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Subject: **Expression of Interest for parents/guardians of Students with Special Educational Needs to serve on a Working Committee for Inclusive Education within the Department**

Date: 14th January 2025

The Department for Educational Services (DES) within the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation, in alignment with the commitment made in the National Education Strategy 2024-2030, invites parents/legal guardians to contribute their expertise by joining the Working Committee on Inclusive Education. Parental involvement is vital to shape educational frameworks and practices, in a system that seeks to promote equitable access for all students. The Ministry believes that parents bring unique insights that can transform inclusion and equity into a lived reality for every learner.

Role of the Parents'/Guardians' Working Committee:

Parents/legal guardians who will serve within the Parents' Working Committee will have a crucial role in shaping inclusive education policies that promote equitable access for all learners. Parents bring invaluable perspectives that can help the Department for Educational Services improve on the quality provision of inclusive education within its schools. To this end, the members of the Working Committee will be engaged in a discussion to:

1. improve on the provision of adequate resources;
2. contribute to policy development;
3. strengthen Parent-Department for Educational Services Partnerships;
4. promote Inclusive School Cultures.

Terms and Conditions

- Eligible applicants must be parents/guardians of Special Educational Needs' students who are currently enrolled within compulsory schooling.
- Eligible applicants will be assessed by a Selection Board to determine their suitability only in cases where the number of applicants exceeds the number of members required.

The closing date for the submission of applications is **27th January 2025**. Interested applicants are required to complete this form (<https://forms.office.com/e/HaM1wYpetz>). The Educational Services Department reserves the right to reject or cancel any or all applications submitted.

For further information contact the Educational Services Department by email on dg.des.educ@gov.mt.

Thank you for your collaboration.

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