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Culture

Youth Organisations 2004

In the year 2004, the sphere of youth organisation activities was dominated by religious activities with a share of 22.4 per cent, followed by social activities with 20.1 per cent, cultural activities with 18.1 per cent and educational activities with 16.9 per cent.

The year 2004 saw an increase in the number of youths becoming members of various youth organisations. Membership increased by 31.9 per cent, from 54,215 in 2003 to 71,509 in 2004. This substantial increase was largely due to the fact that the definition of membership was broadened to also include non-paying members. The greatest percentage of members of youth organisations - 24.9 per cent - were aged between 20 and 24, followed by young persons aged 15-19 years with 20.3 per cent. The majority of members were males, in fact, males accounted for 61.5 per cent of all members. However, female participation is on the increase; females accounted for 38.5 per cent of members, as compared to 31.5 per cent in 2003.

The participation rate in youth organisations in 2004 stood at 45.1 per cent, an increase of 11 per cent over 2003. The age brackets 20-24 and 15-19 highlighted the most interested groups in youth organisations, with 59.2 per cent and 50.8 per cent respectively of persons in these age brackets being members of a youth organisation.

Between the years 2003 and 2004, voluntary participation in youth organisations decreased by 9.8 per cent. Of the volunteers, 82.4 per cent were members of the organisation itself. 53.1 per cent of all volunteers were female - an increase of 5.7 over 2003.

Persons employed with youth organisations varied slightly between 2003 and 2004. Full-time employees remained the same at 13, whilst part-time employees decreased from 44 to 22. Youth organisations are, in general, more structured on a voluntary basis rather than employment.

Expenditure by youth organisations increased in 2004, from Lm536,725 in 2003 to Lm668,923, an increase of 24.6 per cent. Nearly 75 per cent of this expenditure was classified as 'other expenditure', that is, it did not fall into any of the listed categories. For example, expenditure on activities, donations to charity and everyday running expenses. Income by youth organisations has also increased, from Lm499,860 in 2003 to Lm641,145 in 2004, an increase of 28.3 per cent. Again, the lion's share of income was from 'other income', such as income from organised activities and through fund raising. 18.0 per cent of income was also generated from private donations. The increases in expenditure and income are due to the fact that the number of organisations surveyed increased by 7 per cent between 2003 and 2004. In the year 2004, youth organisations as a whole reported a net loss of Lm27,778■

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Table 1. Distribution of organisations by type: 2004

Activity	Number	% total
Social	51	20.1
Religious	57	22.4
Political	9	3.5
Cultural	46	18.1
Educational	43	16.9
Sports	6	2.4
Environment	4	1.6
Philanthropic	20	7.9
International	12	4.7
Therapeutic	1	0.4
Other	5	2.0
Total *	254	100.0

** Note that some organisations may be of more than one type, so this total is not representative of the total number of organisations surveyed.*

