

Initiatives at the Department of Disability Studies



The mission of the [Department of Disability Studies](#) (DDS) is to extend knowledge in this field by teaching about disability across Faculties and Departments. Research and community engagement in the area of disability continue being an integral part of the Department's contribution to society and the field of disability.

The Department held a series of webinars on young persons with disability and relationships in conjunction with the [Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability \(CRPD\)](#) and [Opening Doors \(Malta\)](#). The webinars explored issues encountered by young persons with disability in forming and retaining friendships, having long-term intimate relationships and being parents.

The [CaVetta għall-Futur](#) project aimed to promote the skills and abilities of persons with intellectual disability, especially those related to employment, to challenge mistaken assumptions that they lack valued abilities. To date, 10 video CVs have been created that showcase the experiences and achievements of 10 persons with intellectual disability in employment, the arts and sport. The project is led by Senior Lecturer [Dr Anne-Marie Callus](#), and is being implemented in conjunction with the CRPD. The research team also includes Sandra Borg, Communications Manager at CRPD and Isabel Bonello and Cristina Grech, co-researchers with intellectual disability. The project is funded by the University of Malta, the CRPD and the Good Causes Fund.

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