

SHAPING THE FUTURE: NATIONAL ARTS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

30 OCTOBER, 2025 | MCAST CAMPUS, PAOLA

08.30 Registration - Welcome Coffee

09.00 - 09.20 **INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr Luke Dalli
Executive Chair, ACM
Minister Clifton Grima
Minister for Education, Sport, Youth, Research
and Innovation
Minister Owen Bonnici
Minister for Culture, Lands and Local Government

09:20-09:30 **CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

Davinia Galea, Dr Mario Frendo, Dr Samuel Mallia
ARC Research and Consultancy

09:30 - 10:30 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**RESOURCES OF HOPE: HIGHER ARTS EDUCATION
AND CREATIVE PRACTICE FOR THE FUTURE
PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING OF A NATION**

Prof. Helena Gaunt
Principal, Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama

POSITION PAPERS

Public performing and visual arts education institutions
will present short position papers outlining the changes
needed to address current challenges and the values and
ambitions that should guide arts education in Malta.

10.30 - 11.15 **POSITION PAPERS - SESSION 1**

- Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth,
Research and Innovation
- Culture Directorate
- Arts Council Malta

11:15 - 11:35 Coffee Break

11.35 - 12.20 **POSITION PAPERS - SESSION 2**

- Malta Visual and Performing Arts School
- Mikiel Anton Vassalli College
- MATSEC Examinations Board

12.20 - 13.30 **POSITION PAPERS - SESSION 3**

- Department of Art and Art History (University of Malta)
- Department of Arts, Open Communities and Adult
Education (University of Malta)
- Department of Digital Arts (University of Malta)
- School of Performing Arts (University of Malta)
- Institute for the Creative Arts (The Malta College of
Arts, Science and Technology)

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 - 16.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION
WITH Q&A**

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ARTS EDUCATION

Christoph Lang
Rector, F+F School of Art and Design, Zurich

Kaarlo Hildén
Rector, University of the Arts, Helsinki

Prof Karolina Šantl Zupan
Dean, Academy of Music, University of Ljubljana

Dr Lisa Peck
Senior Lecturer in Theatre and Performance Practice,
University of Sussex

Dr Sharon Watson
CEO & Principal, Northern School of Contemporary Dance,
Leeds

Moderator | Dr Giuliana Fenech

16:30 - 16:45 Concluding Remarks

