



Mind D Gap: Together we can make a difference (Consultation)

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I agree with the general key areas outlined above. I think one key area that seems to not be mentioned above is :

Government should undertake to be seen at the forefront of the integration policy by setting the example and by actively employing TCNs in governmental departments/local councils. By also creating the infrastructure necessary for the specific education and training of skills required by the country (like for example live in carers for old people in their own homes and domestic cleaners with certification) Starting with ensuring that all TCNs are able to speak both English and Maltese by providing free lessons to all in central localities easily accessible to all TCNs. By creating a central database of all TCNs with details profiling their skills to enable and elevate the burden of employment - matching skills with employment opportunities. Also in this database should be the TCNs credit rating for those who are already in employment - many TCNs are not even able to open a bank account. Making employment legal for all who register and complete integration and cultural programs. By the creation of mentoring programs - matching local families with TCNs where every TCN that applies may be matched to a family in a specific program where the local or other already integrated TCN family would be the central contact/ help for the new TCN.

I would very much love to be included in any dialogue with regards to integration, it is something I belief is crucial to our society.

Thanks and regards,

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