



## **Workshop Number 4**

**Reno Saliba**

**Friday and Saturday**

**Language: Maltese**

### *Home: A source of learning*

#### **Workshop Description**

The theme of this workshop deals with the importance of the parents' participation in their children's education, and how the entire family may fully participate in educational matters, by exploiting abundant resources found at home. The family and its abode are to be considered as a learning source and an extension of other educational entities; with the difference that the family environment provide more stability, care and comfort. It is the place where children can be induced to exploit the material found there, for educational purposes, in order to grasp functional linguistic skills, thus linking learning delivered at school with what they encounter in everyday life. Home is full of educational resources, which if rightly exploited provide all the basic learning skills, so much needed for the holistic development of each and every person.

#### **Bio-Note**

Reno Saliba B.A. (Gen), PGCE., M.A. A teacher of Maltese in an Area Secondary School, where he teaches students with mixed abilities. He also runs a Literacy Programme within the same school; for which he prepares and organizes Writing Workshops for students, based on the Writing Process. Here reluctant students are trained in basic reading and writing skills, motivated by creative activities, which are held both indoors and outside school premises. Reno also prepares and coordinates workshops for parents, to help them orientate themselves with learning activities their children experience at school. Parents are given as well, the skills required to enhance their children learning at home. He also delivered workshops for both his school colleagues and other teachers who attended F.E.S. courses. Reno could achieve all this after attending courses for Programme Animators and other courses in the Writing Process Methodology under the auspices of the Foundation for Educational Services, a process he regularly uses as the framework for his teaching methodology.