



Greetings from the YV Committee!

We are pleased to announce the creation of a bi-monthly newsletter for our partners and project leaders with information on the latest Youth Visioning project developments. Youth Visioning for Island Living is a UNESCO-led initiative that encourages young islanders to translate their ideas for the development of their islands into reality. It was launched in 2003 with a series of regional activities, followed by an international event in Mauritius in January 2005 where the youth committed to follow-up projects upon their return home. We are now into the project implementation phase. To date, 8 projects have been completed and 5 others have just started. We plan to feature several completed projects in each newsletter as well as a project that is just starting. 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



Heavy Garbage Day, Dominica

FEATURED PROJECTS

THIS ISSUE (May – June '06)

- **Marvo Didier**
Sensitisation and cleanup campaign in Gutter village, Dominica
- **Lourenço Andrade**
Young People against HIV/AIDS, Cape Verde
- **Kennedy Folasi**
Dream Cast Drama awareness program, Solomon Islands

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 if you have changed your mind about the project you committed to in Mauritius and have a new idea, that's fine 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).



Young People Against HIV/AIDS Cape Verde



Through the Association Djunta Mò Pa Tchada Grande and a number of local partners, **Lourenço Andrade (left)** organised a successful HIV/AIDS awareness campaign in Cape Verde. As

a project had never been done before in their country, the positive feedback from participants has encouraged them to conduct the same activities again in August 2006.

The project took place on the island of Santiago, in the Achada Grande Frente neighborhood. It was implemented in two phases (**August 2005 – February 2006**) and revolved around soccer and basketball tournaments that were followed by a conference on HIV/AIDS featuring presentations by a doctor and a psychologist.

For more information visit the project page, [Young People against HIV/AIDS](#).

The activities of this project included:

- Debates
- Quiz competitions
- Dance performances
- Distribution of information at the sport tournaments
- Distribution of information door-to-door

The primary objectives of this project were to hold a soccer and basketball tournament for the youth of the aforementioned neighborhood in order to create a sense of friendship. It also provided a way for the young people to fill their free time while learning about HIV/AIDS. Based on the success of the activities, these objectives have been met and similar activities will be planned in the future.

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[...] In general, the obtained results were positive, with a large social impact, involving a large number of young people and others from the neighborhood and exceeding our expectations. During the activities the good behavior and involvement of the public and a strong participation from the youth was evident. The interest expressed by the people and the success of the activities calls for the continuation of initiatives such as this."

– Ivandro Jr. Monteiro Moniz, President of the Association Djunta Mò Pa Tchada Grande



Dominica cleans-up Gutter

The focus of **Marvo Didier's** project was to sensitize the village of Gutter about their improper garbage disposal habits and to assist them to play their role in keeping it clean. The project has had an immediate and visual impact in Gutter Village and neighboring communities have expressed an interest in undertaking similar activities.

From the beginning the response from the community and other partners was overwhelmingly positive. Many people acknowledged the need for such a campaign and pledged their support from the start.

The activities of this project (**July 2005 – January 2006**) included:

- Flyer distribution
- Children's workshop
- Public PowerPoint presentation
- Heavy garbage day
- Clean up of ravine

The best attended activities were by far the children's workshop and the heavy garbage day for the disposal of white goods. The two-day workshop, which still continues to bear fruit, was organized for 8-11 year olds with the aim of assisting young people to make informed decisions about proper garbage disposal. It is strongly recommended that these activities be repeated and funding options are currently being explored. A day for the cleaning of the unsightly ravine was also organized and an 18 cubic yard bin was filled with the refuse collected.

Neighbouring communities have been impressed by what has been done thus far and have requested that the same be done in their own communities. This initiative has been well received and it is an excellent stepping-stone for future projects.

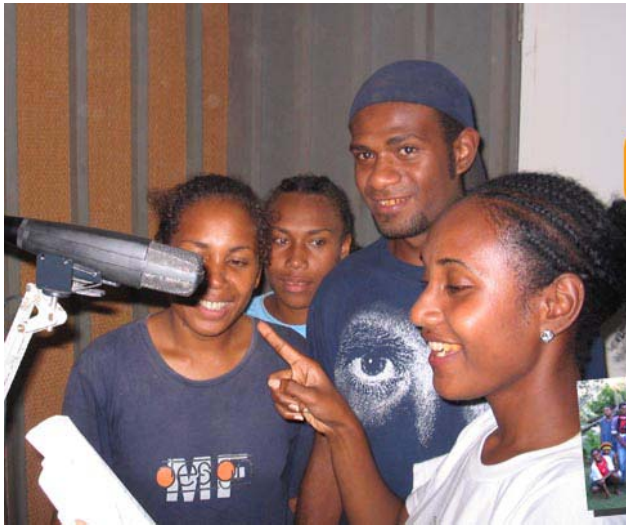
For more information visit the project page, [Sensitisation and clean up campaign in Gutter village.](#)



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“The entire project can be said to have been a success for if just one person was inspired to change his attitude towards the disposal of garbage, then the fight towards a clean environment has gained ground.”

– Marvo Didier



Dreamcast drama group on tour to make a difference



**Solomon
Islands**

Kennedy Folasi is leading a talented group of youths to dramatize the issues affecting young people in the communities around Honiara, Solomon Islands. Their goal is to promote active participation of youths in their communities and to bring awareness to social issues affecting young people such as substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS and lack of self-esteem.

The partners in this project include Save the Children Australia (SCA) and their Youth Outreach Program (YOP) with support from the Ministry of Health.

Dream Cast was initially formed in July 2005 after Kennedy Folasi coordinated a drama training project. It targeted unemployed and out of school youths and the

programme was deemed a success for the participants.

Since then, the group has organised sport activities, Karaoke nights, mountain hikes and clean ups around the community.

The next mission of Dream Cast is to use drama performances and radio drama as an advocacy tool in the community around Honiara.

Their activities (**March – September 2006**) will include among other things, writing drama scripts featuring social issues such as HIV/AIDS and substance abuse. They will also involve young people in performing dramatic presentations for their peers in 35 different communities, and conducting peer-to-peer and youth focus awareness talks.

For more information visit the project page, [Dream Cast Drama awareness program](#).