

Press Release

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### **Royal Visit for Clydebank College Team**

Young people participating on The Prince's Trust Team programme delivered at Clydebank College had a royal adventure in Luss recently as The Duke of Rothesay visited the village to see the extensive redevelopment work the young people have carried out in the area.

The Duke of Rothesay, as HRH the Prince of Wales is known in Scotland, took an extended tour of the village, taking in the different areas the young people had worked on and spent time with them to hear first hand about their experience on the programme.

The Prince's Trust Team programme is a 12 week personal development programme designed to equip young people with the skills and experience necessary for moving on to a positive destination. During the programme, participants complete a community based project, work experience, intensive team building and personal development initiatives and a Team challenge, which allows them to achieve recognised accreditation in an informal environment as well as making a contribution to their local community.

The Prince's Trust Team programme at Clydebank College began working in partnership with Luss Parish Church in 2007 and has seen young people from the

college work in collaboration with other young people participating in the programme at Kilmarnock College and James Watt College.

In the last three years, over 140 young people from the three colleges have worked on the redevelopment of the area, carrying out over 5000 hours of work in the village to help construct a bridge, create several new pathways, create wheelchair access through the grounds of the church, install environmental protection measures and construct additional storage facility for the church and local community. Teams have also worked on creating a cinema for the area, which it is hoped will attract over 750, 000 visitors per annum.

Geraldine Gammell, Director of The Prince's Trust Scotland commented,

"I am delighted that HRH The Prince of Wales was able to visit this project and witness for himself the outstanding contribution the young people have made to the area. There has been a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication carried out on the project in the last three years and the young people involved should be very proud of themselves. I'd like to thank Reverend Sherrard and the community in Luss for their continued support for the young people and allowing them to gain critical work experience. The Team programme celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and this is yet another fantastic example of how successful the programme is in changing young lives."

Gordon Paterson, Principal of Clydebank College further added, "We were honoured that HRH The Prince of Wales chose to visit this project. It was a privilege for the young people to meet his Royal Highness and they were delighted that he spent so much of his time talking to them and was so interested in their experiences on the Princes Trust programme. We are proud of the long involvement the College has had with the Princes Trust and how effectively the programmes have developed the confidence and skills of young people."

Daniel McMonagle (Clydebank College Princes Trust Team Member) ,21 from Bonhill said, 'The experience was fantastic, meeting the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall was a real treat it's not every day you get to meet royalty! I thoroughly enjoyed the whole day and will have fond memories.'

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**Notes to Editor**

**The Prince's Trust**

Youth charity, The Prince's Trust Scotland, helps change young lives. It gives practical and financial support, developing skills such as confidence and motivation. Further information about The Prince's Trust is available at [www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk)

**Clydebank College**

**Clydebank College** is a further education college in Clydebank, to the west of Glasgow, Scotland. Its impressive portfolio includes over 100 fulltime, 85 part time and countless leisure and outreach programmes including, admin, business, computing, child care, social sciences, beauty therapy, hairdressing, art and science. Recently the college opened its doors to its new campus at the Queens Quay on the 27 August 2007. The college campus is proudly built on the world-renowned site of John Brown ship engineering and lies humbly next to the River Clyde. This riverside setting provides a much talked about and unusual backdrop to this dynamic new building.