



Simone Attard, SO Malta

Europe/Eurasia Representative

Simone Attard is a parent of a Special Olympics Young Athlete from Malta. She attained a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Systemic Theory (Family Therapy) from Tavistock University in London.

Simone has been involved in Special Olympics for two years as a volunteer in the organization. She has supported the National Director in new initiatives, such as the introduction of Young athletes and Healthy athletes programs. She has been dedicated to working with other Special Olympics family members in the progression of Malta's reach out program including educational, social and emotional spectrum of problems that all parents encounter when having a child with disabilities.

For the last twelve years , before joining Special Olympics Simone had been working voluntarily with several Non-Government Organizations in Malta, in which she set up support groups and was offering counseling sessions free of charge within the same NGO's, she has also chaired several commissions within the family field.

Mrs Attard has also served as one of the appointed experts to contribute to the Maltese Parliament on the setting up of Policies regarding the family and also the setting up of an Embryo Protection Law.

Simone wants to promote support groups for both individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families within Special Olympics.. Her goal is to create new resources for families to strengthen support networks and increase communication and involvement amongst families with children with disabilities in Malta and the rest of the region.

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