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Standard Bank staff swing into action for local kids

Standard Bank has helped support The Isle of Man Children's Centre charity with a painting and decorating initiative by their staff and is planning to have a grand opening ceremony on the 21st May at the After School Club on Woodbourne Road in Douglas.

Clive Walsh, Director of Standard Bank Isle of Man, said: "We are part of the Isle of Man community and our staff were really keen to help out for the benefit of young people in the Island. We helped by redecorating the After School Club and the Nursery School and it was our pleasure to support such a worthwhile cause."

Standard Bank's staff worked for three weekends and 18 staff members helped out. Standard Bank chose to support this charity as part of their ongoing commitment to help the local community and was particularly impressed by the range of services that it offers across the Island. The Nursery School is for children up to four years old and Standard Bank staff painted the upstairs and preschool rooms. The After School Club provides a place for children, aged between 4-11, to meet up with friends and have fun out of school hours and Standard Bank staff redecorated the indoor space.

Rebecca McCauley, Development Manager for the charity, said "The newly painted Nursery now has bright and cheerful rooms which are an inspiring and fun environment for our younger children to play in. The After School Club is an important support for families and the work done by Standard Bank has given the children a lovely area to catch up on homework, read a book or be creative. We can't thank Standard Bank enough for all their support."

The opening ceremony at the After School area is a chance for Standard Bank representatives to meet members of the Charity and celebrate the efforts made by the Standard Bank staff. Clive Walsh will be there at 4pm to cut the ribbon.

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More information on the work of the Isle of Man Children's centre can be found on www.iomcc.org.im

Photographs are available on request and will be taken of the opening ceremony of the After School Club.

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