



**Saviour Balzan**

I am 56 years old, joined BirdLife Malta in 1978 and was very active in the youth section, organising several awareness campaigns. Later I founded the environment group Żgħażaġh għall-Ambjent, which later became Friends of the Earth. I left the NGO world to give birth to Alternattiva Demokratika (AD) raising environmental issues on a political level. I dived deep into media and started my own media publications and products. I served as senior consultant to government in the EU accession negotiations and later I served as the main spokesman in the referendum to abolish spring hunting. I returned to BirdLife Malta with the aim to use my experience in policy decisions, focus on bird and habitat protection, networking, fundraising and the setting up of more nature reserves. For the past four years I have served in the role of Secretary General.



**Miriam Camilleri**

I am the founder and Managing Director of MConsult & Associates. I have been involved in the transport industry for over 40 years and focused on my work within the international maritime industry for more than 30 years. I chair the Malta branch of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport and I am also an active member and Vice President of the Malta Maritime Law Association. I have been a member of BirdLife Malta now for more than two years even if I have always been an avid follower. I believe that the eNGO's role is crucial and that we must continue to provide support to this hardworking and dedicated organisation in its endeavours to protect and ensure the safety of birds and their habitats.



**Denise Casolani**

I have been an active member of BirdLife Malta (and previously of the Malta Ornithological Society, MOS) since the age of 13. In my younger days I served as a committee member of the youth section, organising various activities for the young and teen members. I am now an airline captain and a mother of two. My love and interest in birds and nature has never diminished. I am looking forward to taking an active part once again as a Council member, and to contribute to this important cause.



**Norman Chetcuti**

I am BirdLife Malta's current Treasurer on the Council. I joined the Malta Ornithological Society (MOS) at the age of 10 and later became a volunteer. Then I served as a Council member and Treasurer for more than 12 years. I am married to Audrey, and have a 20-year-old son. I am a Certified Financial Adviser and worked for more than 30 years with one of Malta's top banks as an Area Sales Manager.



**Marvic Doughty**

Since I was very young I have been interested in the environment and in protecting the natural beauty on these islands. I have been a member of BirdLife Malta for many years and participate in most of the activities organised. I am a banker by profession with a passion for acting in my free time.



**Kathleen Galea**

My journey with BirdLife Malta started off quite a few years ago when I joined intending to support BirdLife Malta's cause to protect our natural habitat and birds. Encouraged by a friend I volunteered to lead family activities during Klabb Huttaf outings. In 2006 I joined the Klabb Huttaf committee, which I started chairing a year later. I have been serving on BirdLife Malta's Council for the past two terms. Being a teacher by profession I oversee BirdLife Malta's work in education.



**Nicholas Galea**

I'm a 25-year-old IT graduate and work as a Solutions Architect within the Government IT Agency, MITA. I have been a member of BirdLife Malta since birth, an active volunteer and passionate birdwatcher since my early days. I am currently a Council member. I have been a bird ringer for six years and I also sit on the Ringing Committee.



**Raymond Galea**

I have been a long time standing member of BirdLife Malta and active in various committees and in the Council for many years. I am a field ornithologist, birder and a bird ringer since the late 70s. At the moment I am Chairman of the Malta Rarities and Records Committee. Bird studies and nature conservation are at the top of my agenda.



**Darryl Grima**

I have 22 years of senior management experience which I bring to the organisation's Council, which I have presided for the past years. I currently work in plant-based food activism, and have been involved in various environmental, animal and political NGOs from a young age. I have also worked with BirdLife Malta as Education Officer.



**Dr. Eurydike Kovacs**

As I have a special interest in conservation medicine I started helping BirdLife Malta on a voluntary basis at the end of the 90s. As a government-appointed veterinarian I examine injured wild birds that are recovered by the public, the police and BirdLife Malta. Apart from being a veterinary surgeon I am also the veterinary adviser of the conservation team's rehabilitation programme. I have been on the Council for the last two terms and this has given me the possibility to share my views and knowledge to the benefit of the organisation.



**Paul Portelli**

I joined the youth section of BirdLife Malta, (at the time known as the Malta Ornithological Society, MOS) in 1977. Shortly after joining I was elected on the Youth Committee and eventually became committee chairman as well as Education Officer. In 1987 I was elected President of MOS, a post I relinquished in the following year to become the first Director, serving in the role until 1996. I have a degree in Communications and Anthropology and a Masters in Maltese Studies and have researched human/insect relations in Malta for my PhD thesis. I am presently curator of Għar Dalam in Birzebbuga.