

LETTER CIRCULAR - Institute for Education

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To the attention of: Heads (College Network), Heads of Schools, Assistant Heads, Assistant Directors, Education Officers, Heads of Department, Teachers and Sections

Subject: Educators in Conversation: An Evening with Resident Lecturers at IfE

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/wiG6ySyhi9>

Deadline: Noon (CET) 9th October 2023

Fee: Free

The Institute for Education, is pleased to announce its forthcoming academic conference titled "Educators in Conversation: An Evening with Resident Lecturers at IfE." This event is scheduled to take place on the 16th of October, commencing at 3:45 pm at the Institute for Education Campus.

The Educators in Conversation conference aims to provide a platform for educators and researchers to come together and delve into current issues within the field of education. The conference will feature presentations by the academic members of staff at the Institute for Education. These presentations will showcase the research being carried out by our resident lecturers, each specialising in diverse areas within education. The event will serve as a prime opportunity for attendees to gain valuable insights into the research conducted by our academics, all of which is deeply pertinent to the challenges faced by educators in their daily work within schools. The selected papers cover a wide spectrum of educational topics, ranging from pedagogical techniques and curriculum development, to addressing the political dimension of schooling. The conference structure has been designed to allow ample time for attendees to engage in interactive discussions following each presentation. This interactive component is crucial to fostering a collaborative environment where educators can not only learn from the research presented, but also actively participate in meaningful dialogues that can further inform their teaching practices. The event aims to facilitate an exchange of ideas and experiences that bridge the gap between academic research and practical implementation in educational settings.

For those interested in attending this conference, we invite you to access more information, including the full program and abstracts of the scholarly papers to be presented. These details can be accessed via the following hyperlink: <https://ife.gov.mt/educators-in-conversation/>

Joanne Grima
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Full Program:

3:00 pm	Registration
3:45 pm	Introduction – Ms Joanne Grima
4:00 pm	<p>Session 1:</p> <p>Chair: Dr Loredana Muscat</p> <p>Lost for Words? : Maltese Teachers’ Views on Cross-linguistic Practices and Flexible Language Pedagogies in Bilingual and Multilingual Primary Classrooms - <i>Dr Michelle Panzavecchia</i></p> <p>What Do Educators Mean When They Ask Students to Be “Critical”? : Rummaging through Foucault’s toolbox - <i>Mr Oswald Tanti Rigos</i></p> <p>What makes a Good Teacher? The Students' Verdict - <i>Dr Angela Pulis</i></p>
5:30 pm	Tea break
6:00 pm	<p>Session 2:</p> <p>Chair: Dr Michelle Panzavecchia</p> <p>Learning in a Circle - Apparent Simplicity - <i>Dr Amanda Bezzina</i></p> <p>Down Syndrome and Literacy: Pathways to Quality Inclusive Education - <i>Dr Loredana Muscat</i></p> <p>Freedom with Guidance in Childhood Practice - <i>Ms Sue Azzopardi</i></p>
7:30 pm	Tea break
8:00 pm	<p>Session 3:</p> <p>Chair: Dr Angela Pulis</p> <p>Sixty years on: Borrowing the need to march on a nation. Do we have a dream? - <i>Mr Mario Mallia</i></p> <p>Nurturing Narrative Pedagogies for Agency, Empathy, Compassion, Authenticity and Meaning-making - <i>Dr Edward Wright</i></p>