

# Annabelle Stivala

## *Director Festivals Malta*



Annabelle Stivala has been involved in the creative and cultural sectors for over 30 years and presently holds the position of Director Festivals at Festivals Malta within Arts Council Malta. At the young age of 16 she was involved in a number of community projects in her hometown and in 1994, she started out as a programme administrator within what was then known as the Department of Culture, curating cultural projects and events, which included the Summer Arts Festival. Prior to this appointment she had been involved in dance and theatre for many years. In 1998, she helped with the setting up of a new events company and was appointed Managing Director. During this time, she also collaborated with the Malta Tourism Authority to promote Malta in various countries, through different projects, in Lucerne, Barcelona, Frankfurt, Venice, Liverpool and Hong Kong. She served on a number of boards and committees and in 2013 occupied the role of advisor to the Minister of Culture. Annabelle was the Chair of the local steering committee of the 7th World Summit for Arts and Culture, which was held in Malta in October 2016, and the Commonwealth Local Government Conference held in November 2017. In her current role, she works to sustain and develop the eight cultural festivals which fall under the remit of Festivals Malta and her objective is to see the festivals and events strategy develop into its full potential.