

MALTA

Minister of Education, Youth and Employment

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Dr. Louis GALEA

Born 2 January 1948
Married, 1 son, 3 daughters

Education:

As Minister of Education, Youth and Employment, Dr. Louis Galea is responsible for Education, Science and Technology Policy, Libraries and Archives, Youth, Sport, and Employment and Training.

1977 to 1987 Secretary General of the Nationalist Party. A lawyer by profession, he has devoted most of his energies to politics and has contributed in no small way to increasing and maintaining the Party's organisation and efficiency.

This not only involved the setting up of new party clubs and sections throughout Malta and Gozo, but also the development of the Youth and Woman's Movements as well as the Workers' Secretariat and the Migrants' Secretariat. During his term of office the number of paid up party members shot up.

1972	Member of the Nationalist Party's General Council and Executive Committee
1975 to 1987	Member of the Administrative Council
1968	one of the main organisers of the campaign for Better Housing
1969	President of the Students' Catholic Guild
1972	Secretary of the Students' Representative Council (1972), and President of the Council. During part of his time at University he also held teaching posts in both State and Private schools. At present he lectures on Social Legislation at the University of Malta.
1976	first elected to Parliament
1981, 1987	re-elected

1992, 1996	re-elected
1998	re-elected
1987	Minister for Social Policy
1992	Minister for Home Affairs and Social Development.
April 1995	Minister for Social Development responsible for Health, Social Security, Family and Social Welfare, the Elderly and Women.
1998	Minister for Education in this legislature; he was also responsible for Youth, Sport, Science and Technology Policy, Libraries and Archives, Culture and Heritage.
2003	retained the post as Minister of Education after the elections with a different portfolio including Science and Technology Policy, Libraries and Archives and Employment and Training.
2004	re-confirmed Cabinet Minister and following a change in leadership and was given the post of Minister of Education, Youth and Employment.

Achievements:

Spearheaded a number of key national reforms in the areas of unemployment and underemployment (1989), social welfare (1990), correctional facilities (1992), NGO service agreements (1993), mental health (1994), vocational education and training (1999), state support for post-secondary and tertiary students (1999), the opening of the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) and the reform in Technology Education (2000), creation of the Foundation for Tomorrow's Schools (FTS) to build new schools and refurbish all existing government schools (2000) and the creation of the Foundation for Educational Services (FES) and the Institute for Child and Parent Learning Support that aims to combat failure in school (2000).

Launched a number of national structures that have become synonymous with State prevention of social exclusion such as: the National Commission Persons with a Disability (1987); the Commission for the Advancement of Women (1988); the Foundation for Human Resource development (1989); the Employment and Training Corporation (1990); the Foundation for Medical Sciences and Services (1990); the Department for the Equal Status of Women (1991); the Agency Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse (1994); the Social Welfare Development Programme (SWDP) (1994) that offers 14 specialised services in the fields of child protection, domestic violence, family therapy, community development, a national helpline, and hospital-based social work;

Dr Galea has also been responsible for legislative innovations in a number of key areas such as gender equality and social security.

Various other initiatives are in the process of being launched.