

Din I-Art Helwa's commitment to heritage and nature protection continued this last year despite the pandemic, particularly with the formation of DLH Regional and Special Interest Sections, numerous objections to inappropriate development, restoration, and political lobbying. On 10 March, we had to close our sites to the public, but reopened them on 21 April. Restrictions on fund raising events continue to impact activity and revenue, but visitor numbers have seen an increase in the last six months.

PEOPLE

At the 2021 AGM, a new Council was elected to serve till February 2023. Council Members elected were Professor Alex Torpiano, Martin Scicluna, Simone Mizzi, Maria Grazia Cassar, Professor Lucio Mulé Stagno, Dr Petra Caruana Dingli, Martin Galea, Dr Stanley Farrugia Randon, Josie Ellul Mercer, Cettina Caruana Curran, *Perit* Joanna Spiteri Staines, Professor Anthony Bonanno, Joseph Philip Farrugia, George Camilleri, Kenneth B. Micallef. At the first Council Meeting, 10 March 2021, Council appointed Alex Torpiano as Executive President, Martin Scicluna as Hon. Treasurer, and Simone Mizzi as Hon. Secretary General. Ann Gingell Littlejohn, Cathy Farrugia, Albert Attard and Joe Attard were also co-opted. At the Council Meeting of 15 December 2021, three new Council Members were co-opted who bring much experience and are passionate about heritage and the environment. These are Michael Warrington and Stéphane Croce, both with broad commercial experience and Shirley Cefai, conservation architect also involved in youth projects.

Council Members continue to exert influence to further our mission in various fields: Our Executive President co-chairs the Intelligent Planning Consultative Forum, set up by Aaron Farrugia, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Planning, sits on the Gozo Spatial Planning Committee and also on the Building Industry Consultative Council, all entities that impact development planning. After serving as Jury Member for the Europa Nostra Dedicated Service Awards, Alex is now part of the new Research Category Selection Committee.

Martin Galea serves on the Board of INTO and represents DLH on Majjistral Park's Heritage Parks Federation. Simone Mizzi sits on the Board of Europa Nostra and on the National Council for Cultural Heritage (formerly the Committee of Guarantee). Maria Grazia Cassar continues to liaise with French NGO Union Rempart and chairs the DLH Architectural Heritage Awards organised with the *Kamra Tal-Periti*.

I sadly record the loss of two stalwart members of DLH: George Serracino Ingloft, founder and president of Teenagers' Din I-Art Helwa, and Chevalier Salvatore Mousù, Council Member and Education Officer, whose dedication to Malta's cultural traditions was unflinching. We remember them with pride.

REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Lobbying against unreasonable Legal Notices regulating funding procedures by Voluntary Organisations and Charity Shops occupied much time this year. If carried through, fund raising, events and donations would have been unmanageable, making it quasi impossible for DLH to function. After many discussions, during which DLH made many constructive proposals to the VO Council, common sense prevailed. The final legal requirements have added to our administration but are reasonably fair.

GUARDIANSHIP DEEDS

17 November: The long awaited Guardianship Deed for the Australian Bungalow was signed with the Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Planning, Aaron Farrugia. Council Member Joseph Farrugia is driving this project. We are in the process of raising the funds needed.

Unfortunately, slow progress has been made on our requests to manage several heritage sites. Held up in an impasse between the Lands Department and the Ministry of Culture are the historic Chapel of San Ċir, Rabat, Marfa Palace and the Cavallerizza in Mellieħa, and the Qbajjar Battery in Marsalforn, Gozo which the Ministry of Culture itself invited us to take up. All sites are in a terrible state of abandon but we are pursuing their cause daily. We have also asked to manage land around Isopu Tower in Gozo, land around the White Tower in Mellieħa, and set up National Park areas in Comino.

REGIONAL BRANCHES AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The formation of DLH regional committees and special interest groups has been a most positive move with environmental protection stepped up all round as members focus closely on their local issues.

DIN L-ART HELWA MELLIEħA

DLHM volunteers have assiduously carried out some 85 clean ups in Mellieħa and beyond since their foundation on 7 February 2021. Led by Council Member Albert Attard, and founding members Daniela Cini and David Azzopardi, they also plant trees, have opened the White Tower to the public every Sunday since 25 July, and assist with the many camping and outdoor activities requests we get for the area. Their clean ups covered countryside localities around the Red Tower, White Tower, Popeye Village, Belveder car park, Selmun, Aħrax, Miżieb, and the Mellieħa, Selmun, Manikata, Prajjiet, and Mġiebaħ Roads.

