

LETTER CIRCULAR - Institute for Education

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To the attention of: All Educators

Subject: Letter Circular 34/2018 - Refugee Students in the Classroom

Application Link: <https://goo.gl/qem7Jk>

Further Info: The first 25 applicants will be accepted for the session.

Our schools are facing a reality which includes children from different countries, with different cultures and who may have lived through difficult experiences before establishing themselves in Malta. While reflecting on this we ask ourselves whether we are prepared to face this scenario. Do we have the tools and the right mindset to be able to support these children? What do we need to understand about them? How can we help them feel included and consequently learn?

In view of this, the Institute for Education will be organising a **3 hour seminar** 9.00 - 12.00 on **Saturday 21st April 2018 on Refugee Students in the Classroom at the Institute for Education in Pembroke**. The seminar will be divided into two parts.

- First a discussion about the status of a refugee will be held. A representative from the Jesuit Refugee Service will also be present during this session and will tell us more about the refugees' situation in Malta. She will explain who is entitled to refugee status as well as about the rights of refugees to international protection. Those present will also have the opportunity to ask questions.
- The focus of the second part of the seminar will be on the opportunities and challenges of teaching refugee students, their social and emotional needs. There will be an opportunity to discuss strategies on how to build and strengthen connections with refugee students who may have faced traumatic experiences, empower and use their agency and help teachers create an inclusive and comfortable environment within the school and classroom.

All educators are being invited to participate in this seminar and those interested are kindly asked to submit an online application by following the link: <https://goo.gl/qem7Jk> . The first 25 applicants will be accepted for the session.

Thank you.

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