

**The Speech made by  
His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales  
when Visiting The Warrior Programme at Sir Oswald Foundation on  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

Ladies and gentlemen, just before I disappear may I just say what a great joy it has been to join you all this afternoon and to hear all about The Warrior Programme and also to have met so many of you who have taken part of the programme or hopefully have benefited from it. It has been wonderful to hear from you and your reactions. Also to meet all those who spend so much time and effort providing the necessary treatment and also all those I know who work so hard to raise all the money to provide all the necessary support.

But I also wanted to say that if it wasn't for someone so remarkable as Eva none of this would have happened and I was very lucky all those years ago when, I hate to say it but I have been President of Business in the Community for 25 years now, Eva did such a brilliant job on the whole initiative with homeless people and with the business community and what she has managed to do I think with the Warrior Programme is truly remarkable. And because she understands herself having been through some many complications in her life that it is remarkable what can be done with this kind of integrated approach and so for me it has been really interesting to see how that integrated approach, using complimentary therapies the best of the ancient, the best of the modern can be so beneficial. The difficulty, of course, is overcoming natural scepticism about some of these techniques but having heard from those who have been through all this what a difference can be made, that is enormously encouraging and as General Palmer has just said one of the great challenges is how to help people make that transition from military life to civilian life. As Colonel in Chief of quite a large number of veterans in the British Army I can see this particular issue happening on many occasions and of course we owe a huge debt of gratitude to all those remarkable people who have been courageous enough to join the armed forces and to carry out incredibly difficult, dangerous operations on our behalf overseas. So this whole issue obviously is of crucial importance and what the Warrior Programme is doing, The Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation is doing and indeed I know all those service charities is truly remarkable. The one thing I think that perhaps is worth looking at a little bit more is the fact that I have discovered to my astonishment that there are 700 or more service charities and sometimes I suspect it can be quite difficult for people to know how to access the help that is there. It just might be worth thinking about working a little bit more together in this area so as to provide a more seamless and integrated approach in the future. So that may be the next step.

Meanwhile I just wanted, for what it is worth, to wish all the Warriors here every good fortune for the future knowing that quite a lot of them will go on to help others and to provide mentoring and support, the advice and the encouragement which is of such importance. Also I wanted to wish Eva and all her incredible army of volunteers, therapists and others nothing but every possible success and to wish them every good fortune for the future.