

Introduction

Youth.inc is a youth work programme rooted in non-formal educational. It is administered and facilitated by youth workers from Aġenzija Žgħażaġh. The aim of the programme is to guide young people aged between 16 to 21 years to develop in a holistic way. The programme is developed around a youth centred approach with the aim to engage the young people in their own process of development and enable them to live more independently and access further study or employment. The programme consists of three levels:

Level 1 – Access Skills for Independent Living and Working Life

Level 2 – Skills for Independent Living and Working Life

Level 3 – Skills and Competences in the Work Place

This tracer study was held in the midst of a raging Covid-19 pandemic which not only effected the daily living patters for the young people but also effected the way young people access education and the workplace.

Demographics

The aim of this report was to gather information about young people to find out the ir pathway after they finished a year in the programme. An online survey was used to collect the data from the young people. The survey is intended as a yearly cross-level tracer study carried out three to

six months after completion of the Youth.inc programme. On the 27th November 2020, an online form was sent to all the 90 young people - the initial target population was all young people who attended the Youth.inc programme 2019/2020. The young people's cohort population was split as follows: 24 young people at Level 1, 39 young people at Level 2 and 27 young people at Level 3. Such a tool rendered a response from 71 young people and 19 non-responses

The Tracer Study has shown that the entire 2019 -2020 cohort was made up of 63% males and the 37% females as shown in Table 1 below.

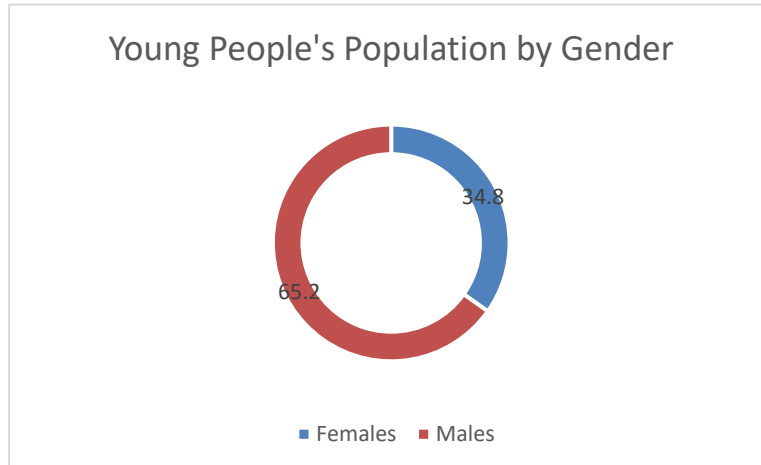
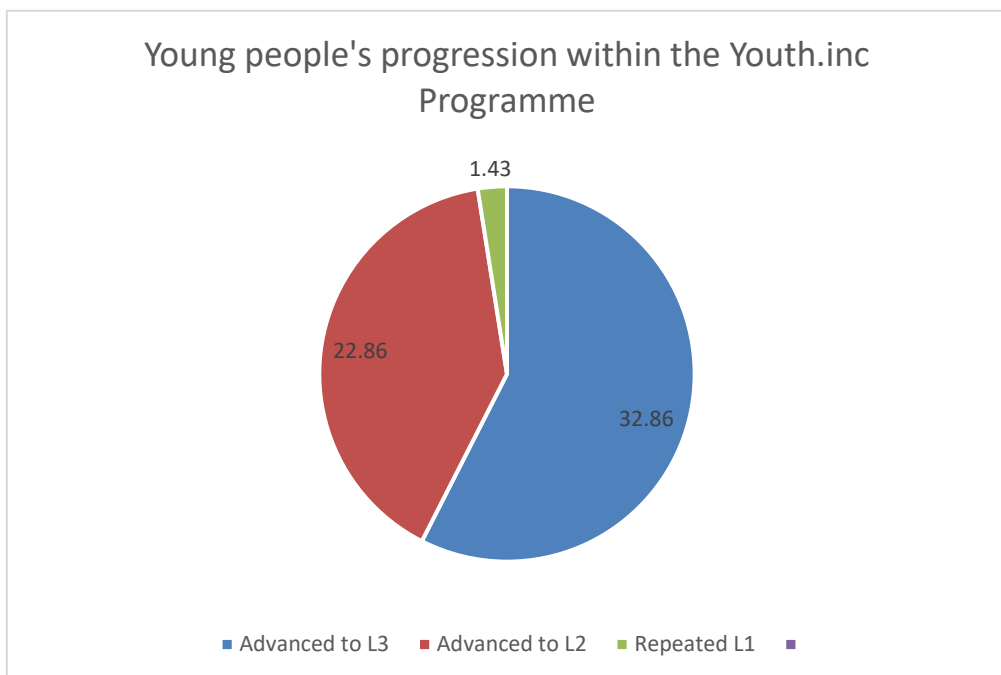


Table 1

Mobility in Education and Training

Data retrieved shows that of entire 2019 - 2020 cohort most young people continue to pursue their education and their skills. Of these - 40 progress with their non-formal project-based learning at Agenzija Zghazagh in the next respective level or repeated the level. Table 2 below shows that the number of young people that progressed from Level 2 towards Level 3 stands at 23; whilst 16 young people progressed form Level 1 towards Level 2 with one young person repeating Level 1.



The data in Table 3 below shows that 19 young people who successfully complete the Youth.inc programme decided to pursue their studies or skills training within other educational stands. The Malta College for Arts Sciences and Technologies (MCAST) taking on 5 young people with 2 attending the Institute for Creative Arts; 1 attends the Institute for Engineering and Transport, another young person attending the Institute for Business Management and another young person attending the Institute for Information Technology. All the young people attending this educational institution have been fielded at Foundation Level 2.

