



## **Youth4Entrepreneurship Gozo – 2023**

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Dear all welcome! It is with pleasure that I am introducing this Youth4Entrepreneurship Gozo event today. First of all, I would like to thank our partners, Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ, Bank of Valletta, the Gozo Regional Development Authority, and the Ministry for the Economy, European Funds, and Lands, for their support.

As Vice President of the Gozo Business Chamber, it is truly an honor to welcome each and every one of you today to celebrate not just the potential of our youth but also the vibrant spirit of entrepreneurship that is the lifeblood of our community.

Today, we come together not merely as spectators, but as active participants in the shaping of Gozo's socio economic landscape. Our island is blessed with a rich heritage, a unique culture, and a resilient community, but it is the dynamism of our youth that propels us into the future. As we now face unprecedented challenges and opportunities, it becomes imperative that we harness the creative energies of our young minds.

Entrepreneurship is not just about starting a business; it's about a mindset, a way of thinking that embraces innovation, risk-taking, and resilience. It's about turning challenges into opportunities and transforming dreams into reality. Today's event is a testament to our commitment to nurturing this entrepreneurial spirit among our youth, providing them with the tools, knowledge, and networks necessary to flourish in an ever-evolving economy.

As we embark on this exciting evening, let us all commit ourselves to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in Gozo. Together, we can empower our youth to shape their destinies, and contribute actively to our community.

Today's event would not have been possible without the support of our partners, and the participation of the youth that will be presenting their ideas today. These kind of partnerships show that we all have a common goal, which is that of fostering youth entrepreneurship. This is not enough. We need to do more, and that can only be possible with the involvement of each and everyone who is present here today, but also those youth who have the potential but are not aware that such opportunities are available. I urge other institutions to participate in this journey in the future.

Thank you for being a part of the Youth for Entrepreneurship Gozo event. May this evening inspire, educate, and ignite the entrepreneurial spark within each one of you!

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