

## This Is Why A British Royal Is Launching A Clothing Collection

The Duchess of Sussex and former actor Meghan Markle is collaborating with [Smart Works](#), a British charity, to develop a womenswear capsule collection. The clothing line is an initiative which supports the charity's goal to equip women entering employment with the key workwear pieces they need.

The fashion icon officially became a Royal Patron of Smart Works Charity in [January 2019](#), reflecting her passion for supporting women. The line is also being overseen and designed with the assistance of the duchess' confidante fashion designer Misha Nonoo. Nonoo was named one of Forbes' 30 Under 30 in 2015 and was the first fashion designer to [debut a runway collection on Instagram](#).

Besides providing clothing, the charity also helps unemployed women with confirmed job interviews, by taking them through interview preparation and two-hour dressing service. From a winter coat to a pair of tights, clients receive a complete outfit that is free and theirs to keep.

In the September 2019 issue of British Vogue, as a guest editor, Markle revealed the news and mentioned how she was drawn to Smart Works because "it reframed the idea of charity as a community, it's a network of women supporting and empowering other women in their professional pursuits".

Distributed by Marks & Spencer, John Lewis, and Jigsaw, for every sale another item will be matched and donated to the London-based charity. "Many of the brands agreed to use the one-for-one model: for each item purchased by a customer, one is donated to the charity. Not only does this allow us to be part of each other's story, it reminds us we are in it together", she wrote.

The ex-Suits actress is also working to add another title to her accomplishments - as a published author. The proceeds from the children's book about her pet rescue dogs are [speculated](#) to also go towards charity.

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