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### **Standard Bank launches community initiative**

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Standard Bank is helping Jersey children by supporting a Centre Point Trust initiative to create a new play facility in St Saviour.

Staff from the bank will be giving up their time on the 4<sup>th</sup> July to clear the area, build fences and create a natural play area for the children. Haydn Taylor, Standard Bank's Managing Director, Banking and Investment Services, said: "Standard Bank is committed to supporting the local communities in which we operate. Our staff will be giving up their own time to help with this project and I very pleased and proud that they want to volunteer for this great cause. We had a great response with over 50 members of staff coming along to help."

Centre Point Trust supports parents in Jersey and their children by offering affordable, quality child care and it wants to enhance its facilities by creating this natural children's play area. In addition to staff time, Standard Bank will be funding all of the materials to create the play centre as well as providing refreshments for all of the volunteers on the day.

Belinda Lewis, Managing Trustee of the Centre Point Trust said "We see children as the future of Jersey and we want to give them as many opportunities as possible to see how beautiful their island is. By having this facility, we will be able to support children who may not have a garden or open space to play in regularly and it is a chance for them to spend some of their time with us playing outside in a natural environment. We are very grateful for the support that Standard Bank is giving us to make this project come to life."

Standard Bank staff will be supported by a team of experts who will help them convert the disused field, woodlands and quarry near Longueville Manor into an outdoor play centre that can be used by the 420 families that use Centre Point services every year.

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**NOTES TO EDITOR**

There is an opportunity to come down and at various times during the day to meet some of the team, look at progress and take some pictures.

Please call Deanne Le Gresley on 01534 735253, or email [deanne@directinput.ie](mailto:deanne@directinput.ie) to confirm your attendance or to get more information.

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- Present in 33 countries around the world
- Employs more than 50,000 people world-wide (including Liberty)

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