

Integration Priority Track

Programme Brief

The Integration Priority Track (IPT) programme, within Project Integrated which is funded by UNHCR, aims at ensuring that individuals who have opted for long-term integration in Malta are provided with the free personalised support they require in order to achieve integration.

The project therefore offers a number of packages aimed at enabling individuals to continue and complete secondary education or sixth form, access Higher Educational institutions or improve their employability.

A call for applications is being sent to organisations in the migrant field like yourself and you may refer suitable candidates to the project. Your role as a referring organisation is to conduct an assessment of the applicants' possibility of completing the course, in particular to identify both risk of drop-out and needs for additional support. Individuals who are holders of international protection (Refugee Status or Subsidiary Protection), Temporary Humanitarian Protection, Specific Residence Authorization, Asylum Seekers and Rejected Asylum Seekers with a valid CIO document or an interim permission to stay are invited to apply for any of the packages listed below. Individuals who are currently in the Dublin Procedure will not be prioritized. Applications (attached Form A) are to be completed by both the applicant as well as the referring individual/organisation and sent to alexia@jrsmalta.org by **Friday 20th March 2020**.

Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Board made up of: the JRS social worker, the JRS IPT Coordinator (JRS being the implementing partners), and one representative from UNHCR (as project funders). This Selection Board will shortlist applicants based on the strength of the application, including the reference and personal statement. The suitability of the applicant will be determined by scoring the responses on the application and applications will be ranked according to the total score obtained. Individuals shortlisted will meet with the JRS social worker who will conduct an in-depth assessment to ascertain whether or not the individual concerned satisfies the criteria for selection set out in this document as well as their motivation and level of commitment.

Once the assessment is conducted and it is clear that the individual satisfies the criteria for selection, the JRS social worker together with the individual, will prepare an IPT assessment form in order to apply for IPT support. This form will include the outcomes of the social work assessment and an outline of any risks identified, together with a recommendation regarding the package the individual concerned could benefit from.

AVAILABLE PACKAGES:

The following are the packages being offered through the IPT programme. Individuals selected may benefit from all or some of the packages' components according to the individual's need.

A. Stepping-Stone Programme for Higher Education [University, MCAST, ITS etc.]

This package aims to equip individuals who have expressed a desire to access higher education with the educational input necessary to enable them to meet entry requirements and progress and succeed in the course of their choice. Moreover, assistance in the form of course-related equipment or course fees may be given to support an individual to access a given course and/or progress through it.

- IELTS preparation classes & exam to enter university.
- Intermediate or Advanced English language classes.
- ECDL course & exam (equivalent to an O-Level)
- Private tuition to prepare the applicant for the course to be taken
- Payment for a course (if not offered free of charge)
- Assistance with purchase of equipment such as a laptop, desk and chair and if necessary stationary and books relevant to the course.

B. Stepping-Stone Programme for Access to Employment and Self-Employment

This package caters for individuals who have expressed a desire to access a particular job market but are generally disadvantaged in this pursuit because of the lack of certain skills such as language fluency. This package would equip these individuals with the skills and educational background required to make them more competitive in the job market.

- Intermediate or Advanced English language classes.
- ECDL course & exam (equivalent to an O-Level)
- Payment for a course (if not offered free of charge)
- Financial assistance, up to € 1,000, for the purchase of equipment required by the course or to start a particular business (e.g. to purchase hairdressing, welding or baking tools and/or equipment).

C. Stepping-Stone Programme for Secondary School Education or Sixth Form/O and A-Levels

This package caters for individuals who arrive in Malta having not completed schooling. This package offers those individuals wishing to complete their education the necessary tuition and support to allow them to enter and succeed at school at a level appropriate for their age, despite having lost out on years of education and having been taught in a language other than English.

- English language course according to the applicant's current language level
- Private tuition in relevant subjects
- Educational material such as school books and stationary