

DAY 1, WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2017

15:00 - 17:00	Registration	Grandmaster's Palace, Registration desk
18:00 - 19:00	Opening Ceremony	Grandmaster's Palace, Throne Room
19:00 - 20:30	Welcome Reception	City Lounge Valletta



DAY 2, THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2017

09:00 - 09:15	Opening Speech HE Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President Of Malta	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
PLENARY SESSION 1		
09:15 - 09:45	The Opening Doors for Europe's Children Campaign. Strengthening Families, Ending Institutional Care. Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild Miriana Giraldi, Head Of EU Office, SOS Children's Villages International	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
09:45 - 10:15	International Overview of the Relationship Between Institutional Care, Fostering and Adoption Professor Kevin Browne, BSc., MSc., PhD., M.Ed., C.Psychol., F.I.Biol., University Of Nottingham	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
10:15 - 10:30	PLENARY DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS	Grandmaster's Palace, Throne Room
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK	Grandmaster's Palace
PLENARY SESSION 2		
11:00 - 11:15	Towards the Right Care for Children: Orientations for Reforming Alternative Care Systems. Africa, Asia, Latin America Chrissie Gale, International Lead, CELCIS, University Of Strathclyde	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
11:15 - 11:30	Deinstitutionalisation: A Gobar Conversation Vasundhra Sharma, Managing Director, Centre Of Excellence In Alternative Care	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
11:30 - 11:45	From Institutions to Family Care: The Rise of Kinship Care in Australia Dr Meredith Kiraly, Senior Research Fellow, University Of Melbourne	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
11:45 - 12:00	Exploring the Impact of Permanence in Scotland – From an Independent Fostering Agency Perspective Jo Derrick, Managing Director, Foster Care Associates Scotland	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
12:00 - 12:30	PLENARY DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS	Grandmaster's Palace, Throne Room
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH	University of Malta, Valletta Campus
12:30 - 14:00	Working lunch: Meeting of Eurochild's Thematic Working Group CIAC (Children in Alternative Care) Katerina Nanou, Eurochild	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 1
WORKSHOP SESSION 1		
14:00 - 15:30	Opening Doors for Europe's Children: Practices From the Ground Adrian Oros, Hope and Homes for Children Romania Kateryna Zalevska, Communication And Partnership Manager, Hope and Homes for Children Ukraine	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 4
14:00 - 15:30	Setting Sail and the Baggage That Sails With Us - Building Bridges Between Birth Families and Carers Donna Ronan, Therapist, Key Assets Newfoundland Rob Fildes, Director Of Out Of Home Care, Key Assets Newfoundland And Labrador	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 1
14:00 - 15:30	Strategies and Interventions in Caring for a Child with Co-morbid Conditions of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and Exposure to Trauma David Martin, Director Of Children And Family Services, Key Assets	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 2
14:00 - 15:30	Preventing Institutional Care for All Children: Evidence of Critical Periods in Human Development and the Effects of Adverse/Traumatic Experiences Professor Kevin Browne, BSc., MSc., PhD., M.Ed., C.Psychol., F.I.Biol., University Of Nottingham	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 6
14:00 - 15:30	Meaningful Youth Partnerships in Child Welfare Research Crystal O'Grady, Research Manager, National Indian Child Welfare Organization	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 3
14:00 - 14:45	A new digital tool for care leavers: young person-driven planning for leaving care, improved tracking of data and outcomes, better services and support for young people Andy Smith, Associate, Social Finance	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 5
14:45 - 15:30	Realising children's rights – setting new training standards for care professionals to embed child rights in their daily practice Krešimir Makvić, National Advocacy Adviser, SOS Children's Villages International Ronan Mangan, EU Policy Advisor, SOS Children's Villages International	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 5

