



Moving ahead

Youth Visioning is picking up speed as new exciting projects begin and project leaders, who began projects last year, find new sources of support to continue their successful activities in 2006.

For example, Lourenço Andrade will be replicating his successful HIV/AIDS awareness campaign in Cape Verde and Jahisiah Benoit has found support for his Kweyol Spelling Bee and Kweyol March in Dominica, so they will become annual activities.

The last two months has seen new projects starting-up in St. Kitts and Nevis, Seychelles, St. Lucia, Tonga and Micronesia.

Sabrina Marie, Seychelles, held her first seminar under the theme, 'Careers guidance' for her project, 'Helping to create more employment through local investment'. The next seminar was held on 10 June under the theme, 'Debate on unemployment'.

The Dream Cast Drama Group led by Kennedy Folasi have fine-tuned their scripts and have started rehearsals for their theatre performance on 1 July. They aim to create awareness on social issues in communities in the Solomon Islands.

For further information on the projects and Youth Visioning, please visit www.youthvisioning.org. We welcome any feedback or questions you may have and you can reach us by emailing m.tran@unesco.org.

Sincerely,
Youth Visioning Committee



Activities for disabled youths, Mauritius

FEATURED PROJECTS

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Attention island youth - new projects welcome!

It is not too late to submit a project proposal. If you have been away for school but will be home for the summer, consider implementing your project during this time and new ideas are welcome too. We want to hear from you! For more information about starting a project and the details of the support that UNESCO can provide, please visit our [website](http://www.youthvisioning.org).



Activities at the Flic-en-Flac



Beach/Fun games for disabled youths Mauritius

Often disabled young people do not feel included in society. Led by **Qadir Mahamoodally**, the Savanne Regional Youth Council (SRYC) gathered 35 youth volunteers to help plan a day of games and activities for 80 disabled youths. The project was deemed a big success creating interest in arranging similar activities for the future.

The project sought to help integrate disabled youths into society in a festive environment.

The activities of this project (**November 2005 - February 2006**) included:

- A day of beach/fun games at the outdoor center of the Ministry of Youth and Sports at Flic en Flac
- A prize giving ceremony, which included speeches, song and dance performances

Senior youth officers from the Ministry of Youth and Sports were in attendance as were members of the British Council Delegation.

For more information visit the project page, [Beach/Fun Games for Disabled Youths](#).

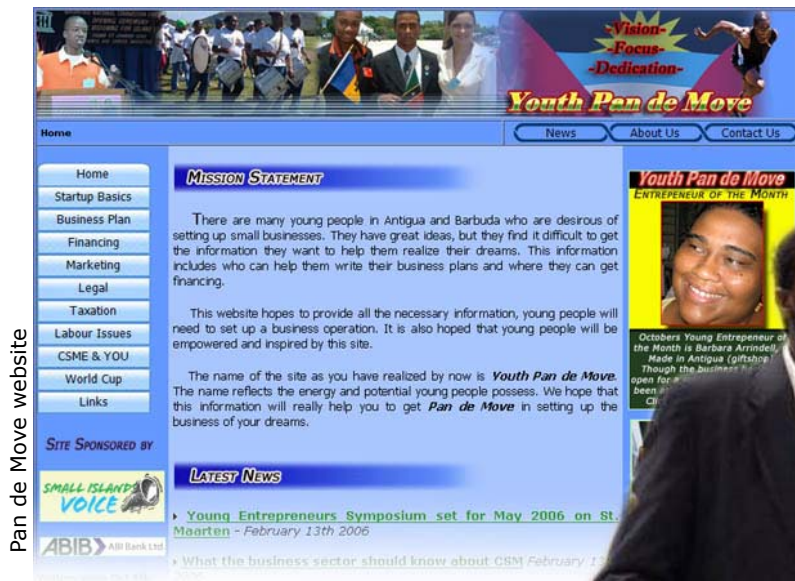


YOUTH SAID IT!

