



Bonjou, Bonzour, Hello, Hola*

Welcome to another edition of the Youth Visioning newsletter. We have a couple of exciting new projects to share with you.

Lene and Clare Leota are teaching and promoting the fire-knife dance in **Samoa**. The project aims to work with underprivileged children and develop their pride and self-esteem through knowledge of the Samoan performing arts.

In **Haiti**, Davidson Dubois and Christelle Youance are encouraging local youth to engage in environmental awareness campaigns and pollution prevention activities. One action is the establishment of a tree nursery to contribute to a tree-planting competition.

In addition, the Creole exchange between **Dominica** and **Seychelles** has just begun. Jahisiah Benoit of Dominica is currently

participating in the Creole festivities in Seychelles. The aim is to share experiences so that Creole activities on both islands can be enriched.

We also have the pleasure to announce that some of our web pages have been translated into **Spanish** thanks to our team member, Laura Berdejo, muchas gracias!

For further information and to view the Spanish pages, please visit www.youthvisioning.org.

We welcome any feedback or questions you may have. You can reach us by emailing m.tran@unesco.org.

Sincerely,
Youth Visioning Committee

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This year's Creole festivals are taking place in October on the islands of Dominica (above) and Seychelles (Photo courtesy of Jahisiah Benoit)

* "Hello" in Dominican Creole, Seychellois Creole, English and Spanish)



Enele Westerlund from the Youth for Christ, Lepea Chapter is co-coordinating a series of activities in **Samoa** to develop youth skills so they can become responsible leaders for their family, school and communities.

The aim is to expose youths to a lifestyle characterized by love, care, warmth and faith as opposed to the prevailing lifestyle of drugs, sex and materialism.

Recently, a 'Family Night' of games and entertainment was held to collect donations of used clothing and food items.

For more information visit the project page, [Caring for the poor and needy, Samoa](#)

Other activities (**July 2006 – January 2007**) include:

- Visits to 12 disadvantaged families in nearby villages to deliver food and clothing and to discuss the needs of the families
- Visits to Homes for the Elderly to donate food, organize entertainment activities and clean-up the surroundings
- Organize a youth camp to evaluate the success of the activities and plan future events

YOUTH SAID IT!

"In preparing for a big event like Family Night, we learned many skills like how to organize, how to work together, and how to make use of our different talents to achieve success. I think Family Night was a success because we discovered talents we didn't know we had, we enjoyed ourselves and we met and made new friends."

- *Maggie Kiel, Youth Volunteer*

"Visiting the homes of those who are poor and physically handicapped broadened my horizons. I am grateful for the chance to be of help to the community. It made me feel good inside. The more needy families we visited, the more I wanted to be of help to others."

- *Rowena Peters, Youth Volunteer*



Creating more employment through local investment, Seychelles

Led by **Sabrina Marie** and the Youth Department of **Seychelles**, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Employment, the aim of this project is to provide training programs to provide qualified youths with a permanent job placement.

The project is a follow-up to a forum, of the same name, which was held on 23 July 2005 at the National Institute of Education (NIE), Seychelles. 75 participants were given an opportunity to voice their concerns relating to unemployment issues and were also introduced to the current project, then at the proposal stage.

The participants stated that they wanted to continue participating in future activities with the project as it was a good initiative that involved local investors such as the Small Enterprises Promotion Agency (SEnPA) that can help in the implementation of projects.

As for the 15 youths involved in this project, success will depend on the job placement and the employer who will be training the participants. Regular meetings will be organized with participants and employers to evaluate progress.

The activities from **April 2006 - February 2007** includes:

- Information sessions for the youth on employment issues and career guidance;
- Training sessions on basic skills in the work environment, basic computer skills and office skills such as telephone techniques;
- Arrangements for youths to visit places of employment;
- Working with employers to provide the youth with job placements.

For more information, visit the project page [Helping to create more employment through local investment](#)

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“Our aim is that at the end of the training programme, the participants will be qualified and guaranteed a job placement. They will be awarded a certificate of participation and we hope that what they have learnt in the sessions, workshops and debates will be put into practice.”

- *Sabrina Marie*



Raising awareness through youth for youth on HIV/AIDS, St. Lucia

Melissa Jn. Baptiste Hippolyte is aiming to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS among **St. Lucian** youth and reduce the stigmatization of victims. With assistance from Mount Olive Youth Department/Master Guide Club, she aims to:

- Promote the importance of HIV/AIDS testing among youth.
- Help reduce the discrimination against HIV/AIDS victims.
- Appeal to the government to change the sex consent age from sixteen to eighteen.

The project's activities **June 2006 – January 2007** include:

- Coordinating a song competition on HIV/AIDS issues for young people with prizes. The winning song(s) will be broadcast publicly.
- Organizing two panel discussions on HIV/AIDS with youths from local peer counseling groups.

For more information visit the project page, [Raising awareness through youth for youth on HIV/AIDS](#)

YOUTH SAID IT!

“We have already invited people to participate in the song competition and we are now waiting for responses from the sponsors for the prizes. We are presently working on the programme for the day.”

- *Melissa Hippolyte*