



HR LEAD

Powering Strategy
Through People.

Conference Agenda

FHRD Annual HR
Conference & Expo 2026

23 October 2026
Hilton Conference Centre

Time	Venue	Item
08.15 hrs	Conference Centre Foyer	Registration and Coffee
09.15 hrs	Grandmaster Suite	Welcome Speech: Leading the Future: HR as the Engine of Strategy Noel Debono , FHRD President
09.30 hrs	Grandmaster Suite	Keynote 1: The Power of People: Building and Sustaining High Performance Cultures Jane Sparrow , Culture, Change and High Performance Author & Expert Founder and Managing Director - The Culture Builders
10.00 hrs	Grandmaster Suite	Keynote 2: Who's Flying the Plane? Leading with Data, AI, and Human Judgment Amit Grinvald , Keynote Speaker & Leadership Communication Strategist
10.30 hrs	Grandmaster Suite	HR Quality Mark: Presentation of Certificates & Mementos 9th Intake
10.45 hrs	Spinola Suite	Coffee Break & Expo
11.30 hrs	Grandmaster Suite	WORKSHOPS (to choose 1): W/S 1: Rethink, Rebuild, Lead: HR Strategy for a New World of Work Elli Matsouka , Strategic Advisor Executive & Team Coach - Elli & Co
	Vilhena Suite	W/S 2: Strategic HR Leadership: Turning People Insights Into Business Impact Mariella Galea , Founder and Principal HR Consultant - HR TalentLEAD
	Pinto Suite	W/S 3: Leading Anywhere: Adaptive Leadership for Hybrid, Remote & Global Teams Daniel Cassar , Organisational Psychologist Leadership Consultant Founder of Endeavour

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12.15 hrs	Grandmaster Suite	<p>Panel Discussion: The Strategic HR Engine: Powering Business Through People, Culture & Technology</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>→ Vanessa Camenzuli, Employer Brand & Communications Strategist</p> <p>Pannellists</p> <p>→ Karen Spiteri Bailey, Managing Partner - RSM Malta</p> <p>→ Rachael Blackburn, Head of Culture - APS Bank plc</p> <p>→ Konrad Cassar Naudi, International Training Management Consultant</p> <p>→ Dr Paul Gonzi, Partner: Head Employment - Fenech & Fenech Advocates</p> <p>→ Dasha Kosse, Fractional L&D Strategist & Leadership Coach (ICF PCC) Founder, DaKo Coaching</p> <p>→ Robert Peplow, Human Resources Manager - Attard Bros Group</p>
13.00 hrs	Spinola Suite	Networking Lunch and Expo
14.20 hrs	Grandmaster Suite	Conference Energizer by TeamBuilding Malta
14.40 hrs	Grandmaster Suite	<p>Keynote 3: Leading Through Change: Courage, Capability, and Human-Centred Innovation</p> <p>Dr Rosa M. Colón-Kolacko, MBA, CDM, SHRM-SCP President and Founder of Global Equity and Learning Partners NeedsHuman and University Professor</p>
15.15 hrs	Grandmaster Suite	<p>WORKSHOPS (to choose 1)</p> <p>W/S 4: Inclusion by Design: Fixing the Systems Behind How Work Gets Done</p> <p>Natalia Perkowska, Talent Acquisition and People Operations Leader</p>
	Vilhena Suite	<p>W/S 5: Securing Buy-In from Management and Staff: Elevating HR's Strategic Voice</p> <p>Martin Spiteri Schillig, Chief Human Resources Officer - Casumo Co-Founder of PerformanceBeat</p>
	Pinto Suite	<p>W/S 6: From Resistance to Resilience: A People-Powered, Appreciative Approach to Positive Change</p> <p>Mireille Pellegrini Petit, Positive Psychology Coach, Trainer, and Consultant – Thrive Positive</p>
16.00 hrs	Grandmaster Suite	<p>WORKSHOPS (to choose 1)</p> <p>W/S 7: AI Unboxed for HR: From Regulation to Real-Life Results</p> <p>Session Lead</p> <p>→ Pamela Mamo, Director - PwC's Academy Malta</p> <p>Guest Experts</p> <p>→ Gavril Flores, Chief Officer – Strategy, Policy and Governance - Malta Digital Innovation Authority (MDIA)</p> <p>→ Ramona Galea, Head of People and Culture - Lufthansa Technik Malta</p> <p>→ Dr Danielle Mercieca, Senior Technology Lawyer - Chetcuti Cauchi Advocates</p>
	Vilhena Suite	<p>W/S 8: The Unbundled Workforce: Rethinking Work in the Age of AI</p> <p>Dr Elaine Dutton, Warranted Psychologist Strategic HR Advisor Founder & Managing Director of Fractional HR Malta</p>
	Pinto Suite	<p>W/S 9: Thriving at Work: How What We Say – and Don't Say – Shapes Wellbeing and Results</p> <p>Darine Aboulez, Founder & Lead Soft Skills Trainer - Soft Skills Camp</p>
16.40 hrs		Conference End

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