



Dinja Waħda Secondary

A programme for environmental
sustainability education
through the curriculum





Dinja Waħda is an environmental education programme started by BirdLife Malta in 1994 and run in collaboration with the Education Directorate (DQSE).

Dinja Waħda is based on the NGO's mission to conserve wild birds, habitats and biodiversity, and working with people towards sustainable use of natural resources.

Dinja Waħda has separate programmes for Primary and Secondary schools.

The Dinja Waħda Secondary programme 2017–2018 has three sections that a school may participate in through curricular subjects.



A. Action for Biodiversity

- **Aim.** To enhance Malta's biodiversity and serve as a learning platform for outdoor education.
- **Action.** Creation and maintenance of urban nature spaces where native plants and animals may flourish, in the school or in the community.
- **Award.** Every Dinja Waħda garden project is awarded points that accumulate towards the Action for Biodiversity Award, bronze, silver or gold.



B. Connecting with nature

- **Aim.** To build a relationship between children and nature that generates knowledge about and care for the natural environment.
- **Action.** Create a syllabus-based plan of lessons that are carried out through nature in the school or in the environment. A minimum of three lessons per term is required.
- **Award.** Every participating subject is awarded points that accumulate towards the Connecting with Nature Award, bronze, silver or gold.



C. Outreach for Awareness

- **Aim.** To build an understanding of the complexity of environmental sustainability issues and build skills for taking action through raising awareness.
- **Action.** Identify an environmental issue that affects the environment and biodiversity, analyse the sources of conflict, discuss possible solutions and target one stakeholder for an awareness action plan. This is carried out as part of a subject syllabus.
- **Award.** Every outreach project is given points that accumulate towards the Outreach for Awareness Award, bronze, silver or gold.



- Send an email to education@birdlifemalta.org indicating your wish to be a Dinja Waħda school.
- A BirdLife Malta field teacher will make an appointment with your Dinja Waħda Coordinator and visit your school to discuss ideas. The field teacher will suggest areas in your school suitable for creating biodiversity projects and how to create an action plan through syllabus subjects. You may also wish to discuss how subject teaching may be carried out through nature in the school grounds or which environmental issues could be adapted to an outreach project and suitable target groups for awareness projects.
- The school decides on a list of actions that will be that year's Dinja Waħda action plan. At the end of every term, the school Dinja Waħda Coordinator ticks the list for completed actions and emails it to the field teacher. The field teacher will keep contact electronically and through visits to the school to support the programme.
- Set up a section of your school website and name it Dinja Waħda. Upload photographs of the Dinja Waħda actions your school is carrying out. This, together with the end-of-term ticklist, is your programme verification against which the school's award/s will be calculated.