



News from the islands

Welcome to another edition of the Youth Visioning newsletter. We have some exciting updates from our project leaders to share with you.

The On the Spot Radio Program led by **Ebonie Fifita** had their first airing on 19 July. Although they are facing some challenges with the radio stations, they are still preparing more shows and trying to get experience and training in editing their material. Recently, they produced 100 yellow Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) shirts, that are now on the streets, in the homes and on the backs of 100 lucky youths.

Sabrina Marie, Seychelles, organised a social event for her project, 'Helping to create more employment through local investment'. The aim was to get participants to exchange ideas in an informal environment.

A new project has started in Samoa. **Enele Westerland** is training and developing young

people to be actively involved in caring for the poor and needy in their communities. As well, **Titus Kuman** in Papua New Guinea is constructing a fish farm with help from locally unemployed youths so that they can gain access to basic services and be self-reliant.

To conclude, we would like to introduce Laura Berdejo, a new member to our Youth Visioning Team. She is replacing Lindsey Higgs at the UNESCO-Apia office (Samoa), who has returned to Canada to continue her studies. Welcome Laura and best wishes for the future, Lindsey!

For further information 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

FEATURED PROJECTS

This Issue
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Jahisiah Benoit
Palé Kwéyòl,
Dominica

Catherine Nisha
Young Leaders for a
Sustainable Fiji,
Fiji

Claricia Langley
Camp Sanguine,
St. Kitts & Nevis



Luorenço Andrade is repeating his HIV/AIDS Awareness activities in Cape Verde. See the 2006 program ([English](#) | [French](#))



Led by **Jahisiah Benoit**, the Palé Kwéyòl project was designed to teach the Kwéyòl language and culture in Dominica and put it on the path to restoration. The results far exceeded expectations and have left a permanent mark in the minds of Dominicans who are expressing their desire for the program to be repeated.

In fact, the Cultural Division of Dominica has agreed to fully fund the project this September and ensure that aspects such as the Spelling Bee and Kwéyòl March become annual activities.

Palé Kwéyòl was as diverse as it was exciting and activities (Sept. 2005 – Feb. 2006) included:

- 7-week training course in conversational Kwéyòl offered free of charge to young persons
- Kwéyòl March through the capital city in the national wear - 250 students participated in this event.
- Kwéyòl Arts & Cuisine Festival
- First ever Kwéyòl Spelling Bee.
- Kwéyòl Extravaganza – Cultural event including dances and songs
- Kwéyòl Radio program
- Educational Kwéyòl video

For more information visit the project page, [Palé Kwéyòl](#)



YOUTH SAID IT!

“The project is proving to be sustainable in many areas, which will allow for improvements from the first experience.

I believe that this project has improved the character of all people involved in it and has contributed to a holistically developed society.

One thing is certain coming out of this initial cycle of the program - we cannot stop pushing on and working to develop creative ways of saving all aspects of our culture.”

– *Jahisiah Benoit*



Clean-up campaign. Suva city foreshore (25/02/06)

The Ministry of Youth Employment Opportunities & Sports, Fiji supported a 3-year project called the National Youth Parliament Programme. This initiative created 222 young leaders by exposing them to local issues and principles of democracy and parliament.

One of these young leaders, **Catherine Nisha**, assisted **Vani Samuwai**, principal youth officer from the Ministry, to implement a project that gathered 100 past participants to create the Youth Parliament Alumni. Members of the Alumni now coordinate their work together and have formed a powerful group that will be a strong 'voice' for young people in Fiji.

Other activities (**September 2005 - February 2006**) of this project included:

- A workshop focusing on environmental issues and HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention;
- The election of 10 participants for the Alumni Steering Committee for the next two years;
- Facilitating young leaders in organizing and documenting 2 clean-up campaigns and 1 HIV/AIDS prevention campaign.

For more information, visit the project page [Young Leaders for a Sustainable Fiji](#)



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“The Alumni aims to have empowerment programs, workshops discussing key youth issues, camps and concerts. Let’s not limit ourselves, let’s engage ourselves in activities we thought were beyond us. Let’s be of service to those around us in the hope that they may realise their potential to succeed.”

- *Jacque Koroi, member of the Youth Parliament Alumni*



Claricia Langley led the implementation of a camp, which was spearheaded by the Ambassadors of Cayon High, whose members are past students. They are guided by their motto ‘With us a new chapter begins’. ‘Camp Sanguine’ (which means hopeful) was geared towards providing varied opportunities for students of the Cayon High School of a lower socio-economic status to help discover their true being and self-worth.

Thirty-nine students from Cayon High School participated in the three-day camp (2-5 June 2006) at Violet Petty Primary School. Based on the positive results, the Ambassadors of Cayon High indicated that they will host the camp on an annual basis.

Additional activities (May 2006 - January 2007) of the project include:

- Conducting training sessions in career development, volunteering, HIV/AIDS, and life-skills development;
- Ensuring that each participant makes a commitment to a volunteer project following the training sessions;
- Organising a short follow-up meeting 4 months after the training sessions to share information on the volunteer activities conducted.

For more information visit the project page, [Camp Sanguine](#)

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“Decision making was the primary focus of the event which ran from 2-5 June 2006. It observed the theme ‘Don’t follow the tide, U decide’. The camp went really well. It was a complete success.”

– *Claricia Langley*