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OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF STAY CLEAN CHARITY

The Minister for Equality, Social Services and the Elderly, the Hon Samantha Sacramento is pleased have been called upon to officially launch the charity 'Stay Clean'.

The idea originated from the experience of recovering addicts and the challenges they face on a daily basis. Its objectives are to work in partnership with and to enhance the current work that is already provided by Bruce's Farm rehabilitation centre and other counseling services provided by the Care Agency and other statutory bodies, as well as other self-help groups such as Narcotics, Alcoholics or Families anonymous.

Stay Clean will achieve its aims by focusing on three main areas :

- To support and encourage addicts into treatment and to continue supporting them after treatment.
- To create awareness programs on the disease of addiction.

In line with its open-door policy to establish partnerships with other voluntary groups supporting individuals living with the consequences of drug misuse HM Government of Gibraltar is working with the charity and has made available the use of the Gladys Perez Centre where Stay Clean will be providing a range of social events where recovering addicts can enjoy themselves in a safe, drug-free environment every Friday evening at 7 pm.

In the lead up to its launch the Ministry for Equality, Social Services and the Elderly, has been providing Stay Clean with logistical support.

"I welcome this initiative by Stay Clean and wish the charity every success in achieving its aims and objectives and look forward to a long and productive working relationship" stated Samantha Sacramento, Minister with responsibility for drug and alcohol rehabilitation.