

**ADDRESS BY H.E. MARIE LOUISE COLEIRO PRECA, PRESIDENT OF MALTA  
DURING THE CLOSING OF THE PROJECT "MEDIA FOR INCLUSION" AN  
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE WITH YOUTH PARTICIPANTS FROM  
CROSS CULTURE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FROM MALTA, SPAIN,  
ROMANIA, TURKEY, LITHUANIA AND GREECE**

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**Hello and I hope you enjoyed your afternoon at San Anton  
Palace, and that you have worked hard, as your exchange  
program is now coming near to its end.**

**I welcome all of you participants coming from Spain,  
Turkey, Lithuania, Malta, Greece and Romania.**

**To our foreign guests, I hope you enjoyed your stay  
amongst us.**

**There are two very important points that struck me when I  
read about your project. They are indeed very important to  
us all as citizens of the world.**

**The first interesting point is without a doubt, social media. I  
know how much we all enjoy using social media, which has  
become an intrinsic part of our lives.**

**We communicate, we meet and make friends, we read the news, we shop, we talk to our relatives and friends; we do all this and much more, on social media.**

**Media, in particular social media, has become a very important tool in our everyday life.**

**So let us all enjoy it by making good use of it. Let us not allow anyone to destroy this excellent tool, either by misusing it, or posting negative ideas that can only cause harm in our societies.**

**I hope you have learned more about the appropriate use of social media, and you can now use it as your medium to raise awareness on various topics related to human rights, democracy, social inclusion, diversity, sports and culture.**

**Yes, it should be a wonderful thing to say, I have thousands of friends across the world, although they are virtual friends, if everyone of them are looking for genuine friendship, learning about one another, and promoting a sense of inclusion.**

**This brings me to the word inclusion. We all need to feel included in our home, among friends, in our society, in our town or village, school or place of work.**

**I believe that if we want to feel included, we need to start by including others in our lives.**

**So let us start by being proactive ourselves, and make sure that we celebrate our differences, promote understanding among our friends, and live in harmony with one another.**

**It is only if we do this, that the world can hope to bring about a better world.**

**I congratulate the Cross Culture International Foundation for the work you are doing in foster transnational partnerships among young people.**

**You are truly investing in the future of mankind.**