



## **Award in Safeguarding of Minors and Vulnerable Persons (SM) July 2025 - August 2025**

### **Course level:**

MFQ Level 4

### **Credits:**

4 ECTS/ECVET

### **Course Description:**

The course aims to provide participants with general knowledge in protection of vulnerable people. An interdisciplinary approach, considering psychological, theological, legislative disciplines, will facilitate the participants to understand the problem of maltreatment of children and vulnerable persons. Special attention will be given to sexual abuse from different perspectives and empower participants to protect children and vulnerable person.

### **Target Group**

The course is particularly relevant for people who work with vulnerable people. It interests individuals working with children within a social, educational and/or pastoral setting. Nonetheless it will interest people working with vulnerable adults in caring institutions.

### **Course Objectives**

Participants will be able to:

- a. Recognize possible signs of abuse and adopt appropriate intervention.
- b. Analyze and implement protective factors in one's own environment and reduce risk factors.
- c. Handle appropriately any disclosure of abuse.
- d. Make appropriate referrals to other professionals.
- e. Follow national and ecclesiastical safeguarding guidelines.
- f. Being able to listen, understand and empathize with vulnerable people.
- g. Implement prevention programs.

**Assessment:**

Written assignment and case portfolio.

**Final Award:**

Further Education Award in Safeguarding of Minors and Vulnerable Persons

**Duration:**

20 Hours In-Person Lectures

**Lecture dates:**

18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

**Certification:**

After successful completion of the course, participants will be awarded a Certificate issued by the Institute for Pastoral Ministry authorized by the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority.

**Venue:**

John Paul II Family Institute, Fortunato Mizzi Str, Victoria.

**Course Fee:**

Participants have to pay the sum of € 80 by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Gozo Diocese Curia.

**Entry Requirement**

The course is open to all people involved in Pastoral Care/Chaplaincy, State or Private schools, Childcare, Social and Care services. Every application will be considered on its individual merits.

- School Leaving Certificate or Higher degree Certificate.
- Proficient in English and/or Maltese.
- Expressed interest in child safety.
- Maturity Clause of Mature Students.