



The Formentera Office of Youth is pleased to report that today Friday 19 November, pupils at Marc Ferrer secondary school sat for "Vivete: Lives Inspiring Lives", a conference featuring Paralympic athletes Enhamed Enhamed, Diego Ballesteros and hometown windsurfer Sergi Escandell.

Councillor of Youth Vanessa Parellada said the Consell de Formentera-backed event was about "giving young islanders models of perseverance that inspire and transform us". While the event was previously staged as a joint function between Eivissa and Formentera, this is the second Vivete to be held exclusively on Formentera and the first time local organisers opt for an in-person format.

Speakers

The crowd at this year's Vivete heard from the winner of the Royal Gold Medal for Sporting Merit, Enhamed Enhamed, together with Diego Ballesteros, who wrote "12.822 km de Zaragoza a Pekin en bicicleta", an account of his experience in perseverance cycling from Spain to China in 2008. A new challenge presented itself in the form of a car accident that left Ballesteros in a wheelchair, but the athlete continued to tackle an array of sporting challenges in his quest become a Paralympian. Mateo Sanz could not attend, but the audience heard from Sanz' colleague and Spanish Windsurfing Champ Sergi Escandell.

In addition to hearing their inspiring tales of perseverance and self-improvement, attendees had the chance to converse with speakers as well. Journalist, presenter and conference M.C. Maria Roig took pains to ensure that the showcase of life stories was permeated by a dynamic of active participation between audience and speakers.

Vivete is sponsored by the Consell de Formentera with additional support from the Balearic government, Apartamentos El Puerto and Baleària.

Vivete

Vivete started in 2017 as a way to leverage pre-eminent figures in the field to promote human values, empowerment and tools to help young people toward conscientious personal development.

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