HRH The Prince of Wales launched Prince’s Trust International, the global extension of The Prince’s Trust, yesterday (Thursday 26th November) in Malta.

The Prince joined Her Excellency Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, The President of Malta at a special reception at the Palace of the Grandmaster, Valletta during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

Several heads of State and government, including Justin Trudeau, the new Prime Minister of Canada, joined His Royal Highness and The President of Malta at the reception.

Prince’s Trust International (https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about-the-trust/princes-trust-group) builds on the success of The Prince’s Trust. It has been developed in response to requests for advice and support from more than 20 governments and agencies across the world.

Alan Kennedy, chief executive of Prince’s Trust International said:
"It’s an exciting opportunity to help tackle one of the defining issues of our time, youth unemployment, lifting young people out of poverty and despair."

The independent charity is being launched in Malta, where it has delivered two projects and works with The President’s Trust.

The President’s Trust of Malta is based on the model of The Prince’s Trust in the UK. The President of Malta, established The President’s Trust after witnessing the work of The Prince’s Trust. The two charities collaborate on projects.

**HSBC** has invested in a programme in seven schools to support young people who are struggling in education and risk exclusion. The initiative is based on Prince’s Trust **xI Clubs** which operate in more than 400 UK schools, supporting almost 100,000 young people since 1999.

**Marks & Spencer**, one of the UK’s most active corporate partners of The Prince’s Trust, has completed its first employability programme on Malta, supporting a group of unemployed young people in its Valletta and Sliema stores.

Prince’s Trust International has also worked on projects in Jordan and Oman and is now focussing on developing new initiatives in the Commonwealth and Middle East.

Sir Nigel Knowles, Chairman of Prince’s Trust International said:

"The projects undertaken to date have really demonstrated the great need for initiatives focusing on youth unemployment. Now we are reaching out to countries across the Commonwealth and beyond, as we believe our programmes can make a difference around the world."
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The Tesco Youth Index 2021 is an annual report that gauges young people's happiness and confidence levels across a range of areas.
Pop group Steps have joined forces with The Prince’s Trust to support the upcoming Future Steps challenge, which aims to get people on their feet for a good cause.

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