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ONLINE

# LIVE VIRTUAL FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

## OFFICIAL VIRTUAL FESTIVAL OPENING!

Grand festival opening!

18:00 20 min

### SESSION 1

#### "Hack" the System

Lots of our electronic devices rely on facial recognition, but how easy is it to "hack" the system? Could a sneaky doppelganger get into your phone, empty your account or take on your identity? Join the chats by TrustStamp Malta and Uni of Malta experts.

18:20 60 min

### SESSION 2

#### The Shark Detectives

Our favourite Shark detectives are back. Sharklab share their passion for these beautiful, if somewhat mysterious creatures. Learn about the sharks that circle our islands and keep our seas healthy.

19:20 30 min

### SESSION 3

#### Għajn: A puppet show

Can this unlikely cast of characters help us to protect planet Earth? Tune in to this puppet show supported by the Energy and Water Agency to explore how we can take better care of the planet's resources.

19:55 30 min

### SESSION 4

#### Now that's what I call a lot of songs about science

Expect the unexpected – and expect it to rhyme. Experience this high-energy live music performance by award-winning British comedy-science-singer-songwriter John Hinton inspired by Maltese NGO Nature Trust.

20:30 45 min

**BREAK** 21:15 15 min

### SESSION 5

#### SciAntific

Award winning presenter and scientist Dr Anthony Galea will be dazzling his audience with this science show.

21:30 15 min

### SESSION 6

#### Vuċijiet Beltin

Who do festivals benefit? Vuċijiet Beltin sees our festival give back to the Valletta community. This project is by the University of Malta in collaboration with More or Less Theatre, supported by Valletta Design Cluster and Valletta Cultural Agency.

21:50 20 min

### SESSION 7

#### The Time Traveller's Dilemma

If you could travel through time where would you go, who would you meet? Join this deep virtual pot of narratives where personal and public histories intersect and enrich each other; discussions with Solid Eye and Uni of Malta researchers.

22:15 30 min

**END OF DAY ONE** 23:00

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

### SESSION 1

#### Meet the Bodybuilders

If you could build a human hand from scratch, what would you create? Would you scrap opposable thumbs, or perhaps give superpowers a try? This is your chance to talk with real life prosthetics designers from Uni of Malta's MaProHand project.

10:05 30 min

### SESSION 2

#### Water - Be the change

Can water be the driven force of change in our lives? And how can we change our behaviour to conserve this vital resource? Explore the possibilities with Water-Be the Change! Supported by the Energy and Water Agency.

10:40 30 min

### BREAK

 11:10 90 min  
with non-stop video content

### SESSION 3

#### Sports Science: Lets Get Physical

Sports science experts from the University of Malta, UM Futsal and athletes are here to give you the lowdown on physical health and why it's so important to stay moving (even in a pandemic!)

12:40 45 min

### SESSION 4

#### Meet the Aliens!

We're not talking about the ones from Mars. In this show, Prof. David Mifsud and his team from the University of Malta's FAST project will expose the secrets of the aliens that live among us. Join us to discover how they got here and about all the havoc they wreak.

13:30 30 min

### SESSION 5

#### Youth of Malta (part 1)

The youth of Malta are the future of Malta. Take this opportunity to share your thoughts on the issues that are affecting your day-to-day life, in this show brought to you by KNZ. Part 1.

14:05 30 min

### BREAK

14:35 15 min

### SESSION 6

#### Youth of Malta (part 2)

The youth of Malta are the future of Malta. Take this opportunity to share your thoughts on the issues that are affecting your day-to-day life, in this show brought to you by KNZ. Part 2.

14:50 30 min

### SESSION 7

#### A Workshop in Wellness

We all know the importance of self-care. Sometimes, though, understanding the needs of our body and mind can feel like a complicated task. Chat with experts from Junior College about wellness and nutrition.

15:25 30 min

### BREAK

15:55 15 min

### SESSION 8

#### Game of Talents

We love guessing games, do you? Science in the City launches its first ever 'Game of Talents'. In this investigative game you will meet the researchers who work to improve our lives. You have to figure out which talent each researcher uses in their profession. We provide the clues, the rest is up to you!

16:10 45 min

### SESSION 9

#### Our Warming Seas

The Mediterranean Sea is warming up! And, alien species are coming in, along with more jellyfish blooms and other changes detected by Prof. Alan Deidun, citizens of Malta and other experts. Beautiful videos of Malta's waters will be shown followed by a QnA with experts and the Malta National Aquarium.

17:00 45 min

### SESSION 10

#### Watching you, Watching me

What would someone find out about you if they could follow your gaze? Find out all about the potential of eye-tracking technology, both for evil and good, in this virtual show by EyeCon and WildEye projects.

17:50 45 min

### BREAK

18:35 15 min

### SESSION 11

#### The Green Mental Health Routine

Research shows that time in nature can be great for your mental health. In this show, by MMSA, we'll see how we can boost our wellbeing and nurture our environment with just a few simple changes.

18:50 45 min

### SESSION 12

#### Opening Doors

Opening Doors Association is will be showing us the best from their members. This non-governmental voluntary arts organisation provides opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities. Watch their members' productions to see how these art performances help build relationships and discuss with their experts the importance of creativity and artistic expression.

19:40 20 min

### SESSION 13

#### Grand Finale – End of Virtual Festival

Sowing the Seeds of change in Malta and Gozo.

20:05 20 min

**END OF DAY TWO** 20:30

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