“This project has given us a new experience of how the disabled youths live and it has also given us the opportunities to share their happiness together. It is very rare that these children get these types of opportunities. Seeing the happiness on the faces of the participants on both the beach/fun games and prize giving ceremony makes us confident that we have been able to achieve our goals. There has been a demand from the guardians of these disabled children to organize lots of others activities and programs for them in the future.

Together with the members of the Savanne Regional Youth Council, even all the youth volunteers have gotten great satisfaction and it is very encouraging to see these youths interested to work with the disabled youths again in the future.”

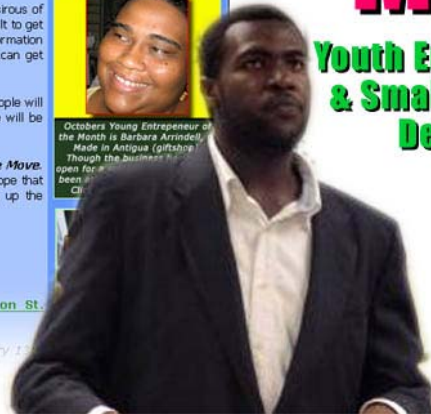
– Qadir Mahamoodally



Pan de Move

Youth Employment & Small Business Development

Antigua & Barbuda



Jamion Knight and his partner organisations launched the website Pan De Move with the aim of assisting young people in Antigua and Barbuda to set up their own small businesses. The success of the launch exceeded expectations and it was clear that the site would be a great help to Antiguan youths. Since the launch, they have had over 1300 hits, an impressive figure when you consider that Antigua has a very small population.

The launch ceremony on 8 October 2005 was aired on television and radio and newspaper interviews were conducted to promote the project which ran from **September 2005 - February 2006**.

The success of the website was reflected in the number of comments from interested users, including those from other parts of the world. An example includes the following:

"How is your Company/Organization doing? I check your website every now and then to see which young entrepreneur you are featuring. I really appreciate your concerns for those who will ultimately be a part of our future mercantile system, and thank you for your efforts at nation building."

The website features:

- Information for starting up a business
- A featured young entrepreneur to share experiences with others trying to set up their own business
- A website discussion forum for expressing ideas on issues surrounding youth development and entrepreneurship
- Information on how to take advantage of business opportunities connected to the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME), Cricket World Cup 2007 and much more...

For more information visit the project page, [Youth Employment & Small Business Development](#).



YOUTH SAID IT!

"We were able to address some of people's concerns. People sent us emails about things we could do to the site, as well as emails about things they wanted to find out. [...] We believe once again that this site is a good thing. Once we adopt some recommendations (that we identified), then the website will only move from strength to strength."

– Jamion Knight



On The Spot team



Radio Program Tonga

Ebonie Fifita and her youth group are aiming to inform the young people of Tonga and their entire community about the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Over a ten week period, they are piloting a weekly radio programme for youth that systematically presents each of the 8 MDGs, how these goals specifically relate to the Pacific region and what action can be taken to help achieve these goals.

Some of their activities (**March – September 2006**) will include:

- Preparing upbeat, informative and challenging radio scripts, discussions, music and interviews that address Tongan awareness of and involvement with the MDGs
- Creating fliers, posters, and press releases for radio, TV, and newspapers that promote the show and give the public information on how and when they can tune in to the On The Spot radio program
- Surveying at least 200 youth prior to and on completion of the 10 week On The Spot series to ascertain interest in and awareness of the MDGs

YOUTH SAID IT!

“Tonga radio has given us a good slot. Wednesdays straight after the evening news and will play it on AM and FM so it reaches all the outer islands!!

The questionnaire is prepared and ready to go this week and we designed the questions to give us as much info as possible.

We have asked local youth and groups to write songs/raps on the MDG themes and the recording studio we work with has offered to record the songs for them for free if we can use them on the show.

Posters and t-shirts are in process and we are booked to do the first show on Wednesday 12 July. Hopefully we will have a launch in the mid city car park that afternoon.

- Ebonie Fifita