: Monday – Friday: 08:00-13:30

Ta' Pinu Counselling Centre

The centre offers a wide range of psychological services, particularly individual therapy, family therapy and parenting skills.



Contact: Fr Joseph Farrugia SThL, PsyD
Address: Sultana tal-Familja, Triq Ta' Pinu, l-Gharb
GRB 1074

Telephone: 2155 3492
Email: tapinucounselling@gmail.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tapinucounselling>
Office hours: Monday to Friday: 9am to noon and 3pm to 7pm.
Saturday: 9am to noon.

Villa San Lawrenz Elderly Residential Home

The Home is run by the Diocese of Gozo.

Contact: Paul Buttigieg
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San Lawrenz, Gozo SLZ 1240
Telephone: 2156 4645
Mobile: 9942 2473
Email: vsanlawrenz@gmail.com

Social NGOs in Gozo

Ability for Disability Association (A.F.D.A)

The aim of the Association is to help individuals with disability and their families, to seek information and resources, to help integration within the Gozitan/Maltese society. In the future the Association is aiming to establish Community Living for Individuals with disabilities.

Contact: John Camilleri (president)
Address: c/o 22, Triq Fortunato Mizzi, Victoria, Gozo.
Telephone: 2156 9053
Mobile: 7966 9999
Emails: bazaar@go.net.mt, afda1@go.net.mt

Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A. Gozo)

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem.

A.A.'s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in their nature, which, if practiced as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole.

Contact: Vivian
Mobile: 9947 6707
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AlcoholicsAnonymousMalta>
Website: www.aamalta.org.mt

Emergency Response and Rescue Corps (ERCC)

ERRC is a voluntary, charitable and not for profit organization based in Gozo, Malta. It was created with the aim of preventing and alleviating

human suffering, improving the situation of the most vulnerable people with absolute impartiality and without any discrimination as to gender, nationality, religion, race, class, religious or political beliefs. Its purpose is to protect and preserve human life and to ensure respect for the human being. It provides assistance to government established departments (as per statute) in providing specialised training to personnel and required assistance in emergency situations. Furthermore, ERRC offers water rescue service at popular beaches around Gozo and Comino during the summer months, ambulance services and first aid posts during public events. ERRC is a volunteer-led humanitarian organisation that helps people in crisis, whoever and wherever they are.

Address: Emergency Response and Rescue Corps,
Sannat Road, Xewkija, Gozo

Telephone: 2707 2652

Email: admin@errcmalta.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/errcmalta>

Website: www.errcmalta.com

Friends of the Sick and the Elderly in Gozo (FSEG)

FSEG was inaugurated in 1988 through the amalgamation of “The Friends of the Elderly, Craig Hospital” and “The Friends of Chambray”. These voluntary groups visited and helped the patients of the geriatric wards of Craig Hospital in Victoria and those of the Psychiatric hospital in Fort Chambray.

The organisations’ main objectives are to relieve and assist patients, and to help improve and increase the hospital or home facilities available for the safety, welfare, comfort and convenience of the patients.

Amongst others, the organisation complements the service provided by the Department of Health for the health, safety, welfare, comfort and convenience of the patients in the hospital or in their homes by the provision of facilities, equipment and supplies which may be required for the treatment of such patients, or, for the efficient running of the hospital; provides or assists in the provision of amenities in the Gozo General Hospital for patients and staff for the purpose of promoting good morale and working conditions; relieves distressed, lonely or needy patients by visiting, offering moral support, physical help and, if necessary and possible, financial assistance.

Contact: Paul Zammit (President)
Equipment Service: Chris Galea, Tereza Lucas
Address: FSEG Office, c/o Dar il-Fjuri, Ground Floor,
Triq it-23 ta' April, Victoria
Telephone: 2753 2276
Email: admin@fsegozo.org
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsSickElderlyGozo>
Website: www.fsegozo.org

Gozo Aid for the Visually Impaired (GAVI)

GAVI aims for the full integration in society for persons who are visually impaired. This is achieved primarily through education and employment, which further benefits visually impaired persons achieve a greater independence in life.

Contact: Mary Rose Attard
Address: c/o Madonnina Cottage, Triq Ġużè Ellul
Mercer, Victoria, Gozo VCT 2136
Telephone: 2155 0002
Mobile: 7955 0002
Email: gavi@europe.com

Gozo Association for the Deaf (GAD)

The Gozo Association for the Deaf (G.A.D.) supports hearing impaired persons to face the challenges they encounter to enable them to live independently. It also supports their families and collaborates with agencies in the health, educational and social sectors ensuring all the necessary provisions are made available to all hearing impaired persons in order to achieve their full potential.

