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**REPORT**  
**MEP Volunteer Job Shadowing**  
**MEP Cyrus Engerer**



Throughout the year VERA activities are supported by an increasing collaboration with the European Parliament. Meetings of the **European Parliament Volunteering Interest Group** are planned throughout 2024. MEPs get closer to the volunteering field by job shadowing a volunteer during a normal day of activities. By wearing the shoes of volunteers, MEPs involved will be better suited to support, advocate and value volunteering in their daily work at the European Parliament.

On **12 January 2024**, **MEP Cyrus Engerer (S&D Group)** went to the VO Home away from Home in Malta, otherwise known as Salesian Youth Center and shadowed Michaela Cauchi during one day of volunteering. MEP Engerer also gave an inspiring speech to the Salesian youths, encouraging them to face challenges with bravery and perseverance.

**Volunteer Michaela Cauchi** from the VO Home away from Home Centre spent the day at the European Parliament on **21 February 2024** with MEP Cyrus Engerer (S&D Group) and this exchange was facilitated by the Malta Council for Voluntary Sector (MCVS). Michaela had the opportunity to attend a conference which the MEP organised about HIV, about finding treatments, the statistics and much more information relating to HIV and AIDS. She also attended the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE). We have made a short interview with Michaela, you can find it [here](#).