14:00 - 14:45	The behaviours and perceptions of paediatricians in Malta towards child protection work – the need for a national reform Kevin Borg, Paediatrician, NHS Malta	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 1
14:45 - 15:30	Assessing substance misusing mothers Anna Maria Vella, Medical Doctor, Sedqa	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 1
14:00 - 14:45	Children's views of their engagement in psychotherapy interventions in residential out of home care in Malta Daniel Mercieca, Dramatherapist Supervisor Phd Student, PFWS Phil Jones, Professor, IOE, University College London	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 3
14:45 - 15:30	Banya therapeutic model based on Pellin Peter Fleming, Director & Founder, Pellin Institute	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 3
15:30 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	University of Malta, Valletta Campus
	WORKSHOP SESSION 2	
16:00 - 16:45	Multi-disciplinary assessment and participation of children in child protection proceedings Maria Herczog, Chief Scientific Advisor For Childnomics, Researcher, Educator, Calad, Gyermek, Ifjusag Egyesulet / Family, Child, Youth Association	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 2
16:00 - 16:45	'They actually stroked a dog!' Understanding the importance of dogs in foster families Paul Adams, Fostering Development Consultant, CoramBAAF	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 3
16:00 - 17:30	Secondary Trauma – Providing understanding and techniques to deal with the secondary trauma Carrie Wilson-Harrop, Young Peoples Project Coordinator / Board Of Directors Of IFCO, The Care Leavers Association	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 1
16:00 - 17:30	To have or to help: About foster care and adoption Rene De Bot, Foster Parent, Youth Care Consultant, Former Director Of The Rotterdam Foster Care Center, Knowledge Factory	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 2
16:00 - 17:30	What gets measured, gets done/valued/improved ... Delia Pop, Hope And Homes For Children UK, Opening Doors For Europe's Children Campaign, Florence Martin, Director, Better Care Network	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 3
16:00 - 17:30	Allegations in family foster care – Where are we now? Rosemarie Carbino, Professor Emerita, UW School Of Social Work	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 4
16:00 - 17:30	Working with Youth Using Trauma Informed Practice Samantha Pothier, Board Member, IFCO	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 5
16:00 - 17:30	Reference Groups and Researching Children's Experiences and Views Daniel Mercieca, Dramatherapist Supervisor Phd Student, President's Foundation For The Wellbeing Of Society Phil Jones, Professor, IOE, University College London	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 1
16:45 - 17:30	How can an anthropological approach inform the development of inclusive and child-centred structures, policies, and practices? Sharon Attard De Giovanni, Research Entities Coordinator, President's Foundation For The Wellbeing Of Society	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 2
16:45 - 17:30	Storytelling and listening to children's voices Ingrid Sindi, PhD Student Of Social Work, With Experiences As Practitioner In Substitute Homes, Tallinn University	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 3
17:30 - 18:30	IFCO AGM	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Room 6, Ground Floor,
18:30 - 21:30	Free time	

DAY 3, FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2017

09:00 - 09:10	Opening speech Dr Michael Falzon, Minister For Family, Children's Rights And Social Solidarity , Government Of Malta	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
	PLENARY SESSION 3	
09:10 - 09:40	Childnomics – measuring the long term social and economic value of investing in children Adrian Gheorghe, Oxford Policy Management, Childnomics Andy Bilson, Oxford Policy Management, Childnomics Jo Rogers, Oxford Policy Management, Childnomics	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
09:40 - 10:00	Measuring progress in the implementation of the Alternative Care Guidelines Florence Martin, Director, Better Care Network Maria Herczog, Chief Scientific Advisor For Childnomics, Researcher, Educator, Calad, Gyermek, Ifjusag Egyesulet / Family, Child, Youth Association	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
10:00 - 10:15	Where are the children requiring care in Malta coming from, and what are their needs? Dr Daniela Zerafa, Foster Carer, Social Worker, Social Work Lecturer, University Of Malta	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
10:15 - 10:30	PLENARY DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS	Grandmaster's Palace, Throne Room
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK	Grandmaster's Palace
	PLENARY SESSION 4	
11:00 - 11:15	Mandatory Reporting: What are the implications of making reporting of child abuse mandatory for professionals? Daniela Azzopardi Bonanno, Lawyer	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
11:15 - 11:30	How Relationships Lay the Foundation for Resilience Michael Place, Resilience Coach , Fostering Resilience	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room