They have teamed up with other clean up groups on 12 occasions clearing areas around Xutu tower, Għar Lapsi, Birżebbuġa, St Paul's Bay, Mġarr and Qormi, and also participated in four Save Our Blue beach cleans organised by the Ministry of the Environment at Għadira, Ġnejna, Golden and Għajn Tuffieħa bays.

The Hili Group, Melita, and PwC have called upon DLHM to help them organise clean ups for their Corporate Social Responsibility programmes while a sponsorship from the Hili Group has enabled DLHM to purchase equipment. 40 Students from University and St Aloysius College were given environment and heritage education during their CSR hours.

Tree planting requests are increasing. DLHM planted 100 trees donated by Norwex Ltd and another 300 coming this year, while another 250 were planted at White Tower, donated by Ambjent Malta.

It is soul destroying to see our countryside being littered irresponsibly. We must commend DLHM volunteers for their unflinching commitment to put things right.

DIN L-ART HELWA ĠĦAWDEX

5 June 2021: The launch of Din I-Art Helwa Ġħawdex caused a huge stir, drawing much attention to threats from unbridled development to Gozo's magnificent landscape. A press conference launched our Gozo-based branch at Cittadella, hosted DLH Executive President, Alex Torpiano, and three founding members, Godfrey Swain, Daniel Cilia and DLH Council Member Martin Galea. The mission of DLHĠħ is to bring about change to planning laws and enforcement, to act as a watchdog, and to lobby authorities and the public for the protection of Gozo's rich architectural legacy and landscape. Reinforcing DLH's main position on Gozo, DLHĠħ demands that authorities revisit all Gozo's planning regulations, and to allow it some breathing space through the immediate implementation of 12-month suspensions of the height-relaxing Annex 2 policy, for further protection of the current UCA boundaries, and a 12-month moratorium on ODZ development.

The formation of DLHĠħ brought together a cross-section of Gozitans together with Maltese and expatriates living in Gozo. A 12-person committee with five sub-committees focusing on key areas led by Godfrey Swain is now active, publishing many hard-hitting press releases and articles with each campaign. Major issues have been: to investigate plans to widen the Marsalforn Road, lobbying with the Ministry for Gozo to mitigate destruction of watercourses, trees and agricultural land; successfully thwarting a plan by developers to convert virgin land in Għarb into residential space; participating in the Gozo Tunnel debate, engaging a Swiss Tunnelling expert to lend his expertise and making formal contributions to the 10-year Gozo Regional Development Strategy.

Together with the Heritage Parks Federation, DLHĠħ has made a proposal to create the first History and Nature Park in Gozo at Ta' Soppu in Nadur which would protect some 100 hectares, including a Natura 2000 site, natural habitats and areas of high value landscape.

DLHĠħ spearheaded the formation of a coalition of like-minded, Gozo-focused, environmental and heritage NGOs. The "Coalition for Gozo" was launched on 13 November between DLHĠħ, *Wirt Ġħawdex* and *Ġħawdix*. Their first major thrust has demanded investigation into the shameless development of Xlendi's last remaining boathouses.

The Coalition's year closed with a heartfelt appeal against the shocking partial destruction of an outstandingly well-preserved piece of vernacular

architecture in Xewkija. With a press statement entitled 'PA dismissed SCH counsel and approves demolition of Gozo vernacular 'museum', the heart-rending demolition photographs went viral. Subsequently, DLH and DLHGh have written to the *Kamra tal Periti* and the Environment Ombudsman to investigate the architect and the PA case officer responsible. The case is still pending.

Work to protect Gozo by both DLH and DLHGh continues as the current onslaught from development shows no abating. We would like to thank Daniel Cilia for supporting the cause with his great photographs.

CODE RED SUB COMMITTEE

In August, with the threats to our natural environment and to heritage sites increasing from climate change, DLH formed a sub committee to focus on climate action. Many members signed up and university students are actively involved.

HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

DLH Heritage and Environmental Protection team fights development applications at each stage of the planning process. Led by Alex Torpiano, Joanna Spiteri Staines and Tara Cassar, we have engaged another part time architect, Kristine Pace, to cope with the massive workload, replacing Isaac and Tracy who left last year.

DLH filed 395 objections against individual applications for conversions of countryside ruins into villas, apartment blocks with pools along Gozo's cliff edges, the continuing demolition of traditional townhouses, the destruction of gardens and green enclaves in many of Malta's still intact village cores, dozens of dubious requests for agricultural stores in the countryside and against sprawling sheep farms across Malta and Gozo.

DLH also objected to six plans across Malta and Gozo to change land policies, mainly either to convert ODZ land into building land, or to redefine parameters in sites within the 2006 Rationalization Exercise, of which we have not yet seen the full repercussions. Seeking to increase the development potential of sites to their maximum capacity, all applications make no consideration for the impact on urban fabric and on community life.

Din I-Art Helwa successfully thwarted an application that would have developed an archaeologically sensitive site in Kalkara into building plots, despite archaeological features having been discovered. Following our 2019 objections, we took the case to the Planning Authority's Executive Council that finally resulted in the application being refused.

We filed a record 12 appeals this year with the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal after the Planning Commission approved several developments potentially compromising our built and natural environment. Developments contested include blocks in Xaghra extending into ODZ, in Sannat also extending towards the scenic cliffs, in Xewkija's inner village core, in Qormi threatening the visual integrity and historic context of *Pinto House* and one of the oldest routes into this historic town, and a tourism accommodation within a rabbit farm in Żurrieq. We have also challenged the Planning Board's approval of an overbearing hotel development at Saqqajja hill on the approach to Mdina.

DLH also made submissions on 16 appeals by developers for repeated applications originally refused by the Planning Commission, successfully winning the dismissal of developments in Rabat, Swieqi, Lija and Birkirkara. Some cases are yet to be decided. These include: Palumbo Shipyard's proposal for a 44 metre structure (approximately 16 storeys) blocking Cottonera's bastions, an attempt to overturn the scheduling of the 19th century St Julian's townhouse and historic open air theatre, formerly the family home of the late President Dr Censu Tabone, and an application for the redevelopment of the Grade 2 scheduled Villa Leoni in St Julian's which would leave two massive blocks towering over the villa and destroying its extensive garden.

We are also awaiting decisions on several appeals filed in 2019 and 2020, including an approved villa in Bahrija's Natura 2000 and Archaeological site with a pool on stilts, as well as the multi-use development within Hamrun's village core threatening a historic underground cistern.

Din I-Art Helwa also took five cases further to the Court of Appeal. The judge ruled in Din I-Art Helwa's favour on four, overturning permits for a drive-through over agricultural land in Iklin, for the overbearing development next to Pinto House Qormi, for the extension of building heights in Hamrun and against 7-storey blocks on Birzebbuga's picturesque historic waterfront. A decision is yet to be given on the last one.

This is only a very small smattering of the work our HEP team does and we thank them for their incredible commitment as the battle continues, as well as Dr Claire Bonello who handles, and has won, many cases.

MAJISTRAL HISTORY AND NATURE PARK

Martin Galea reports a good year at Majjistral Park. Covid, in fact, has done somewhere some good. Apart from the normal management of the Park, patrolling, removal of alien species, of waste and dumped material, sponsorships were found from PwC, Melita Foundation and Gasan Foundation for the rehabilitation of the Guardsroom, the Officers' Quarters and the Quartermaster's Store. The Alastair David Robert Chalmers Trust is supporting the purchase of a new van and bobcat. Covid has also brought many people to the park to enjoy the outdoors and some of Malta's most spectacular scenery.

OUTREACH

International National Trusts Organisation (INTO): Martin Galea organised a high level visit in September from INTO's Secretary General, Catherine Leonard and Emma Thomas, National Trust Manager of the Seaton Deleval Hall, Northumberland, who gave an inspiring talk about creative ways of rendering heritage sites accessible. 1 October: During a courtesy visit we paid together with the group to Dr José Herrera, Minister for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government we also discussed our pending Guardianship Deeds. Catherine and Emma visited many DLH sites and found the commitment of our volunteers impressive. They visited the Qbajjar Battery in Marsalforn, with a view to designing an enhancement programme as soon as the Guardianship Deed with the Culture Ministry is finalised.

