

Malta Writing Programme

An associated international site of the National Writing Project

How do a group of innovative and dynamic writing teachers in a tiny island state avoid the risk of stagnation and complacency? How can they be sure that the quality of their teaching and learning processes remain top-notch? By realizing that they are not alone, but part of a greater, vibrant, community of writing teachers that spans continents but is as close to home as your next-door neighbour.

This is what official recognition as the first International Affiliate Site of the National Writing Project on the 20th of April meant to the Malta Writing Programme. This occasion was about happiness and pride – we are the first such site in Europe and joint first in the world with Hong Kong. It was about coming together – it cemented ties that have been building since the first Invitational Institute in the summer of 2001. It was about sharing – as partners with the almost 200 NWP sites in the U.S.; we look forward to sharing best practice, good ideas, concerns and research findings.

Most importantly, it was another step in the purposeful journey being undertaken by educational provision in Malta to ensure that no child is left behind, that every child succeeds.

We would like to thank especially her Excellency Ms Molly Bordonaro, Ambassador of the United States of America, and the Hon. Dr. Louis Galea, Minister for Education, Youth and Employment for honouring us with their contribution in this event. We now look forward to being of greater service to school communities in Malta.

More details and photos will be seen in the special edition of the E-link

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