11:30 - 11:45	Introduction and development of evaluation system in the sphere of child's protection including child's participation Elvira Garifulina, Head Of Programme Family And Children, PhD, Timchenko Foundation	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
11:45 - 12:00	The Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care Program: An Approach to Enhancing the Therapeutic Capacity of Foster and Kinship Carers and Staff in Victorian ACCOs Chris Tanti, Senior Manager, Take Two Aboriginal Team, Berry Street	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
12:00 - 12:15	The need to further develop the healthcare service provision of looked after children in Malta Kevin Borg, Paediatrician, NHS Malta	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
12:15 - 12:30	PLENARY DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS	Grandmaster's Palace, Throne Room
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH	University of Malta, Valletta Campus
13:00 - 14:00	Working lunch: Measuring progress in the implementation of the alternative care guidelines Delia Pop, Hope And Homes For Children UK Florence Martin, Director, Better Care Network Maria Herczog, Chief Scientific Advisor For Childnomics, Researcher, Educator, Calad, Gyermek, Ifjusag Egyesulet / Family, Child, Youth Association	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 1
WORKSHOP SESSION 3		
14:00 - 14:45	Foster Care and Family Strengthening Development as part of a DI Framework in India - Care Reform in a Country of 1.2+ Billion People Ian Anand Forber Pratt, National Program Director, Children's Emergency Relief International	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 1
14:00 - 14:45	New approaches to adoption from Irish foster care: A qualitative study of young adults' experiences and the policy making response Angela Palmer, PhD Student, University College Dublin	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 1
14:00 - 14:45	Young people as trainers of care professionals Léo, Youth Participation Expert Ronan Mangan, EU Policy Advisor, SOS Children's Villages International	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 6
14:00 - 14:45	Successful transitions in aftercare through care-leavers attainments Dr Kiran Modi, Founder And Managing Trustee, Udayan Care	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 3
14:00 - 15:30	Education and employment outcomes for young people leaving care: An undocumented problem? Claire Cameron, Deputy Director, Thomas Coram Research Unit, UCL IOE, University College London Krešimir Makvić, National Advocacy Adviser, SOS Children's Villages International Miriana Giraldi, Head Of EU Office, SOS Children's Villages International	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 2
14:00 - 15:30	The Pellin Tool of the Calm of the Pendulum Peter Fleming, Director & Founder, Pellin Institute	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 3
14:00 - 15:30	Childnomics – Measuring the long term social and economic value of investing in children Adrian Gheorghe, Oxford Policy Management, Childnomics Andy Bilson, Oxford Policy Management, Childnomics Jo Rogers, Oxford Policy Management, Childnomics	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 4
14:00 - 15:30	Maintaining a dialogue with the child with the help of creative tools and the methodology Focus Box Kamila Kudlvasrova, Trainer, Psychotherapist, Crisis Interventionist, NGO Velky Vuz Sever Robert Pik, A Consultant, Pedagogue, Facilitator And A Soft-skills Trainer, Velky Vuz Sever	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 5
14:45 - 15:30	Deinstitutionalisation of Child Welfare in Contemporary Russia: From Institutional and Collective Care to Family Care Larisa Shpakovskaya, Docent, Higher School Of Economics, St Petersburg Zhanna Chernova, Professor, Higher School Of Economics, St Petersburg	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 1
14:45 - 15:30	Infant-Parent and Child-Parent Psychotherapy for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma Prior to Placement with a Foster or Adoptive Family Chad Kordt-Thomas, Psychotherapist And Infant-Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Smith College School For Social Work	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 1
14:45 - 15:30	Learning by rhythms: A co-operative inquiry about foster care Alessandra Rigamonti, PhD Student In Education And Communication, University Of Milano-Bicocca	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 6
14:45 - 15:30	Nature Assisted Interventions and Sustainable Wellbeing with Children in Foster Care Harriet Rabb, Quality Manager Of Social Work, Perhehoitokumppanit Suomessa Oy / Key Assets Finland	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 3
15:30 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	University of Malta, Valletta Campus
WORKSHOP SESSION 4		
16:00 - 16:45	Carer Support, Key Assets South Australia, Experience, Practice & Outcomes Gareth Davies, Director, Key Assets The Children's Services Provider	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 4
16:00 - 16:45	Conceptualizing Support Programs for Collegiate Foster Careleavers: Accessing the Voice of Young People Dr Justin Jay Miller, Assistant Professor , University Of Kentucky	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 5
16:00 - 16:45	Reconstructing Belongings Against Concepts of Relational Agency Ulla Peters, Professor Of Sociology, University Of Luxembourg	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 1
16:00 - 16:45	These Genius Adult Children? Inna Golenya, Head Of Psychological Guidance Service For Foster Families, Ussuriysk Orphanage	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 6
16:00 - 16:45	Playing With Fire: The Significance of What Constitutes a Good Foster Carer in Successful Placements Florence Chiwetu, CEO , Banya Family Placement Agency	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 3
16:00 - 17:30	All That's Therapeutic is not Therapy Donna Ronan, Therapist, Key Assets Newfoundland Rob Fildes, Director Of Out Of Home Care, Key Assets Newfoundland And Labrador	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 3
16:00 - 17:30	The Way of the Game and the Story - A Narrative Therapy of the Child Trauma Kamila Kudlvasrova, Trainer, Psychotherapist, Crisis Interventionist, NGO Velky Vuz Sever Robert Pik, A Consultant, Pedagogue, Facilitator And A Soft-skills Trainer, Velky Vuz Sever	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 1

