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### LETTER CIRCULAR

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**To:** College Principals, Heads of Schools (State and Non-State) Education Officers and Sections

**From:** Joanne Grima - CEO Institute for Education

**Subject:** Skills for Students' Well-Being

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The Malta PSD Association in collaboration with the Institute for Education and the Department of Counselling UoM is organising a **one day conference on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017** at St Benedict College, Middle School, Kirkop.

This conference is mostly intended for Primary and Secondary PSCD teachers and those who work with children or youths. The conference is aimed to provide knowledge and skills about delicate issues, to discuss concerns about a variety of sensitive topics and to act as professional development for educators.

MPSDA is organising workshops which deal with challenges and situations that teachers, educators and other professionals are facing. Participants will discover how to deal with these different challenges by fostering knowledge, sharing ideas and empowering educators.

MPSDA strongly believes that if we invest in the professional development of educators, we would be investing in our children and ultimately future citizens. The association would like to assert the importance of this conference. The Institute of Education is also supporting our goal by sponsoring half the price of the conference of the first 80 applicants.

#### **The programme of the conference is as follows:**

08.30 - 9.00: Registration  
09.00 - 9.30: Opening speech / Minister  
09.30 - 10.40: Key note speech: "Self-maintenance of PSD teachers" - Prof. Tim Bond  
10.40 - 10.55: Coffee break  
10.55 - 11.55: Workshops SET 1  
11.55 - 12.55: Workshops SET 2  
12.55 - 13.30: Closure and Lunch

#### **Workshops Set 1**

1. Self- harm (Ms Rose Galea)
2. Sexting and internet addiction (Mr Mark Spiteri)
3. LGBTIQ issues (Mr Chris Vella, Co-President and Ms Joanne Peregin, Parent and Co-President)
4. Health risk issues about Tattoos and Body piercing (Ms Anna Catania)

**Workshops Set 2**

1. Designer drugs (Mr Mike Orland)
2. Fine line between PSD and Counselling (Dr Ruth Falzon and Ms Maud Muscat)
3. Media education (Mr Edward Wright and Ms Mildred Bonnici)
4. Sexting and internet addiction (Mr Mark Spiteri)

Those interested should kindly fill in all the details in the attached application form and send it together with the payment to MPSDA at their earliest convenience. Please note that the IBAN number is required as the Institute of Education will refund €10 from the fee of the first 80 applicants. The deadline for handing the application and payment is 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Thank you.

**Joanne Grima**

**CEO Institute for Education**