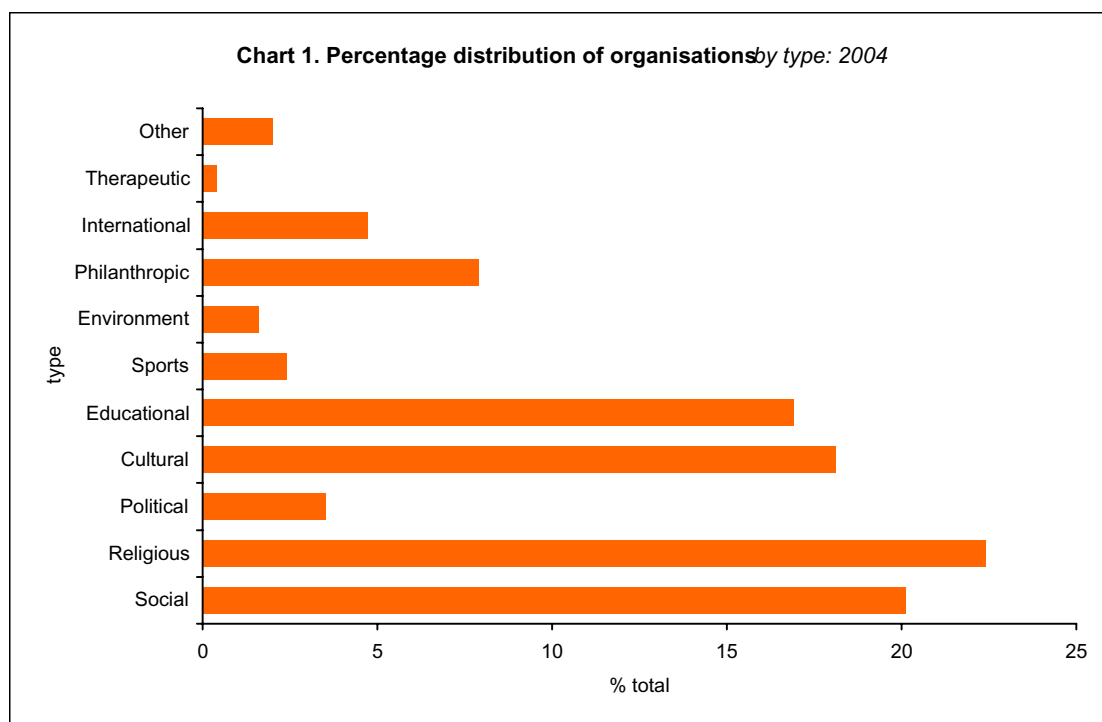


Table 4. Yearly percentage distributions of members by sex and age

Age group	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
5 - 9	84.4	15.6	100.0	84.7	15.3	100.0	84.8	15.2	100.0
10 - 14	70.7	29.3	100.0	67.7	32.3	100.0	70.8	29.2	100.0
15 - 19	54.3	45.7	100.0	54.1	45.9	100.0	47.6	52.4	100.0
20 - 24	65.4	34.6	100.0	65.1	34.9	100.0	56.8	43.2	100.0
25 - 29	72.4	27.6	100.0	70.0	30.0	100.0	60.9	39.1	100.0
30 +	71.6	28.4	100.0	71.0	29.0	100.0	59.7	40.3	100.0
Total	69.6	30.4	100.0	68.5	31.5	100.0	61.5	38.5	100.0

Chart 2. Yearly percentage distributions of members by age

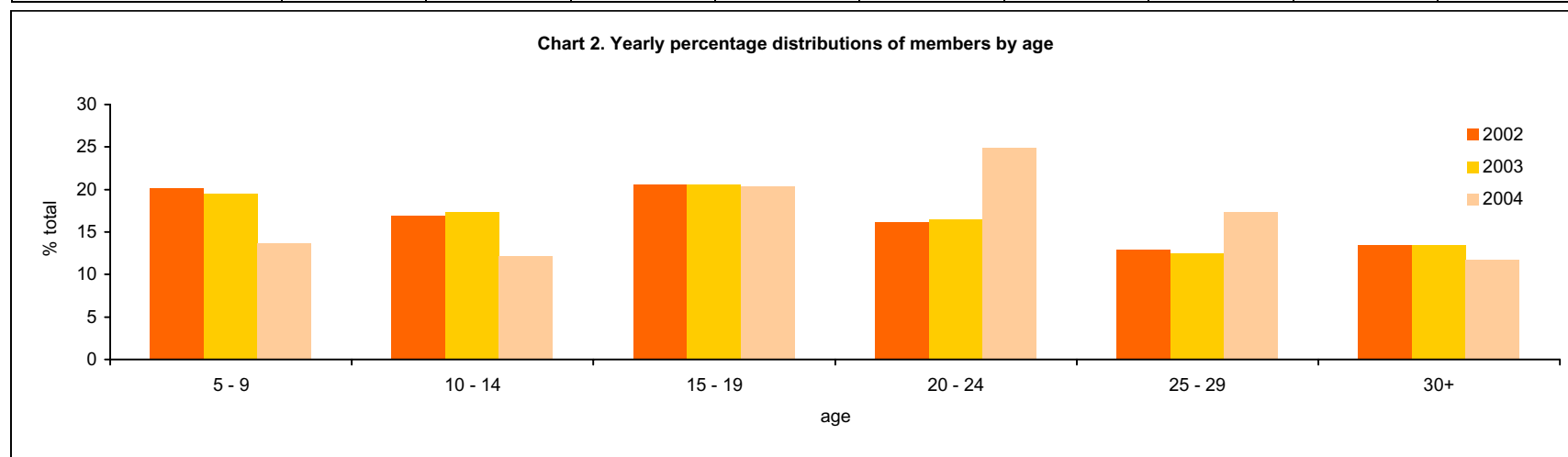


Table 5. Yearly distributions of membership by age, as a percentage of total population

Age group	2002			2003			2004		
	Population	Members	% Population	Population	Members	% Population	Population	Members	% Population
5 - 9	24,564	10,825	44.1	23,912	10,581	44.3	23,817	9,742	40.9
10 - 14	27,902	9,041	32.4	27,490	9,417	34.3	27,124	8,706	32.1
15 - 19	28,065	10,994	39.2	27,872	11,135	40.0	28,507	14,483	50.8
20 - 24	29,448	8,642	29.4	29,580	8,963	30.3	30,045	17,800	59.2
25 - 29	28,239	6,920	24.5	28,849	6,800	23.6	30,508	12,391	40.6
Total	138,218	46,422	33.6	137,703	46,896	34.1	140,001	63,122	45.1

