

Education Commission Report

The Education Commission has attempted to undertake a number of tasks with limited success.

The first task was to include a rambling theme in a new Maltese alternative reading scheme that is currently being written up. Contact was established with the scheme's author/editor and a number of meetings were held. The author/editor was to come back to the Commission with a draft story appropriate for 8 to 10 year old children but this never materialised. By the time, the one member of the commission was absent from the island for some months and contact was lost. The general feeling was that there was some reluctance from the part of the editor to introduce a "rambling" theme in the readers.

The second task of the Education Commission was to have a series of articles in Maltese on the Sagħtar magazine. It must be said that Mr Victor Fenech, the editor, was extremely helpful and facilitated the publication of the first article with accompanying full colour pictures and illustrative material. A second article has just been submitted and a third will be on its way shortly.

The ultimate aim of the Education Commission is to approach schools directly and to organise short rambles in various localities in such a way that these are directly linked to the children's curriculum. This project will be attempted at a later stage but will necessitate a larger number of people on the Commission that is currently the case.

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