16:00 - 17:30	Stories, Support, Statistics & Solutions Peter O'Toole, Head Of Support, Irish Foster Care Association	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 2
16:45 - 17:30	Family Violence in Kinship Care Elizabeth McCrea, Advocacy & Family Support For Kinship Carers, Mirabel Foundation Rachel Breman, Head Of Research, Policy And Advocacy, Bapcare	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 4
16:45 - 17:30	Supporting the educational needs of children and young people in foster care Lynne Greig, Team Manager, Fostering Relations	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 5
16:45 - 17:30	Storytelling as a Tool for Working Through Trauma and Building Capacity for Self-Advocacy Natasha Santos, Community Organizer	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 1
16:45 - 17:30	Growing up in Multicultural Society Luisa Boleo, Retired Teacher. Adoptive Mother	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 6
16:45 - 17:30	Who Am I? Understanding and Promoting Resilience and Social Identity in Foster Children Jill Worrall, Professor, IFCO Board Member Myrna McNitt, Professor Of Social Work, IFCO Board Member	University of Malta, Valletta Campus, Floor 1, Lecture Room 3
19:00 - 22:30	Gala dinner	Fortina Hotel, Sliema

DAY 4, SATURDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2017

PLENARY SESSION 5

09:00 - 09:15	Supporting Placement Stability for LGBTQ2S Youth in Foster Care Amy Salazar, Assistant Professor, Washington State University	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
09:15 - 09:30	Healing and Growth in the Classroom Stef Bugeja, Educational Psychologist, St.Patrick's Salesian School	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
09:45 - 10:00	Participation in Child Protection Jo Dillon, Social Worker And PhD Researcher, Liverpool John Moores University	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
10:00 - 10:15	Equal Partners in Care. The CIRCLE Program: Therapeutically informed Foster care Dr Daniella Zerafa, Foster Carer, Social Worker, Social Work Lecturer, University Of Malta	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
10:15 - 10:30	PLENARY DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS	Grandmaster's Palace, Throne Room
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK	Grandmaster's Palace

PLENARY SESSION 6

11:00 - 11:20	Kaleidoscope Identity; listening to children's stories of their time in foster care Danielle Douglas, Lecturer In Social Care, Waterford Institute Of Technology	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room
11:20 - 11:40	Presentation by Malta careleavers	Grandmaster's Palace
11:40 - 12:00	PLENARY DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS	Grandmaster's Palace, Throne Room
12:00 - 13:30	Closing Ceremony and Closing Speech HE Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President Of Malta	Grandmaster's Palace Throne Room



