ACR/NCW Project "The Reduction of Poverty through Personal and Social Development and Social Integration"

The National Council of Women (NCW) in collaboration with the Association for Consumer Rights (ACR) have planned and organised three courses of six weeks each starting in 26th October 2015 till 22nd April 2016 in personal and social development, team work, communication, IT awareness and media skills, labour market trends, job searching and job opportunities and financial education and responsible consumption, which are the core themes of the project.

The aim of the project was to offer individuals, especially those in vulnerable situations, the opportunity to become more in control of their life, to be able to make use of various opportunities to reduce the risk of poverty and to adapt to the social and economic development of our society.

The project received funding from MCCF. ACR General Secretary, Grace Attard, together with two other colleagues, Vivien Cassar and Josette Barbara were responsible for the training sessions. ACR General Secretary, Grace Attard, who was also acting as mentor and delivered a number of sessions on Media and Social Media for development and job searching, while Marie Demicoli, ACR Assistant Secretary, was the Course Adminstrator.

Various other speakers from the MFSA, MEA, ETC and the Business Sector made presentations on financial responsibility, entrepreneurship, labour laws and job searching. Participants also experienced workplace needs through a visit to a local factory. At the end of the course, the participants made a presentation on a particular topic of interest, which they had prepared earlier on with the guidance of the trainers. A Certificate of Attendance Ceremony was held at San Anton Palace, under the patronage of the President of Malta H.E, M'Louise Coleiro Preca