Services offered: hearing tests, testing of hearing aids and other devices used by hearing impaired persons, counselling, loan of books, journals, teaching resources and hearing devices, sale of hearing aid batteries and accessories at special prices, seminars/ public lectures, exhibitions, participation in EU Projects, co-working with national and international professionals and organizations.

Address: Gozo Association for the Deaf, Triq Santa Dminka, Victoria, Gozo VCT 9037
Telephone: 2156 0313
Mobile: 7999 8225
Email: info@gozodeaf.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Gozo-Association-for-the-Deaf-437775606316233>
Website: www.gozodeaf.com

Hospice Malta

Hospice Malta's primary role was to provide and promote palliative care for persons suffering from end-of-life cancer and motor neuron disease. Throughout the years, as the awareness and the need for palliative care increased, Hospice Malta included other conditions within its mission statement so that presently, community-based services are also offered to patients suffering from end-of-life cardiac, respiratory, renal and liver diseases. The possibility of including other end-of-life diseases is also being constantly reviewed.

Hospice Malta offers its services through a professional multidisciplinary team along with the assistance of a number of volunteers. The patient-centred palliative care offered, targets the relief of pain and other physical symptoms, as well as emotional, psycho-social, and spiritual issues. Bereavement support is also an integral part of the services provided. Additionally, education, advice and promotion of palliative care remain at the core of Hospice Malta's services. Hospice's education unit provides educational sessions at both undergraduate and post graduate levels in addition to providing in-service training to staff and volunteers to ensure that they have the necessary knowledge and skills.

Address: 39, Good Shepherd Avenue, Balzan, Malta
BZN1623
Telephone: 2144 0085
Email: info@hospicemalta.org
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hospicemalta.org>
Website: <https://hospicemalta.org/contact/>

Inspire Gozo

The Inspire Foundation is the result of a merger between Eden Foundation and Razzett Tal-Ħbiberija – two leading charities that worked in the field of disability.

The Gozitan community also benefits from Inspire’s expertise in the field of disability through the services provided at its location in Għajnsielem.

Inspire believes that everyone has a right to equality and inclusion. Inspire’s mission is to try to help everyone with a disability achieve this. This is done by providing individuals and their families with educational, therapeutic and leisure services. Inspire Malta also advocates for inclusion, educates the general public, raises awareness among peers, and holds the best knowledge base on disability on the island.

Address: Triq Ramon Perellos, Għajnsielem, Gozo GSM 1011

Telephone: 2156 4149

Website: <https://inspire.org.mt/facilities/gozo-facilities/>

Kenn u Tama Foundation

The Foundation runs Dar Emmaus, officially opened in 2014. In collaboration with FSWS, the organization provides shelter, rehabilitation and support to victims of domestic violence and homeless persons.

Contact: Fr. Michael Xuereb

Address: Dar Emmaus, Tal-Grazzja Court, Triq il-Belliegħa, Victoria, Gozo

Telephone: 2155 2390

Mobile: 9986 6673

Email: kennutama075@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DarEmmaus>

Mental Health Association Gozo

The Mental Health Association Gozo (MHAG) caters for individuals with mental health conditions, their relatives and friends. MHAG promotes social inclusion, organizes awareness campaigns, and publishes biannually booklets that are distributed to all Gozo households and each year to mark the mental health month the association organizes a conference for professionals and the general public. It also promotes against social stigma.

Address: c/o NGO's Centre, Triq il-Madonna tar-Rummiena, Xewkija, Gozo
Telephone: 2156 5492
Mobile: 7953 8151
Email: mhagozo2@gmail.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mental-Health-Association-Gozo-510290789056696>

Mothers' Union in the Church of England Diocese of Europe

Mothers' Union is an International Christian Charity. Members meet monthly and seek to support families and family life in a variety of ways. The Mothers' Union supports a number of projects to fulfill their mission. Currently they are involved with the Oasi Foundation in Gozo.

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Telephone: 21569293
Mobile: 79569293
Email: mclaren.carole@gmail.com

OASI Foundation

Since 1991, the OASI Foundation has worked tirelessly to assist persons dealing with issues such as addiction, while also promoting a healthy lifestyle through educational, cultural and sports events for the community.

The OASI Foundation accompanies people in their personal development, starting with strengthening their self-awareness and self-esteem in a life-long maturing process and treating persons with the disease of addiction with dignity as whole persons; body, mind and spirit, supporting them on their path of recovery towards a serene personal and family life.

Address: 5, Triq Wied Sara, Victoria , Gozo VCT 2963

Telephone: 2156 3333

Email: info@oasi.org.mt

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/oasifoundation>

Website: www.oasi.org.mt

State Services in Gozo

Aġenzija Sapport

Learning Hub for People with Disabilities

This is Aġenzija Sapport's only day centre for persons with disability in Gozo. The centre is split into several units all found on ground floor level. Each unit is accessible from ground floor level. Main entrance, including all units, are also wheelchair accessible. Upon entering the building, guests are required to show identification and each guest is registered. This centre also offers wheelchair accessible bathrooms.

