

Stephen Vella Bio

Stephen Vella was educated at the University of Malta and Falkirk College of Arts in Scotland. He continued his studies at Henley School of Management, where he completed his MBA.

Stephen Vella began his teaching career in 1993 at the Salvatore Dimech School for Craftsmen. He taught graphic design until he was appointed Deputy Director of the same institute in 2003. In 2008, Stephen Vella was appointed Director of the MCAST Institute for the Creative Arts.

Thanks to his foresight and commitment to vocational training, the institute's student enrollment grew exponentially, giving him the opportunity to develop new courses. This opportunity led to the introduction of new higher diplomas and new degree programmes in Fine Arts, Interactive Media, Photography and Media.

In 2015, he was appointed Head of the Technical College at MCAST. In March 2017, he was appointed General Manager of MCAST Gateway to Industry, the commercial arm of MCAST. In June 2020, he was appointed Deputy Principal responsible for business development, communications, EU-funded projects and the management of the MCAST Masterplan. In September 2024, he was appointed MCAST Principal and CEO, a position which he holds to date.

Over the last seven years, Stephen has been very active in promoting MCAST and its brand outside our borders. He has participated in several important international fairs and congresses to attract students to study at MCAST. Today, MCAST is home to over 12% international students.

Stephen Vella has been directly involved in numerous EU-funded projects and has represented both MCAST and Malta at various international conferences and seminars on vocational education and training. Stephen Vella has gained experience at various levels of the education sector over the last thirty-four years, both as an academic and in senior management roles.