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## **HSBC Malta Foundation supports children's initiatives during Covid-19 outbreak**

The HSBC Malta Foundation is supporting the HSBC STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Challenge and the Malta Girl Guides (MGG) Quarantine Challenge, two initiatives aimed at helping children enjoy and use their time creatively while staying at home. These separate challenges will see children and their parents or guardians participating in different activities.

The HSBC STEM Challenge, being launched by the Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programs, in association with the Science Centre, aims to engage young students (Year 3 to Year 6 primary students) and their caregivers in doing science at home, while nurturing and developing 21<sup>st</sup> century life skills.

On the other hand, the Malta Girl Guides (MGG) Quarantine Challenge, with hashtags #mggquarantinechallenge and #beattheboredom consists of a challenge launched every 2 days. The first challenge launched under this initiative was to create a model of the coronavirus. Subsequent challenges are being created around the themes of music, Down Syndrome World Day, recreating travel scenes and creating positive inspiring messages. Some 1,000 people have already signed up to join in and all participants will have the opportunity to earn their very own #mggquarantinechallenge badge.

Caroline Buhagiar Klass, Head of Human Resources and Corporate Sustainability at HSBC Malta commented: "At a time when many of us are living an unusual reality we believe that initiatives such as the HSBC STEM Challenge and the Malta Girl Guides Quarantine Challenge, are an excellent way to engage young students in a genuinely productive way. Through its support, the HSBC Malta Foundation continues to support the community across Malta and Gozo, even in these challenging times."

Those interested in taking on the HSBC STEM Challenge can sign up at <https://bit.ly/2vLVu21>. The Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programs will be awarding gift vouchers, sponsored by the HSBC Malta Foundation, to the best three entries.

Meanwhile, more information on the #mggquarantinechallenge can be found on the Malta Girl Guides Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/MaltaGirlGuides/> or Instagram on /maltagirlguides. Those interested in participating can also fill in an application form on <https://form.jotform.com/200733602458350>.



**PHOTOCAPTION:** One of the posters created for the Malta Girl Guides (MGG) Quarantine Challenge



# STEM Challenge for Primary Students in Year 3 to Year 6



## STEM MACHINES



Investigate one of the  
following themes:

**Theme 1: The human body**

**Theme 2: Simple machines**

**Theme 3: Nature**

*Register by not later than  
Friday 3rd April 2020*



# NATURE

### Three prizes for each theme

**1st Prize 60 Euro voucher**

**2nd Prize 40 Euro voucher**

**3rd Prize 20 Euro voucher**

Awards are sponsored by the HSBC Malta Foundation

**PHOTOCAPTION:** The poster created for the STEM Challenge for primary students in year 3 to year 6