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To the attention of: Parents and Carers

Subject: The Malta Extended Core Curriculum for Children with a Visual Impairment Project Awareness Courses

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The Malta Extended Core Curriculum for Children with a Visual Impairment Project Awareness Courses

Advice Carers is organizing two awareness courses, one for Educators and another for Parents and Carers, with the aim of generating awareness about the factors which are important in the holistic education of children and students with a visual impairment. In many countries, this is called The Extended Core Curriculum (ECC).

Everyone is aware that holistic education implies more than simply what happens in the classroom. Other factors include psychological, sociological and emotional aspects besides simple training in helping our kids to lead more independent fulfilled lives.

Our Erasmus project involved NGOs and experts from Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Italy, Turkey and Malta. The aim was to identify those areas of a student's life experience with special reference to education. Through a process of local research, we have identified some of the more important areas and developed a curriculum with ten modules, including learning outcomes.

All Parents and Carers are invited to attend the Malta ECC for Children with a Visual Impairment Awareness Course of five, three hour sessions, delivered by professionals in the field, both local and foreign. These will be held on Saturday mornings, at the Phoenicia Hotel, Floriana. A programme with dates and times is attached. Parking is available and refreshments will be provided.

We feel that all Carers who are really interested in the welfare of our children with a visual impairment should attend. A certificate of participation will be given. For logistic reasons, we will be grateful if you can inform us of your attendance by sending us an email on advicecarers@gmail.com or a message through our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ADVICEcarers/>

Thank you.

Advice Carers

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