

Empowering the future: How UM connects with the next generation in the world of AI



Sixty people enrolled at the '[xPloring Intelligence - A Bootcamp on Us and Tech](#)'. This initiative offered a unique opportunity for children, ranging from Year 7 to Year 9 during the 2023/2024 scholastic year, to delve into the exciting world of creation with AI and digital innovation.

Organised by the University of Malta's [Faculty of Information and Communication Technology](#) in collaboration with the [Malta Digital Innovation Authority](#) (MDIA), this bootcamp aimed to equip young learners with a better understanding of AI while promoting the use of technical skills needed to build fun and engaging mobile applications through immersive conceptual and practical sessions. The camp took place during the week of September 11-15, 2023 at the Faculty of ICT building.

The bootcamp 'xPloring Intelligence' aimed at fostering curiosity on the workings of technology, by using creativity and problem-solving. Beyond the coding challenges and technical knowledge, participants were encouraged to think critically about technology's role in our lives. These skills go beyond academic content and are considered to be fundamental for success across various career pathways and sectors.

This initiative aligns with the [Societal Factors and Impact](#) theme of the University of Malta's [Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#). By promoting public outreach and nurturing the next generation of innovators, initiatives such as this build towards increasing the University of Malta's positive impact on society, whilst asserting its proactive role in educating individuals across all strata of the community.

See what two participants had to say about this event in this [testimonial](#).

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