Table 6. Yearly distributions of voluntary workers by sex and membership status

Voluntary workers	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Members	1,703	1,641	3,344	1,711	1,712	3,423	1,852	2,054	3,906
Not members	1,026	759	1,785	1,054	778	1,832	373	463	836
Total	1,026	759	1,785	1,054	778	1,832	373	463	836

Table 7. Yearly percentage distributions of voluntary workers by membership status and sex

Voluntary workers	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Members	62.4	68.4	65.2	61.9	68.8	65.1	83.2	81.6	82.4
Not members	37.6	31.6	34.8	38.1	31.2	34.9	16.8	18.4	17.6
Total	37.6	31.6	34.8	38.1	31.2	34.9	16.8	18.4	17.6

Table 8. Yearly percentage distributions of voluntary workers by sex and membership status

Voluntary workers	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Members	50.9	49.1	100.0	50.0	50.0	100.0	47.4	52.6	100.0
Not members	57.5	42.5	100.0	57.5	42.5	100.0	44.6	55.4	100.0
Total	53.2	46.8	100.0	52.6	47.4	100.0	44.6	55.4	100.0

Table 9. Yearly distributions of full-time personnel employed by youth organisations by sex and type

Status	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Full-time	4	6	10	7	6	13	8	5	13
Part-time	24	19	43	25	19	44	9	13	22
Total	28	25	53	32	25	57	17	18	35

Table 10. Yearly expenditure distributions by type

Type of expenditure	2002	2003	2004
	Lm		
Staff	66,850	78,913	76,827
Maintenance	48,727	54,353	68,345
Income tax	3,235	4,235	4,802
Rent	12,310	11,695	12,181
Interests	8,120	10,120	10,220
Other expenditure	449,992	377,409	496,549
Total	589,234	536,725	668,923

Table 11. Percentage yearly expenditure distributions by type

Type of expenditure	2002	2003	2004
	%		
Staff	11.3	14.7	11.5
Maintenance	8.3	10.1	10.2
Income tax	0.5	0.8	0.7
Rent	2.1	2.2	1.8
Interests	1.4	1.9	1.6
Other expenditure	76.4	70.3	74.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Chart 3. Distribution of expenditure: 2004

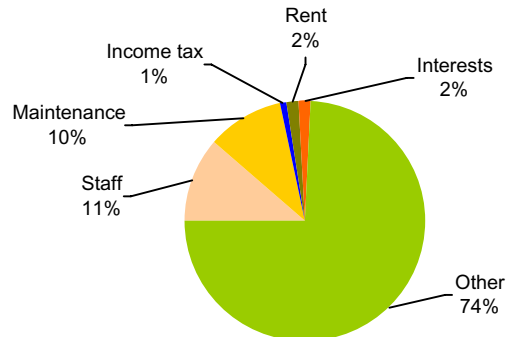


Table 12. Yearly income distributions by type

Type of income	2002	2003	2004
	Lm		
Fees	74,599	75,139	77,490
Advertising	27,381	27,088	31,313
Government subsidies	30,300	28,450	23,374
Private donations	189,321	112,052	115,600
Other income	250,962	257,131	393,369
Total	572,563	499,860	641,145

Table 13. Percentage yearly income distributions by type

Type of income	2002	2003	2004
	%		
Fees	13.0	15.0	12.1
Advertising	4.8	5.4	4.9
Government subsidies	5.3	5.7	3.6
Private donations	33.1	22.5	18.0
Other income	43.8	51.4	61.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 14. Yearly income and expenditure

	2002	2003	2004
	Lm		
Total income	572,563	499,860	641,145
Total expenditure	589,234	536,725	668,923
Income less expenditure	-16,671	-36,865	-27,778

Table 15. Average yearly income & expenditure per organisation

	2002	2003	2004
	Lm		
Average income	5,302	4,628	5,937
Average expenditure	5,456	4,970	6,194
Average income less expenditure	-154	-341	-257

Methodological notes

1. This survey on youth organisations was conducted exhaustively, i.e. aimed at 100 per cent coverage. All youth organisations in Malta and Gozo were surveyed - 108 organisations in total. This represents an increase of 7 over the 101 organisations surveyed in 2003.
2. The global response rate for this survey stood at 89 organisations, or 81.7 per cent of the total.
3. Missing data was imputed by re-contacting the respondents. In the cases where the respondent was no longer reachable, the data were imputed by the application of valid mathematical algorithms using auxiliary variables.
4. A large increase in membership was observed in 2004. This is due to the fact that the definition of membership was broadened to also include non-paying members of organisations.
5. The data in this release should not be considered as final and may be subject to further revision.