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St. Thomas More students partner with the HSBC Malta Foundation and MOVE Malta to plant 100 trees

Students and teachers at St. Thomas More College Middle & Secondary School in Żejtun recently held a tree planting event, where no less than 100 saplings were planted across the school grounds.

The significant number of trees were earned by the school through the combined dedication of students and teachers, who collectively walked an impressive 5,000 kilometres as part of their participation in the MOVE for Trees initiative. Under the initiative the school earned a tree for every 50 kilometres covered.

Encouraging active engagement, the MOVE For Trees initiative supports individuals to engage in walking, running, jogging and cycling activities, while generously donating the accumulated kilometres toward the noble cause of planting trees. As an incentive, the HSBC Malta Foundation commits to donating a tree for every 50 kilometres completed. Additionally, the initiative extends a warm invitation to the wider community, inviting members of the general public, local councils and schools to actively participate by recording their own walking, running or cycling kilometres using their preferred fitness app and sharing a screenshot of their activity on movemalta.org

The successful collaboration between HSBC Malta Foundation and the NGO MOVE has yielded remarkable results since its launch in March 2022. Over the course of the initiative, an impressive 90,000 kilometres worth 1,800 trees have been generously donated. Of these approximately 1,500 trees have been successfully planted across diverse locations in Malta including Senglea Community Gardens, public spaces in Żurrieq, Żejtun, Attard, and MCAST in Paola. Additionally, numerous schools have been embellished with more greenery, thereby, transforming school gardens into flourishing environmentally sustainable spaces.

In addition to this tree-planting initiative, MOVE and HSBC Malta Foundation have joined forces on various other events aimed at promoting sustainability and well-being within the community. Noteworthy collaborations include the Valletta Green Festival, where participants cycled to plant trees at the Valletta Primary School, as well as a series of community cycling events including bikeability sessions that champion an active lifestyle and environmental consciousness.

“HSBC Malta is committed to sustainability and community engagement. Our collaboration with MOVE aligns perfectly with these values, and we are proud to support initiatives that promote well-being and contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The resounding success of the tree-planting initiative is a testament to the power of collective action and the positive impact we can have on our environment when we work together,” commented Glenn Bugeja on behalf of the HSBC Malta Foundation.

The ongoing efforts of individuals who chose to walk or cycle instead of using motorised transportation are undeniably contributing to a better environment for future generations. “The bountiful reward of this collective effort shall be treasured in the years to come, as individuals seek solace under the comforting shade of these trees. By planting them today, we exemplify, the essence of cathedral thinking, symbolizing our commitment to investing in the future generations and bestowing upon them a priceless legacy to embrace and cherish” stated Cynthia Debono, MOVE Malta Director.



Photocaption: St. Thomas More students pause to share their happiness in this snapshot, celebrating the successful tree-planting initiative on their school grounds in collaboration with the HSBC Malta Foundation and MOVE

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