Reciprocal Visiting Programme: As members of INTO, DLH individual members can now visit, free of charge, numerous heritage sites managed by national trusts participating in the INTO scheme around the world, while their members are able to visit ours. The initiative, delayed by Covid, will be launched in April. 'INTO Places to Visit' can be found on the INTO website. We thank Martin Galea for seeing this through.

Xir Cammini: DLH is collaborating with the Xir Cammini Association whose mission is to keep pilgrimage routes relevant by trekking ancient paths between historic sites. This has brought 136 new members to DLH, who also benefit from our reciprocal arrangements with our INTO partners.

Voluntary Organisation Project Scheme: We thank Tony Cassar and Cyberspace who completed an outreach programme aimed at enhancing youth membership made possible with funding from the VOPS. This included setting up a DLH stand at University during Freshers' Week and a Wine & Jazz night organised at the Red Tower on the 17 September 2021 which was an instant sell out. We also thank Rosanne Zerafa, our Office Manager, and Council Member Albert Attard, Warden James Evans and Matteo Alessandro, VOPS marketing liaison for coordinating this activity.

Publications: Following my appeal to raise funds to publish 'Din I-Art Helwa Heritage Saved - Twenty Years at the Church of Our Lady of Victory', a great many people came forward in support: I would like to thank former Council Member Albert Mamo, PwC Malta, GasanMamo Insurance Ltd, RCLIN Pharma Ltd, the Alfred Mizzi Foundation, Epic (Vodafone) Foundation, Medserv Plc., INDIS Malta Industrial Parks Ltd, IZOLA Bank Plc., the Strickland Foundation, The Farsons Foundation and Farrugia Investments Ltd, Sullivan Shipping Ltd, and John Ripard and Son Ltd for making this project possible.

Vigilo: Two sparkling editions of Vigilo published this year in May and November contained many well researched articles by leading authors. We thank Council Member Dr Petra Caruana Dingli for her work as Editor of Vigilo, as well as of the Victory Church book and again, Daniel Cilia for his stunning photographs.

Articles: Four articles were published by Simone Mizzi on DLH sites between December and March in *Il-Bizzilla*, Air Malta's In Flight magazine.

Social Media: Council Member Profs Lucio Mulé Stagno manages our growing social media. The DLH FB Group enjoys over 14,000 members with some 8000 followers reaching tens of thousands of users daily with our posts, some 15 a day. DLH Twitter has 600 plus followers. Regular marketing support from The Alfred Mizzi Foundation enables us to boost two posts on FB monthly reaching 100,000 users each time. This raises our profile, encourages people to donate or become members. On Instagram, managed by volunteer Yasmin Clark, we have 1535 followers, a huge increase on last year.

RESTORATION & PROPERTIES

Grants Won: We won three national funds this year enabling two major restorations: a grant of €40,000 from the Gal Majjistral Action Group Foundation for the restoration of the Għallis Coastal Watch tower will provide also for an Ebook written by Simone Mizzi, new solar batteries and signage. In the south, Torri Mamo is benefitting from a €10,000 restoration

grant from the Gal Xlokk Action Group Foundation. Co-funding from the Voluntary Services NGO Co-Financing Fund saved us 20% capital outlay.

We are pleased we won €30,000 from the Ministry of Culture's **Post Pandemic Resilience Fund** intended for the completion of an outstanding project. This dovetailed perfectly with the White Tower project which will provide hostel and catering facilities. I thank Council Members Maria Grazia Cassar, Stanley Farrugia Randon and Albert Attard, for driving this project, and also Rosanne Zerafa for helping me with these detailed applications and chasing the funding authorities.

At **Victory Church**, restoration is ongoing. The large painting of St Jerome was reinstated on 28 September in the presence of David Valenzia, PwC Senior Territory Partner. PwC's ten year sponsorship has been invaluable. Earlier this year we carried out another restoration of the left wall interior murals which had deteriorated with rising damp.

Dwejra Tower: Restoration started last month enabled by the European Regional Development Fund for Sustainable Tourism, and the Malta Tourism Authority, in 'The Northern Coastal Watch' project.

