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Dealing with the gender gap in the technology sector by looking at successful stories and empowering women to join this industry by furthering studies in STEM subjects and setting up their own tech start-ups.

MODERATOR



Nusrat Shah

(Director, Debono Group)

A strategic and commercial expert with vast experience at board level, providing long-term stability and direction for businesses across a multitude of industries. Brings 20 years of global and board-level experience with 9 years recently spent building a thriving consultancy business supporting clients across a variety of sectors. Also A Finalist of the Women in Business Awards 2013.



SPEAKERS



Maria Galea

(Founder of ARTZ ID)

Maria Galea, founder of ARTZ ID, creative director of Marie Gallery 5 and Chair for visual arts at MEIA, started her professional career within the arts by opening a new gallery model by the name of MARIE GALLERY5 back in 2016, wherein she sought to support local artists by taking their work overseas. The founder's exhibition toured around the globe – from New York and Miami, all the way to Dubai and India. Through a partnership with Iniala she then opened Iniala5, a cluster of galleries around the island, where up to ten art exhibitions were held every year. Having experienced the trials and tribulations both as an artist and art professional in a very fragmented market, Maria took it upon herself to facilitate this process of growth for the visual arts community and create a means of connection through an online space called ARTZ ID. The platform has today over 335 members within the artistic community, over 1,000 works uploaded and has been awarded the award for The Best Project During The Covid-19 pandemic at by 'Il-Premju ta l-arti'.



Ingrid Vella

(Lecturer at the Department of Artificial Intelligence within the Faculty of ICT at the University of Malta)

Dr Ingrid Vella read for an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Malta, an MSc in Biomedical Engineering at Imperial College London, a PhD in Physics at the University of Nottingham, and a joint MBA degree from the London School of Commerce and the University of Bedfordshire. She is a lecturer at the Department of Artificial Intelligence within the Faculty of ICT at the University of Malta, heads the ICT committee for the Maltese Language Council and is deputy editor for the Chamber of Engineers' magazine, Engineering Today.



Dana Farrugia

(CEO, TechMT: Dana Farrugia is the CEO of Tech.mt)

a Foundation established in partnership between the Government of Malta and The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry to promote the National strategy for Technology & Innovation. She is engaged in ensuring sector growth for technology and innovation, primarily focusing on AI, blockchain, IOT, cloud services, data analytics, software development, robotics, cyber security and research on innovative solutions. Dana Farrugia has worked in the telecoms industry for fourteen years, mainly shaping the mobile, fixed, internet, tv, fiber and IP networks in Malta. She has also worked at the Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Businesses for six years where she has developed an in-depth understanding of the needs of different local industries and also gained a sound exposure on the potential of various international markets.



Dawn Marchand

(Chief Compliance and Operating Officer and a founding partner at Vital4Data)

Dawn Marchand is the Chief Compliance and Operating Officer and a founding partner at Vital4Data. Her expertise in information systems, product development and management, compliance, and process mapping is a crucial component in Vital4Data's success. Vital4Data offers corporate risk and compliance technology solutions to protect against financial crimes, terrorism, bribery, and corruption.



Claire Cassar

(Lawyer, Specialising in ICT and Data Privacy Law)



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