



Malta Association of
Physiotherapists

Information Release World Physiotherapy Day 2019

The Malta Association of Physiotherapists Honours the World Physiotherapy Day by Organising Activities to Enhance Awareness on the Physiotherapy Profession during Pride March.

14th September, 2019 – The Malta Association of Physiotherapists (MAP) has organised an awareness campaign during Pride March to enhance the awareness of the physiotherapy profession and how physiotherapists can assist in managing chronic pain within the LGBTIQ community.

“World Physiotherapy Day falls on 8th September every year, and is an opportunity for physiotherapists all over the world to raise awareness about the crucial role their profession plays in making and keeping people well, mobile and independent” claims the World Confederation of Physiotherapists (WCPT). The Malta Association of Physiotherapists is a member organisation of WCPT, and it is supported by the confederation in organising this campaign.

WCPT use *The World Physiotherapy Day* to recognise the work that physiotherapists do for their clients and their community, and to support them in their efforts to promote the profession and to advance their professional. This day marks the unity and solidarity of the physiotherapy community from 101 countries around the world (including Malta).

“There is strong global action towards improving diversity and inclusion in order to provide equitable healthcare for all. Physiotherapy is not an exception”, states MAP President – Maria-Louisa Busuttil.

During these celebrations the MAP has organised a three hour seminar for its members titled **“LGBTIQ+ and Physiotherapy”** that focused on current healthcare updates such as legislative changes, the gender clinic and also the programmes that are currently being developed with regards to Sexually Transmitted Disease in Malta. The session was also supported by health care professionals working at the Malta Gay Rights Movement. Following this session the board members of the association together with its members joined Pride March whereby the message **“Ask Me About Physio!”** was disseminated and physiotherapists who volunteered on the day provided information on management of chronic pain to the Maltese General Public participating at Pride Malta.

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Final Note: The Malta Association of Physiotherapists aims to maintain and upgrade standards of physiotherapy according to international standards, to promote the profession at a national and international level and to liaise in an advisory capacity, with Health Authorities, Professional Bodies and Voluntary Organizations.

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