One young person moved on to GEM16+ to sit for more MATSEC examinations whilst another young person went to the Institute for Tourism Studies. The Youth Guarantee scheme within the Ministry for Education is another institution where in one young person decided to move on to strengthen one's skills. The ICE Malta Computing Centre is a private educational institution where in one young person is following a course of studies.

The Lino Spiteri Foundation was another steppingstone for 4 young people who are pursuing to upskill their skills set and would benefit from sheltered employment to fit their needs. Furthermore, two young people decided to enrol with Agenzija Support INK project which is a person focused inclusion project.

Four young people are attending the Jobplus courses ranging from Maintenance to Child-care courses.

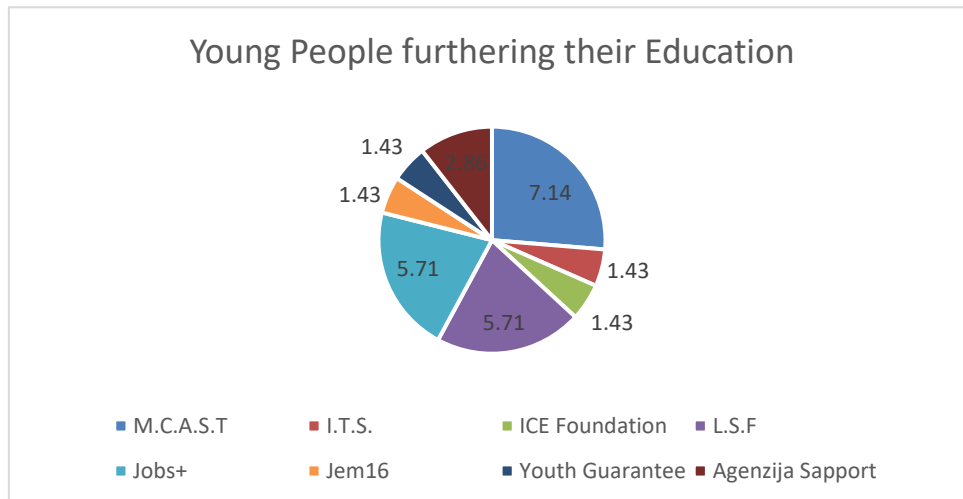


Table 3

Employment

Given that an inherent core topic of the project-based learning process at youth.inc is the work placement this tracer study is about retrieving data on the young people’s employment. As Table 4 below indicates 7 young people out of the 70 respondents are in employment with 5 being engaged in Full-time employment and 2 work on Part-time basis. Only one person disclosed the place of work. Four young people claimed to be neither in education and nor in employment.

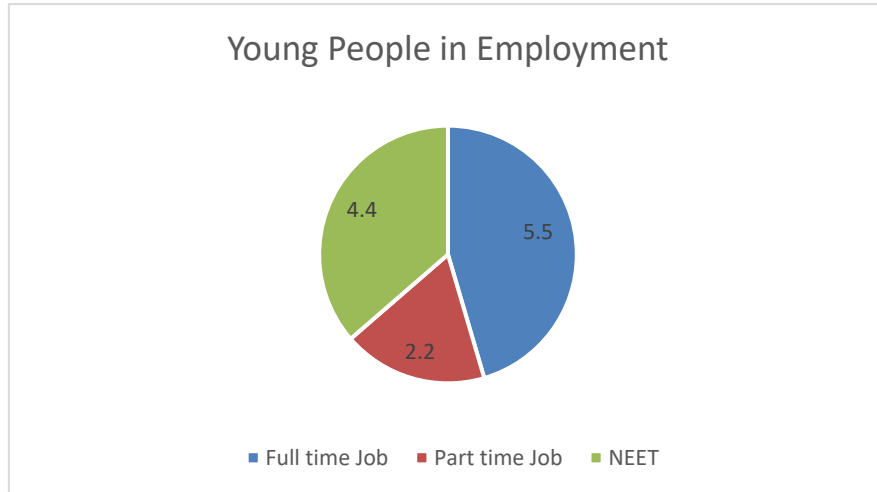


Table 4

Conclusion

This report concludes as Table 5 shows that amongst the 70 respondent young people who submitted the online form, 59 young people are either pursuing their education at the Agenzija Zghazagh Youth.inc programme or progressed to other educational institutions successfully, 7 are engaged in the employment realm and 4 young people are neither in education and nor in employment.

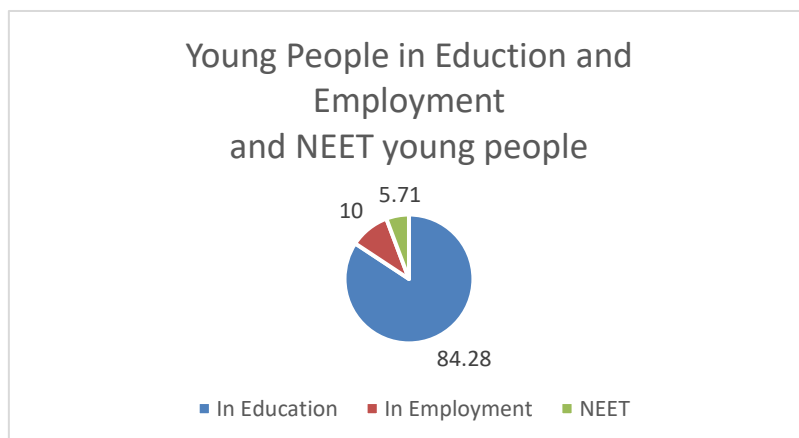


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