



NEWS RELEASE

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PSYBT Assistance for Young Mechanic

Norman Macdonald (24), a young mechanic from Stornoway with a dream of opening his own garage has managed to achieve his goal with assistance from The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust (PSYBT).

Norman's dream sprang from seven years experience working for local garages as well as experience he had picked up as a young boy working alongside his father who was also a car mechanic. Norman approached PSYBT for advice and financial assistance to help him set up his own business. He was successful in applying for a loan



of £4000 and a grant of £1000 which he used to buy equipment and tools to get his business started. 'Norrie's Garage', based at 4A Clinton's Yard, Rigs Road Stornoway, opened for business last month offering a range of servicing and repair work. Norman's skills as a mechanic are already ensuring that customers are making their way to his garage.

Norman is pictured here with his PSYBT Aftercare Adviser, local businessman Iain Macaulay. Every new business that PSYBT supports is allocated an Aftercare Adviser, whose experience and guidance will be of real benefit in the first two years of trading. The role of the Aftercare Adviser is to provide business support and guidance to young business people, funded by PSYBT, through regular communication. With a wealth of business experience gained in the retail and financial sectors, Iain Macaulay has been volunteering his services as an Aftercare

Advisor to PSYBT for over four years. He also serves on the local PSYBT funding Panel.

PSYBT in the Western Isles offers start-up funding and advice to young people aged between 18 and 30, with a business idea of their own. For further information on starting a business or volunteering as an Aftercare Adviser contact: Jane Campbell, PSYBT Regional Manager on 01851 707318 or visit www.psybt.org.uk

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