



Meta Learning & Thinking Skills

Course leaders



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- Resident academic at the Edward de Bono Institute for the Design and Development of Thinking, University of Malta.
- Research and teaching focuses on creativity and innovation in education, entrepreneurship education, thinking systems and innovation, design for business, and research methods.
- Regularly provides workshops and training in thinking systems with diverse local and international organizations from the private and public sector, including a number of EU projects related to the dissemination and development of creativity and entrepreneurship in education.





Peter Van de Moortel, Belgium



- Education:
 - Bachelor teacher primary
 - Higher institute for pedagogy
- Profession:
 - Teacher primary 12 years
 - School head primary 25 years
 - Trainer on leadership 8 years
 - Head of IST organization Eekhout Academy
- Mission:
 - Train the trainer
 - Metacognition in education



Mikiel Anton Vassalli College
The National College for Further Education
 Ministry for Education and Employment
 Gozo - Malta



Victor Galea, Gozo - Malta



- Education:
 - Bachelors Degree
 - Post Graduate Certificate in Education
 - Human Givens (European Therapy Studies Institute - UK)
- Profession:
 - Teacher in state Primary and Secondary schools (16 years)
 - Head of Parents-in-Education Programme
 - Education Officer (adult education)
 - Service Manager (Lifelong Learning)
 - College Principal
- Mission:
 - Ensuring the provision of quality education for all students within the 11 primary schools, the Middle School and the Secondary School within the Gozo College.





Professor Sandra M. Dingli
Associate Professor
Ph.D.(Dunelm), M.A., B.A.(Hons.)

Professor Sandra M. Dingli obtained her PhD from the University of Durham, U.K. She conducts workshops and delivers lectures on creativity and innovation management, foresight, the de Bono thinking techniques, philosophy of mind and philosophy of artificial intelligence to undergraduate and postgraduate students. Sandra was instrumental in setting up the Institute in collaboration with Professor Edward de Bono in October 1992. As Director of the Institute until September 2013, Sandra designed and launched the Master of Arts in Creativity and Innovation in 2004, organised five International Conferences on Creative Thinking at the University of Malta, edited and published five books with selected proceedings of the International Conferences, and coordinated a three-year collaborative project funded under ERASMUS curriculum development, which involved designing a new MSc in Strategic Innovation and Future Creation with partner universities in Finland, Germany and England.

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Dr Leonie Baldacchino holds a Ph.D. in Entrepreneurship from Warwick Business School (UK), an M.A. in Creativity and Innovation (Distinction) and a B.Psy.(Hons.) from the University of Malta. She is the Director of The Edward de Bono Institute for the Design and Development of Thinking at the University of Malta, where she has been lecturing on entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation since 2008. Since 2009, Leonie has been involved in the coordination and organisation of various entrepreneurship-related incentives at the University of Malta, including the Global Entrepreneurship Week events hosted locally by The Edward de Bono Institute, and the entrepreneurship stream on the Degree Plus programme. She has also lectured on entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation at Warwick Business School (UK), at Teesside Business School (UK), and at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology, and has delivered numerous presentations and workshops in Malta and overseas. Her research focuses on various aspects of entrepreneurship, including the psychology of entrepreneurship; social, sustainable and inclusive entrepreneurship; and entrepreneurship education. She has published locally and internationally, including in the International Journal of Management Reviews, International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behavior and Research, and in edited books by Routledge and Edward Elgar.

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