

Evolving Paradigms in Further Education (16+)

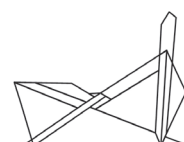
Programme

Date	Wednesday 10 September 2025
17:30-18:00	Registration - JC Foyer
18:00-18:30	Welcome by <i>Mr Roderick Vassallo</i> , Chairperson AIMC Official Opening Speech: <i>Prof. Ing. Simon Fabri</i> , UM Pro-Rector Research & Knowledge Transfer Venue: Plenary Hall A301
18:30-19:30	Keynote speaker: <i>Professor Kitrina Douglas</i> , Professor of Narrative and Performative Research, University of West London Title: Democratising pedagogy through autoethnography, collaboration and arts-based methodologies Chairperson: <i>Dr Nadia Portelli</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301
19:30-20:25	Panel Discussion: The Responsibility of Education in Dynamic Social Contexts Moderator: <i>Dr Angele Deguara</i> Panelists: <i>Prof. Andrew Azzopardi, Dr Louise Chircop, Dr Ian Mifsud, Ms Rhoda Garland</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301
20:30-22:00	Networking Reception - Green Lounge A201

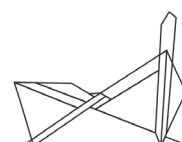
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Date Thursday 11 September 2025			
08:30-09:00	Registration - Block A Floor 3		
09:00-10:00	Keynote speaker: <i>Dr Chelsea Whittaker</i> , Assistant Professor in Further Education, Training and Inclusion, Trinity College Dublin Title: Inclusion that ignores language is incomplete Chairperson: <i>Dr Stephanie Xerri Agius</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301		
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break - Green Lounge A201		
10:30-11:25	Panel Discussion: Future of Assessments - Going Beyond Exams Moderator: <i>Ms Karen Buttigieg</i> Panelists: <i>Prof. Michael Buhagiar, Ms Desiree Scicluna Bugeja, Ms Amanda Cassar, Ms Joanne Grima</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301		
11:30-12:25	Panel Discussion: Creativity & Innovation - Unleashing Potential in Education Moderator: <i>Ms Maria Giuliana Fenech</i> Panelists: <i>Prof. Alexiei Dingli, Dr Clara Chetcuti, Prof. Kitrina Douglas, Prof. Margaret Mangion</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301		
12:30-13:30	Lunch - Green Lounge A201		
	Parallel Session 1	Parallel Session 2	Parallel Session 3
Venue	Meeting Room A302	Conference Room A303	Meeting Room A304
Chairperson	Dr Olivia Galea Seychell	Mr Renato Camilleri	Dr Godwin Degabriele
13:30-14:00	<i>Angele Deguara</i> Building inclusive school cultures: strategies for equity and belonging	<i>Carmel Serracino, Andrew Debono Cauchi</i> Classics through Digital Leisure-Learning - Project CITADEL	<i>Maria Jourdan</i> Overcoming financial barriers to sustainable investment in hospitality
14:00-14:30	<i>Loredana Muscat</i> Inclusive on paper, elusive in practice? Evaluating literacy in disability	<i>Luca Nguyen</i> AI study companion blueprint for post-secondary academic skill building	<i>Romina Galea</i> Enhancing Advanced level Pure Mathematics education at the Junior College
14:30-15:00	<i>Christine Fenech</i> Mapping migration and achievement: sectoral differences in Maltese schools	<i>Karl Camilleri</i> The challenges of COVID-19 and AI in the student assessment process	<i>Christina Zarb</i> A comparative analysis of Advanced level Mathematics assessment
15:00-15:30	<i>Claire Abela, Isabelle Zammit</i> Subjective wellbeing among Maltese students in Further Education	<i>Eleonora Bolsi</i> From e-learning to the cognitive paradox: how AI can reduce mental effort	<i>Michelle Ellul</i> Biology essay performance: trends in MATSEC results, 2014-2024
15:30-16:00	<i>Ken'ichiro Higuchi</i> Towards the overlooked: rethinking multicultural education in the East Asian context	<i>Diane Oswald</i> Exploring Generative AI in post-secondary Marketing education	



Date	Friday 12 September 2025		
08:30-09:00	Registration - Block A Floor 3		
09:00-10:00	Spotlight Expert: <i>Dr Ian Mifsud</i> , Director General, Secretariat for Catholic Education Interviewer: <i>Mr Roderick Vassallo</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301		
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break - Green Lounge A201		
10:30-11:25	Panel Discussion: Enterprise & Financial Intelligence - Empowering Students for Economic Success Moderator: <i>Ms Diane Oswald</i> Panelists: <i>Dr Emanuel Mizzi, Ms Fabienne Ruggier, Dr Marthese Portelli, Dr Marika Enriquez</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301		
11:30-12:25	Panel Discussion: Diversity Management in Educational Institutions - Navigating Social, Cultural, and Ethical Challenges Moderator: <i>Ms Edel Cassar</i> Panelists: <i>Dr Chelsea Whittaker, Dr François Mifsud, Ms Elysia Marie Barbara, Dr Heathcliff Schembri</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301		
12:30-13:30	Lunch - Green Lounge A201		
	Parallel Session 4	Parallel Session 5	Parallel Session 6
Venue	Meeting Room A302	Conference Room A303	Meeting Room A304
Chairperson	Dr Patricia Vella Briffa	Dr Noel Vella	Mr Jason Galea
13:30-14:00	<i>John Paul Vella</i> Teaching English in Maltese secondary schools: challenges and growth	<i>George Cremona</i> Preparing Media Literacy educators the UNESCO way	<i>Josephine Ebejer Grech</i> Wellbeing and academic resilience in post-secondary students
14:00-14:30	<i>Mario Fenech Caruana</i> Learning from learners: insights of Maltese post-16 students on sustainability	<i>Deborah Muscat, George Cremona</i> Children’s news in Further Education: multimodal pedagogical insights	<i>Sofia Alessandri</i> Fostering student wellbeing through art: a case study in Turin
14:30-15:00	<i>Tomokazu Oba</i> Building the future workforce: rethinking vocational high schools in Japan	<i>Musawar Ahmad</i> Project-Based Learning approach in Web Design education	<i>Amanda Bezzina</i> Learning Spaces for wellbeing, flourishing, innovation, and creativity
15:00-15:30	<i>Marjan Khedri</i> Leveraging language for innovation in multi-disciplinary collaboration	<i>Khalifah Al-Balawi</i> Reimagining leadership in the light of Artificial Intelligence	<i>Roberta Borg Parnis</i> Wellbeing in Further Education: reflections through art
15:30-16:00	<i>Luisa Caparros Flores</i> Integrating Project-Based Learning (PBL) into the language classroom: a hands-on experience		<i>Mark Mifsud</i> Shaping youth perceptions through climate change education