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Thursday, 2 November

8.00 — 9.00	REGISTRATION
9.00 — 9.45	Getting to know each other
10.00 — 10.45	Activity 1a — Narratives: creating stories and post cards to be distributed to the adults during the break
10.30 — 11.30	Her Excellency, present with the children
11.00 — 12.15	Activity 1b — Building characters using hand puppets
12.30 — 14.00	LUNCH
14.00 — 14.45	Activity 1c — Choose your media to share a message: book making, music, singing, video message, puppet show, shadow puppetry
15.00 — 15.45	Activity 1d — Choose your media to share a message: book making, music, singing, video message, puppet show, shadow puppetry
16.00 — 17.00	Activity 1e — Choose your media to share a message: book making, music, singing, video message, puppet show, shadow puppetry
17.00 — 17.30	Closure
17.30	PICK UP TIME

Friday, 3 November

8.00	REGISTRATION
9.00 — 9.45	Activity 1 — T-Shirt decorating using themes discussed on Thursday
10.00 — 10.45	Activity 1 — T-Shirt decorating using themes discussed on Thursday
11.00 — 12.15	Activity 1 — T-Shirt decorating using themes discussed on Thursday
12.30 — 14.00	LUNCH
14.00 — 14.45	Activity 1a — Human Library 1
15.00 — 15.45	Activity 1b — Human Library 2
16.00 — 17.00	Activity 1c — Human Library 3
17.00 — 17.30	Closure
17.30	PICK UP TIME



Thursday, 2 November

9.10 — 10.30	Get2KnowU Welcome to IFCO 2017
11.15 — 12.00	Get2KnowOthers
14.00 — 15.30	Telling Your Story (in a Good Way)
16.00 — 17.30	Fostering Resilience: Me + Resilience = Success!

Friday, 3 November

9.10 — 10.30	Careleavers Real Talk
11.15 — 12.45	Sharing Your Voice for Change: Improving After Care Around the World
14.00 — 15.30	The Human Library
16.00 — 17.30	Closing Session Design

Saturday, 4 November

9.00 — 10.00	Youth Meeting with the President of Malta
10.00 — 10.30	IFCO Youth Programme Closing Ceremony
11.00 — 13.15	The Youth Programme joins the IFCO Plenary by Danielle Douglas, a careleaver, followed by the IFCO Conference Closing Ceremony



- Auberges**
1. Auberge de Castille
 2. Auberge d'Italie
 3. Auberge d'Aragon
- Cathedrals**
1. St. John's Co-Cathedral (and Museum)
 2. St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral

- Churches**
1. Church of Our Lady of Victory
 2. Church of St. Catherine
 3. St. Paul Shipwrecked Church
 4. Carmelite Church
 5. Tal-Porto Salvo

- Multi Visual Shows**
1. Valletta Living History
 2. Malta Experience
 3. Sacred Island

- Museums**
1. National Museum of Archaeology
 2. National Museum of Fine Arts
 3. National War Museum
 4. Grandmaster's Palace and Armoury

- Squares**
1. St. John's Square
 2. Republic Square
 3. St. George's Square
 4. Independence Square

Ways into Valletta from the waterfront

MARSAMXETT HARBOUR

A **IFCO 2017 Conference Venue**
The Grandmaster's Palace, Republic Street, Valletta, VLT 1191

- Registrations
- Information desk
- Plenary breaks (10:30 - 11:00)
- Opening & closing ceremonies

B **IFCO 2017 Conference venue:**
The University of Malta (Valletta Campus), Merchant Street, Valletta, VLT 1216

- Workshop sessions
- Lunches
- Coffee breaks (15:30 - 16:00)
- Youth programme
- Children's programme
- IFCO 2017 AGM
- IFCO Silent Auction

C **Welcome reception venue (01 November 2017)**
City Lounge, Old Theatre Street, Valletta, VLT 01

D **Gala Dinner (03 November 2017)**
Hotel Fortuna, Tigne Seafront, Sliema, SLM 3012, Malta

- O** **Others**
1. Casa Rocca Piccola
 2. National Library
 3. Lascaris War Rooms
 4. Manoel Theatre
 5. Post Office
 6. Victoria Gate
 7. Siege Bell Memorial

THE GRAND HARBOUR

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Scenic Views

1. Upper Barrakka Garden
2. Lower Barrakka Garden
3. Hastings Garden

