

Kylie Ann Borg Marks and Melchiorre Farrugia

Members of *AstroClub Malta*, a group who designed Planet Walk in Bugibba,

Personal Profile

Kylie Ann is the daughter of Joan, a science teacher who had a considerable effect on encouraging her in science. Like Melchiorre, she always particularly enjoyed lab science lessons and maintained this interest by forming *AstroClub Malta*. The two are part of a team which pulled off quite a coup for a number of youngsters and this shows in their preferred anecdotes:

“where there is a will there is a way”
and

“better late than never”

Their interest in astronomy is visible in another saying:

“Aim high! Reach for the stars!”.



Despite some initial butterflies, both Melchiorre and Kylie tremendously enjoyed filming the X-lab sequence with Kylie saying that it ended too soon.

Research Profile

Together with some other members of *AstroClub Malta*, they applied for EU funding to bring astrophysics closer to the general public, through building a Planet Walk in Bugibba.

Making use of the long seaside promenade, they designed and developed a number of monuments to show the relative size and distances of the planets of the solar system from the sun.

Both have moved on from those earlier student days. Kylie is presently working as an Architect

and Civil Engineer and reading for an MSc in Road Engineering at the University of Malta.

Melchior is presently working in filming and video editing.



Other interests

Kylie likes hand crafts and reading whilst Melchior is more keen on photography and enjoys the great outdoors.

Relevant Links or info



For further information about *AstroClub Malta* please see http://www.freewebs.com/astroclub_malta/

For further information about the Malta Society of Astronomy view <http://www.maltastro.org/home.htm>

For further information on the European and North American Space agencies view <http://www.esa.int/esaCP/index.html> and <http://www.nasa.gov/>