Msidra Bastion Cemetery and Garden: Warden Paolo Ferrelli is tireless in his determination to piece together missing tomb fragments. With an army of volunteers and students, he carries out research, runs the charity shop for funds, and keeps the site in tip top condition. Thank you Paolo. With the help of the Restoration Unit, we removed the dangerous accretion over the old Entrance Gate while volunteers finished the caretaker's hut roof and the paved slope outside. Blevins Franks sponsored the reinstatement of the Entrance Arch last November. We thank Council member Joe Farrugia for bringing in this fund. Equipment for the European geothermal research programme has been received but installation is delayed due to travel restrictions. Prof. Lucio Mulé Stagno manages this research project.

Red Tower: 23 March: Damage to the outer stair well caused by tomfoolery was quickly repaired. Thanks to our generous members and to the Local Councillors who rushed to our aid.

White Tower: Work on interior spaces continues with permits for drains finally obtained. Clearing of moat and restoration of its walls concluded. Well done to Council Member, Albert Attard, and volunteer David Azzopardi for this arduous work.

Wignacourt Tower: pointing of the challenging entire south facing wall and on ground level exteriors was done. We thank Curator Martin Vella and his team for keeping the tower in top condition.

Chapel of Hal Millieri: the high boundary walls collapsed again after extreme rains and wind. These have now been rebuilt.

Rotary Club Sicily and Malta have sponsored four new A/C units at our head office. We thank Rotary President John de Giorgio for giving DLH the opportunity to purchase more environmentally friendly machinery.

Sarria Chuch: the restoration of the seventh and last Mattia Preti painting, the lunette *Victory of Good over Evil* was completed by Giuseppe Mantella Restauri with the assistance of the University of Malta and sponsorship from Sparkasse Bank Malta Plc. We thank former Council Member, Patricia Salomone, and Council Member Maria Grazia Cassar for driving this 12 year programme brought to a sparkling conclusion with an online presentation by Professor Sante Guido, Dr Giuseppe Mantella and Dr Sebastiano d'Amico on 2 Feb 2022, attended by the Italian Ambassador Dr Fabrizio Romano.

EVENTS

At Our Lady of Victory Church: 26 February – Council Member Maria Grazia Cassar announced the Architectural Heritage Awards 16th Edition Winner to its splendid backdrop. The Minister for Tourism, Hon. Clayton Bartolo, presented the awards. Winner of the overall Judge Maurice Caruana Curran prize was The Phoenicia Hotel's innovative new Spa.

16 December – Rotary Club La Valette Malta and its President, Patricia Salomone, organised a children's Christmas choir by the Sally Singers. Simone Mizzi talked about the history of the church to the children.

21 December – The popular New Victorians held a Carol Hop Concert.

We thank outgoing Custodian Mario Sciberras for his ten years of service, welcome Annemarie Navarro as the new Custodian and thank wedding attendant Manwel Zammit. We had a record of 34 weddings this year.

Church of Bir Miftuh: Skali Gudja, a young heritage NGO, held three workshops around World Heritage Days, with DLH participating. Concerts continue to be held. 10 November saw a talented Jacob Portelli on his harp. On 17 December another Chapel Hop carol concert by The New Victorians took place.

Dwejra Tower: 4 July - volunteers led by Simon Wallace hosted the 'Kercem Crafty Ladies' innovative lace and handicraft display. During July,

they organised five extremely popular Sunset Evenings. 'A Night under the Stars', followed in August at Isopu Tower, a great night sky heritage site.

Wignacourt Tower: 15 July - Council Member Stanley Farrugia Randon, with the support of the Bank of Valletta, relaunched our Marine Photographic Competition.

Msidra Bastion: The site and its volunteers attract all sorts of visitors, such as officers from the Russian Navy, the British High Commission. Painting Days, Dog Parties, Children's birthdays and small weddings remain popular.

Red Tower: 26 May – H.E. The President of the Republic, Dr George Vella, together with Mrs Vella, visited the Red Tower to honour Din l-Art Ħelwa and its volunteers. He was welcomed by Executive President, Alex Torpiano and other Council Members and given a tour by Warden James Evans. 18 August: We hosted Mercks Capital Asset Management to a sunset evening. 20 August: Tenor Joseph Calleja recorded a programme on Malta for German Travel TV singing 'Nessun Dorma' from its roof. He was welcomed by Executive President Alex Torpiano, Secretary General Simone Mizzi and Council Member Joe Farrugia. Re-enactments also remain popular and have brought many new local visitors. Several promotional video recordings were made here due to the tower's high visibility, including a film for Eurovision.