Address: Learning Hub, Triq l-Imġarr, Għajnsielem
GSM9016

Telephone: 2156 9909

Email: sapportgozo@gov.mt

Website: www.sapport.gov.mt

Office hours: Monday to Friday: 08:00–16:00 (Winter: 1st
October – 15th June)

Monday to Friday: 08:00–13:00 (Summer: 16th June – 30th
September)

Dar il-Fjuri

Dar il-Fjuri is a residential home for persons with disabilities. It was inaugurated in 2017 and is managed by Aġenzija Sapport.

Address: Triq it-Tlieta u Għoxrin ta' April, Victoria

Telephone: 2156 9909

Email: sapportgozo@gov.mt

Website: www.sapport.gov.mt

Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD) – Gozo Office

The Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD) is committed to rendering Maltese society an inclusive one, in a way that

persons with disability reach their full potential in all aspects of life, enjoying a high quality of life thanks to equal opportunities.

In fulfilling this mission, CRPD works in order to eliminate any form of direct or indirect social discrimination against persons with disability and their families, while providing them with the necessary assistance and support.

Address: CRPD Helpdesk, Sannat Primary School, Triq ta' Sannat, Sannat

Telephone: 2155 6002

Email: maryrose.attard@crpd.org.mt

Website: <https://www.crpd.org.mt/contact/>

Office hours: Monday: 08:15-12:00 & 13:30-17:00

Tuesday to Friday: 08:15-12:00

Foundation for Social Work Services (FSWS Gozo Branch Operations)

FSWS Gozo Head Office (*Administration and Generic Social Services*)

Address: Triq il-Hamrija, Xewkija

Telephone: 22588990/3

Victoria Community Family Centre (*Community Services and Generic Social Services*)

Address: Triq il-Belliegħa, Victoria

Telephone: 23345020

Marsalforn Community Family Centre (*Community Services and Generic Social Services*)

Address: Triq ta' Barda, Marsalforn

Telephone: 21563926

Education, Science and Culture Centre (*Sedqa Preventive Programs for students and employers*)

Address: Triq Petri, Lunzjata, l/o Victoria
Telephone: 21553503

Gozo College: Social Work Unit

Address: Education Office, Triq l-Ewropa, Victoria
Telephone: 2598 8420 / 2598 8425

Gozo General Hospital

Telephone: 2344 6000

Gozo Ministry

Care for the Elderly and Persons with special needs

Address: Ministry for Gozo, St. Francis Square,
Victoria

Telephone: 2215 6621

Email: elderly.mgoz@gov.mt

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday: 07.00-14.00
Saturday: 07.00-12.00

Info:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Pages/Services%20Gozo/CarefortheElderly.aspx>

Child and Family Welfare (Social Work Unit)

The Social Work Unit within the Ministry for Gozo provides generic social work services. This entails offering professional help and assistance to different client groups coming from different walks of life and with different backgrounds, who form part of our community.

Address: Room 8, Ex Inland Revenue Department,
Triq Enrico Mizzi, Victoria
Telephone: 2215 6630
Email: childfamilywelfare@gov.mt
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday: 08.00-13.30
Saturday: 08.00-11.30

Info:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Pages/Services%20Gozo/ChildandFamilyWelfare.aspx>

Santa Marta Day Centre

The aim of Santa Marta Day Centre is to provide people with physical, mental and/or learning disabilities with a safe, friendly and relaxing environment, which is conducive to their personal and social development.

The main objective of Santa Marta Day Centre is to increase the service users' potential and enhance the individual's quality of life through activity and learning.

Address: Triq tal-Far, Victoria VCT2572
Telephone: 2215 6832 / 2215 6833
Email: santamarta.mgoz@gov.mt
Info:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Pages/Services%20Gozo/SantaMartaDayCentre.aspx>

Social Housing

Address: 25, Triq Enrico Mizzi, Victoria VCT 1335
Telephone: 2299 1470
Email: housinggozo@gov.mt
Opening hours: 1st October – 15th June
Monday - Friday: 07:30-12:00
Assistance by telephone only: 07:30-15:00
16th June – 30th September
Monday - Friday (excl. Wed.): 07:30-11:30
Assistance by telephone only: 07:30-12:00

Info:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Pages/Services%20Gozo/SocialHousing.aspx>

The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation (Gozo)

The aim of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation is in improving the quality of life and care of individuals and society in general, without any form of discrimination on the basis of social class, gender identity, age, ability, health, status or religion.

This shall be achieved by ensuring the effective and transparent application or disbursement of funds raised through fund-raising activities, donations, contributions, bequests, endowments and legacies.

Mobile: 7936 3927

Website: <https://www.mccff.org.mt/en/>

