

**INIZJAMED** is a non-governmental organisation founded in 1998 in Malta that is committed towards the regeneration of culture, education and artistic expression in the Maltese Islands and actively promotes a greater awareness of European and Mediterranean social issues. Inizjamed is a secular, non-partisan organisation that acknowledges that every generation must seek to create its own language and both respond to realities of its day and look beyond them.

Ever since it was set up by a group of young men and women involved in different fields, Inizjamed has established strong partnerships with organisations and individuals both in Malta and in other countries. Inizjamed is a founding member of the association that runs the *Bienial for Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean* and an affiliate member of the *Forum of Justice and Cooperation*, also based in Malta.

The internal structure of Inizjamed is not a hierarchy with an executive committee and a pool of dormant members but rather a central coordinating team of five Project Coordinators who may or may not be members of the organisation. The project coordinators bring with them competences, experiences and contacts that enrich both the participants and the organisation itself.

Inizjamed also has a team of Maltese and foreign advisors who are experts in fields as diverse as sociology, political science, the visual arts, cultural studies, the environment, development co-operation, fair trade, and design, and a Supervisory Board whose task it is to see that the organisation's structure and projects reflect its cultural manifesto and guiding principles.

Inizjamed actively promotes the participation of women in Maltese cultural initiatives. Many of the project coordinators are women, and a number of young women have emerged as cultural operators and writers.

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# CONECTANDO MUNDOS MALTA

The logo for Inizjamed, featuring the word "inizjamed" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font, with a stylized blue and white graphic element resembling a wave or a bridge above the letters.

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## Focus for 2007/08: Climate Change

### CONECTANDO MUNDOS

The main objective of '**Conectando Mundos**' (Spanish for 'Connecting Worlds') is the promotion of Development Education within educational institutes in Malta so as to make its main themes and methodologies more fully integrated into the education of students of all ages.

The organising team is made of four non-governmental organisations (NGO's) from four European and Mediterranean countries, namely *Cidac* from Portugal, *Intermón Oxfam* from Spain, *Ucodep* from Italy and *Inizjamed* from Malta, and is part-supported by the EuropeAid programme of the EU.

The principle beneficiaries of this project are students, teachers and other educators, and also other important players in the public sphere (such as members of the political and media communities). Activities proposed can be grouped into four inter-related areas.

We aim to:

1. revise the theoretical approach to Development Education in the light of the developing methodologies of Citizenship Education;
2. gain an institutional recognition of the importance and value of Development Education;
3. encourage and facilitate the access of teachers and academics to existing tools and potential opportunities to research and update their ways of exploring Development Education;
4. forge common trails among schools across the Global North and South by encouraging long-term and mutual collaborations between educational institutes, NGOs and other members of civil society in Europe and developing regions.

Therefore, students and teachers alike will have the opportunity to move closer to a wider reality and its global imbalances and injustices and, importantly, acquire more skills to address local issues in a regional and international framework.



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### ***Climate Change is the biggest challenge facing mankind today.***

Climate Change is already a reality. Can it be curbed? The answer is as simple as it is challenging. To begin with we must come to terms with today's largely uncontrolled emissions of greenhouse gases.

We have been experiencing significantly warmer weather for the past decade. If this trend continues unabated, by 2050 we could see the tropical forests of eastern Amazonia replaced by savannah, while Europe would lose many mountain species. The melting of glaciers such as those of the Himalayas will increase flooding, followed by water shortages affecting over a billion people in Asia. At the same time, shrinking agricultural land and shortened growing seasons could halve the yield of rain-fed crops in parts of Africa. Rising ocean temperatures would further damage coral reefs and affect fish populations besides bringing about droughts in regions close to the oceans.

### ***Empty Words Just Add Carbon Dioxide.***

Combating climate change means taking decisions now that will shape the future. Ask yourself: What causes climate change globally and in your area? What can we do about it? How can we promote sustainable lifestyles?

This year's activities of our project will help its participants identify their contribution to combating climate change.