White Tower: 9 June – the inauguration by its lead sponsor HSBC Malta Bank after three years of sponsorship was held in the presence of the Local Council, Mellieħa Mayor Dario Vella, and DLH Council Members.

APS Annual Conference: 23 September – Martin Galea gave a high-level talk entitled 'Help Save our Natural and Cultural Heritage'.

VOLUNTEERS

Many have already been mentioned above, but I would thank again the wardens, custodians and their teams at the many heritage sites we look after: Paolo Ferrelli at the Msida Bastion Garden, Mark Shrimpton at Xutu Tower, James Evans at Red Tower, Joe Attard at Santa Marija Tower, Comino, Martin Vella at Wignacourt Tower, Simon Wallace at Dwejra Tower, Joe Degiorgio at Mamo Tower, George Iles at Bir Miftuh, Anthony Mangion at Hal Millieri, Josette Cini at the Delimara Lighthouse, Matthew Axisa at St Roque Chapel, and Albert Attard at the White Tower. Chevalier Charles Gatt, Dr Andy Welsh, Philip Galea and the *Friends of Ta' Braxia* remain active at this important cemetery.

They have welcomed some 24,000 visitors this year, only a third of those in 2018, but increasing now against all odds.

AND ON COUNCIL – I must thank those whose work carries on unseen: George Camilleri for maintaining the website, desk top publishing, membership, and championing climate change issues, and of course for helping me stage this AGM, Ann Gingell Littlejohn for her patient proof reading, Stanley Farrugia Randon and Josie Ellul Mercer for looking after restoration and maintenance, Cettina Caruana Curran who continues to further contacts with the embassies, Kenneth Micallef and Joe Farrugia for their personal fundraising efforts, while Simone Mizzi remains active with fundraising, maintaining links with the media and our members through our newsletters.

AND BEHIND THE SCENES – Invaluable work is done by Professor George Camilleri in our archives, and by Joe Busietta on regulatory statistics and inventories. Marcelline Warrington now assists our office and manages the Delimara Lighthouse bookings. I end by thanking our Office Manager Rosanne Zerafa, and Annemarie Navarro, who manage the increasing volume of work, coordinate administration, volunteers, events and our small maintenance team, John Gafa', and Joe and Annie Tabone. Your commitment to Din l-Art Ħelwa and to Malta is simply irreplaceable.

Finally, I thank all our members and enthusiasts for helping us survive another difficult year. Thank you for the motivation you bring us.

Before I round off, and our President Alex Torpiano invites Martin Scicluna, our Treasurer, to give what sadly will be his last address to us as our Treasurer, I am sure you will all give him a massive round of applause. Martin has driven the organisation as Honorary Treasurer with a passionate sense of acumen for the last ten years to improve its performance, its governance, and to keep us always in funds, even at this hard time. We are fortunate he will stay on Council, where we will still benefit from his direction, but he will be sorely missed. Thank you Martin.

Simone Mizzi
Secretary General
26 February 2022

Din I-Art Helwa		
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
For Year ended 31st December 2021		
	2021	2020
	€	€
Revenue	322,915	577,214
Cost of Sales	-244,887	-548,289
Gross Profit	78,028	28,925
Other Income	18,824	28,660
Administration expenditure	-74,560	-72,751
Operating (Loss)/Profit	22,292	-15,166
Investment income	7	10
(Loss)/Profit for the year	22,299	-15,156
Reserves		
Statement of Financial Position		
As at 31st December 2021		
	2021	2020
	€	€
ASSETS		
Non Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	26,359	30,092
Current Assets		
Inventories	23,391	23,797
Trade and other receivables	30,322	33,703
Cash and cash equivalents	422,504	334,670
	476,217	392,170
Total Assets	502,576	422,262
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
	2021	2020
	€	€
Equity		
Retained Earnings	284,325	262,026
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	218,251	160,236
Total Equity and Liabilities	502,576	422,262

The accounts were approved by the Council of Din I-Art Helwa and signed on its behalf on the 16th February 2022 by Alex Torpiano Executive President and Martin Scicluna Honorary Treasurer.

Our external auditors Vincent Curmi and Associates have given us a clean audit opinion and have showed their willingness to be re-appointed.