

YOUTH PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

Many young people have found it challenging to move from the education system into the job market.

But Secretary of Finance and Enterprise Development Joel Jack says those participating in the Youth Energised for Success, Y.E.S. Programme's summer internship have been given exposure to work experience and life skills that will make that transition smoother.

Speaking at the closing ceremony for the summer programme on Friday at , the Secretary said young people have found it challenging finding jobs.

Jack said: "The Y.E.S. (Programme) has developed a targeted approach in assisting us to bridge the gap with respect to youth unemployment, through the creation of policies and strategies all aimed at enabling young adults to create jobs and also to prepare for the world

of work and to strengthen their skills and training, thereby enhancing their marketability."

The participants also learned interviewing skills and resume writing, took a field trip to the cocoa estate in Roxborough, and volunteered at four elderly homes.

The overall aim of the programme is to better prepare young Tobagonians to play positive roles in the future development of the island.



IMPROVING SPECIAL EDUCATION: Members of the special committee working to formulate a new Tobago special education policy. Second from left is Dr. Sheila Paul, who headed the committee.

NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY COMING

Special education in Tobago is getting a boost, with a nine-member special committee working to prepare a policy that will cater to the needs of the disabled of all ages.

Dr. Sheila Paul of Medgar Evers College in the USA, who heads the committee, said the policy will ensure enhanced services to benefit the differently abled.

The committee met between August 8-19 to review the national policy on special education, and to look at Tobago-specific areas.

"We have services that have splintered in different areas across the THA Division," Dr. Paul said.

"So it's bringing it together and make sure we have a streamlined comprehensive integrated system for service delivery for the children and adults with disabilities in Tobago."

Dr. Paul said the policy will provide a pathway to physical therapy and other services required by the differently abled.

This, she said, will ensure that both children and adults can have access to "services they need when they need it".

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR CALYPSO ROSE

Tobago's Calypso Rose is in line for yet another award, this time, the prestigious 2016 WOMEX Artiste Award.

Rose will be presented with the honour at the 18th WOMEX Awards in Spain in October, and will also perform at the event, which pays tribute to some of the globe's top contributors to world music.

Past recipients include South African musician and vocalist Hugh Masekela and late Pakistan legend Nusrat Fateh Ali

Khan, who have both been nominated for Grammy awards.

Chief Secretary Orville London, who recently announced that the Calypso Rose Award will be presented to an outstanding Tobagonian in the performing arts, described Rose as a "consummate example of Tobago's rich talent".

London said: "I hope that her contributions serve as an inspiration to our young artistes, and show them that if you work hard, you can achieve success."