

## HSBC Malta Foundation breathes new life into the historical Torri I-Abjad

Malta's history enthusiasts will have another gem to explore as the restoration and rehabilitation works on Torri I-Abjad (White Tower) in I-Ahrax tal-Mellieħa are now underway.

HSBC Malta Foundation and Din I-Art Ħelwa held a ceremony on the site, in the presence of Mellieħa Local Council Mayor John Buttigieg, to mark the start of a three year project. The tower was originally built in 1658 and saw redevelopment during the Knights' period circa 1716.

The iconic Torri I-Abjad is being rehabilitated as part of a multi-phased project by Din I-Art Ħelwa to restore the entire complex, which includes a protective fortification consisting of an artillery battery and ditch. The project also encompasses the completion of dormitories and other facilities, as well as a visitor centre and didactic facilities.

HSBC Malta Foundation is financing the restoration, conservation and rehabilitation of the Tower as well as its outer fortification. Upon completion, the restored Tower is expected to provide educational facilities for the maximisation of the historical, cultural and environmental value of the site and its environs for students of all levels.

HSBC Malta CEO Andrew Beane said: "Torri I-Abjad represents another magnificent historical, architectural, and cultural gem in Malta's treasured offerings. HSBC Malta Foundation's support to this project aligns with our goals of working for the environment, education and heritage."

"Din I-Art Ħelwa is very grateful to HSBC Malta Foundation for believing in this project and sharing our vision to create a centre where visitors may discover the historical site, but also learn about nature in the area, which is so pristine. We are fitting it out to accommodate groups overnight, thereby filling the gap in providing this much-needed type of facility," said Din I-Art Ħelwa Executive President Maria Grazia Cassar.



HSBC Malta CEO Andrew Beane and Din I-Art Ħelwa Executive President Maria Grazia Cassar signing the support agreement at Torri I-Abjad

# Press Release



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