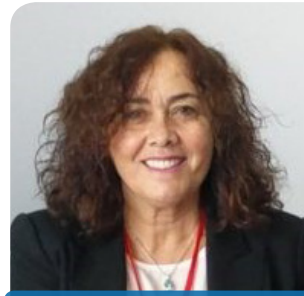




James Aquilina

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I am a graduate in Economics, working as a Senior Finance Executive with Heritage Malta. Between 2003–2018 I successfully led a youth group in my community. I have been a member of BirdLife Malta since 2013. In July of the same year, I commenced my first training sessions in the study of bird ringing. Three years later I became a licensed bird ringer. I am also a birdwatcher and a passionate bird photographer.



Miriam Camilleri

I have been a member of BirdLife Malta now for more than four years, even if I have always been an avid follower. I am also the Honorary Consul for Georgia in Malta. 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.

I am the founder and Managing Director of MCConsult & 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 of the Malta Maritime Law Association. I



Capt. Denise Casolani

I am looking forward to taking an active part once again as a Council member, and to contribute to this important cause.

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 an airline captain and a mother of two. My love and interest in birds and nature has never



Norman Chetcuti

I worked for more than 30 years with one of Malta's leading banks, with the last 10 years as an Area Sales Manager.

I joined the Malta Ornithological Society (MOS) in 1973 at the age of 10 and later became a volunteer and eventually a Council member. I am currently BirdLife Malta's Treasurer on the Council. I have a diploma in Hospitality Management. I am an accredited Financial Adviser by the Chartered Institute of Bankers and Insurance.



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

This has provided me with a window to the extensive work carried out by BirdLife Malta in our many different fields, but mainly, it has given me the opportunity to view, analyse and be part of the priceless work being carried out by our education team. Being a teacher by profession, I have experienced our Dinja Waħda programmes first-hand, and I truly believe that by connecting our students with nature, in any way possible, we can create an invaluable bond that will lead to a respect, love and protection of nature.

My journey as an active member of BirdLife Malta started as a leader on family outings with Klabb Ғuttaf. Feeling that I could contribute more to enriching our members' experience with nature, I joined the Klabb Ғuttaf committee and served both as member and chairperson. Currently I am serving on BirdLife Malta's Council and have been doing so for the past three terms.



Nicholas Galea

I am a 27-year-old IT graduate, currently an Enterprise Architect at MITA. I have been an active BirdLife Malta member since birth, actively involved as a volunteer in different roles and campaigns throughout the years. I have been a member on Council since 2013, also serving as Council Secretary for a number of years. I am very active in the local and European birding community, and I have been a licensed ringer for eight years. I have been a member of the ringing committee for a number of years and since 2020 I am the head of the BirdLife Malta Ringing Scheme. I work hard every day to turn challenges into opportunities for the scheme to grow and to make sure that ringing in Malta becomes an even more powerful scientific tool for conservation. I strongly believe that now more than ever BirdLife Malta should focus on protecting more ecosystems and creating new nature reserves to create safe havens for migrant and breeding birds and other wildlife.

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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 many 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 vegan and animal activism, and have been involved in various environmental, animal, and political NGOs from a young age. In the past I had 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 1990s. 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 three terms, and this has given me the possibility to share my views and knowledge to the benefit of the organisation.



Caldon Mercieca

My involvement with BirdLife Malta goes back to my childhood when I joined the Malta Ornithological Society (MOS) at the age of six and started active birdwatching by the age of 12. During the 1990s I was active in the youth section of BirdLife Malta, eventually chairing the section, running the activities programme for youths and attending national and international meetings relating to environmental activism and conservation. During summer work placements I worked tirelessly at Simar Nature Reserve and Għadira Nature Reserve. Since then, I have been active in BirdLife Malta's Rarities and Records Committee, where I am working on the compilation of systematic lists of birds observed in Malta on an annual basis. Currently I am working as a manager at the Valletta Design Cluster, within the Valletta Cultural Agency. For the last 20 years I have worked on EU-funded projects involving urban planning, heritage conservation, the cultural and creative sector, as well as direct engagement with policy-makers, NGOs and civil society, and various international stakeholders on a Mediterranean and European level.



Dr. 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 Birżebbuġa.



Capt. Raphael Soler

Having been exposed to birdwatching and to Klabb Huttaf from a young age, in 2016, after returning to Malta while pursuing a career in aviation I made it a priority to renew my BirdLife membership and to join the BirdLife Malta birdwatching community. Since then, I have consistently been out in the field with fellow enthusiasts and friends

learning how to improve my bird identification skills. I was also introduced to the BirdLife Malta bird ringing scheme and I have assisted licensed bird ringers on numerous occasions at various locations such as Buskett, Għadira and the Comino Bird Observatory. Now, at the age of 30, having observed the annual migration patterns of birds I have come to appreciate fully the conservation effort required to protect our birds and Malta's natural environment, thus offering my candidature to serve on the BirdLife Malta Council.



Steve Zammit Lupi

I am 26 years old. Having grown a passion for wild birds since the early age of 10, I have been an avid birder since. I am also an active BirdLife Malta member and have been volunteering at the nature reserves and the annual conservation camps for a number of years. In 2018 I graduated in

European Studies at the University of Malta. A year later, in 2019, I was elected for the first time as an independent councillor in my hometown of Haż-Zebbuġ. Other interests of mine include cycling, current affairs and videography.