ESF 02058 ADDING VALUE:

NURTURING LEARNING JOURNEYS AT THE MCAST FOUNDATION COLLEGE

SKILLS KITS

MCAST Foundation College is currently engaged in an ESF 02.058 funded project Adding Value: Nurturing Learning Journeys at the MCAST Foundation College.

Within the project, which lasts till end of 2021, there are a number of components including research, mentoring, gamification of curriculum and bite sized training programmes.

These short training programmes, called Skills Kits are accredited at Level 1 (1 ECVET each) and are of 20 hours duration each. The focus is on skills and competences which students find interesting and useful. The approach is a hands-on formative approach using continuous assessment. These kits are self-contained modules which participants can take individually as students are certified for each Skills Kit upon successful completion.

The topics vary from Vocational areas to Personal Skills, Employability Skills, and Functional Skills. At the moment there are 32 Skills Kits to choose from but during the lifetime of the project, a considerable number of Skills Kits in various areas are planned to be developed. Ideally these modules are offered to students who seem disengaged from education and who would benefit from trying a different form of education and different subjects they might not have had the opportunity to try. Primarily the Skills Kits are a tool to help students be exposed to vocational education as well as to MCAST, thus encouraging further education at the college. Moreover, they are also useful in equipping students with skills which they would find useful for basic employment.

Through the project, we have the opportunity to offer these Skills Kits to a limited number of Form 4 and Form 5 students as a form of outreach over the coming 3 years, starting in the next few weeks.

Groups would be made up of a maximum of 10 students and would need to be accompanied by a staff member from the school. The duration and frequency of the sessions and location would be discussed as would be the choice of Skills Kits. Should this be of interest, or should you have any queries, you are kindly asked to contact Dr Tatjana Chircop, MCAST Head of Foundation College and project leader on tatjana.chircop@mcast.edu.mt so that discussions can start and a plan is developed together. Below is a list of the 32 Skills Kits available for your reference:

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VOCATIONAL AREAS

Creativity and Services:
- Blow Drying Hair
- Colour Theory and Makeup
- Mobile App Development

DIY Engineering Projects:
- Auto 2 – Pre-VRT inspection
- Auto 1 - Automotive Engineering 1 – Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI)
- Measuring and Marking Out
- Stone Restoration
- Electronics Manufacturing Techniques
- Maintenance – Domestic
- Mechanical Engineering - Sheet Metal Fabrication
- Mechanical Engineering – Joining Methods

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

- Il-Malti Komunikattiv – 1
- Il-Malti Applikat-2
- Il-Malti Vokazzjonali – 3
- Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija (L-Ewwel Parti)
- Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija (It-Tieni Parti)
- Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija (It-Tielet Parti)
- EFL: Developing Basic English Reading and Writing skills
- English Conversation for EFL learners
- English for Absolute Beginners

- Developing English Comprehension: Reading and Listening skills
- Maintaining Routine English Conversation
- Basic Correspondence in English

- Angles, Shapes, Areas and Volumes
- Time, Timetables and Estimation of Cost of an Item
- Estimating the Total Cost for a Service/Product

PERSONAL SKILLS
- Setting up a lifestyle
- Taking on challenges
- Mastering self-control

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
- Building my Integrity
- Stress tolerance
- Confidence & personal impact