



Formed in 2004, the Tuaruhu Multi-ethnic community youth drama group (Dream Cast) dramatises issues affecting young people in the communities in and around Honiara, Solomon islands. After successfully implementing a theatre drama training project (July 2005), for this project, the Dream Cast group aimed to use drama performances and radio drama as an advocacy tool.

Who's involved?

Project leader: Kennedy Folasi

Lead organisation: Dream Cast Drama Group

Other organisations: Save the Children Australia (SCA): Youth Outreach Program (YOP);
Ministry of Health

Timeframe: March - September 2006

Objectives:

- Build capacity and building networks with other organizations that are involved in

HIV/AIDS.

- Include young people to campaign against social issues affecting them.
- Raise the level of awareness among villagers and communities about social issues affecting young people, including HIV/AIDS.

Activities:

- Collect information on social issues, particularly HIV/AIDS and substance abuse, prepare a short report and draft drama scripts featuring these issues;
- Involve at least 10 young people in performing the drama presentations for their peers in 35 different communities, and at the same time conduct peer-to-peer and youth focus awareness talks;
- Publicise the activity through local radio, television and newspapers;
- Evaluate the impact of the activity by asking a minimum of 60 youth in three different communities who have seen the dramatic performance to complete an evaluation form; report on the results of the evaluation;
- Investigate and report on ways of continuing this activity in the future.

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