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## EVP Abena attends 2016 JCI Academy in Japan

Executive Vice President (EVP), **Abena Agard** represented JCI West Indies at the 2016 JCI Academy in Mito, Japan. The Annual JCI Academy was officially endorsed at the 1987 JCI World Congress to empower the future leaders of the organization to learn the skills needed to be exemplary young active citizens and create impact in their local communities.

EVP Abena spent an action-packed 14 days travelling and experiencing Mito, the capital of Ibaraki Prefecture. In an interview with *The Jaycee*, EVP Abena stated that "attending the JCI Academy was an inspiring and rejuvenating opportunity to explore another culture and rediscover the true essence of JCI". "To say that it leaves one invigorated to be the best version on oneself, and to effect positive change in our communities barely skims the surface of the materials that are covered and the introspection that results" EVP Abena added.

### *Congratulations to EVP Abena on graduating from the 2016 JCI Academy*

Executive Vice President Abena Agard pose with JCI President Paschal Dike at the close of the 2016 Academy.



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### JCI West Indies News:

#### National Convention

The [JCI West Indies 56<sup>th</sup> National Convention](#) will be held in Barbados from October 11-15, 2016. Be sure to register!

## VP Kwesi visits St. Vincent

JCI West Indies Vice President (VP) **Kwesi Des Vignes** visited St. Vincent, one of his assigned local states, to participate in activities commemorating the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of JCI St. Vincent. VP Kwesi's visit included conducting official JCI training courses, induction, and a courtesy call to the Hon. Frederick Stephenson, Minister of National Mobilization, Social Development, the Family, Persons with Disabilities and Youth.

During this meeting, Minister Stephenson expressed interest in the *Peace is Possible* Campaign and committed to engaging the local organization on future initiatives.

*Kudos to JCI St. Vincent on hosting VP Kwesi during the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.*

*A full album of the VP Kwesi's visit is on the JCI WI [Facebook page](#).*



VP Kwesi presents a token to the Hon. Frederick Stephenson.



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### General Meeting

Reminder: ALL reports for the meeting of the 56<sup>th</sup> National Convention should be submitted by September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### JCI Project Gallery

Thanks to all local organizations that have submitted entries to the Project Gallery. Be sure to share your impact project on [jci.cc](#).

### Efficiency Programme

Congratulations to all Local Organizations that have submitted items. More standards are approaching. Be sure to check the requirements regularly.

**Editor's Note:** In an effort to enhance the connection among current JCI members, JCI Senators and JCI Alumni we have rebranded our Newsletter to adopt a shorter name - *The Jaycee*. The Jaycee, formerly the JCI West Indies Newsletter, is committed to keeping you informed of all the activities, events and initiatives occurring around the West Indies.

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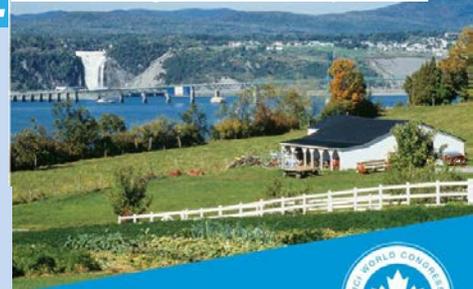
## Nominees from the West Indies...

JCI TOYP serves to formally recognize young people who excel in their chosen fields and create positive change. This year, JCI West Indies nominated two entries **Ms. Nolana Lynch** and **Ms. Firhaana Bulbulia**. These outstanding young women were submitted by local organizations in Tobago and Barbados respectively.

**Nolana E. Lynch** is an environmentalist and philanthropist from the islands of Trinidad and Tobago and worship leader at her church, Greater Love Christian Center. She is the founder and CEO of Eco-Truffles, a social enterprise which manufactures organic and all-natural personal products, wherein 50% of all proceeds are utilized for charitable purposes. She has served as the Youth Advisor for the United Nations Environment Programme, Project Coordinator for the United Nations Convention for Combatting Desertification, Climate Expert for the Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Initiative, Climate

## International Events

JCI World Congress – Quebec City, Canada



www.jci.cc/ourevents  
October 30 – November 4



Champion of the British Council, Advisor to the Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development, National Coordinator and Board Member of the Caribbean Youth Environment Network, and Director of Youth Affairs of the Network of Rural Women Producers. Miss Lynch was awarded the Commonwealth Youth Award for Excellence in Development for her work in Sustainable Livelihoods and Poverty Reduction and also the Trinidad and Tobago National Youth Award for her work in the Environmental field. She is a mentor to young women and children to ensure that they are fully equipped with the tools to succeed in today's society.

**Firhaana Bulbulia** is an activist who is passionate about education and women's rights. She is a graduate of the University of the West Indies Cave Hill with part of her degree being completed through an Emerging Global Leaders Scholarship at York University in Canada. She recently completed a Diploma in Education and she is a 2016 Chevening scholar due to commence her Masters at University College London in Education, Gender & International Development. Firhaana has spent the past 5 years teaching special needs children and has travelled to Kenya, through AIESEC'S Global Citizen programme to teach children with Dyslexia. In 2010, Firhaana founded the Barbados Association of Muslim Ladies to promote the holistic development of women and girls within the Muslim community of Barbados. She is the 2016 recipient of the Queen's Young Leader's Award and joined the Commonwealth Youth and Gender Equality Network, to end child marriage in the Commonwealth. She is the Policy and Advocacy Vice-Chair for the Caribbean Regional Youth Council and represented the Caribbean at the 7<sup>th</sup> Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations. She has worked with organizations such as the Barbados Youth Development Council, Optimist International, Rotary and UNICEF at York University.



*We extend best wishes to the JCI TOYP nominees from the West Indies*

## JCI Barbados shortlisted for Global Youth Empowerment Fund Award

The Global Youth Empowerment Fund, launched during the 2015 JCI Global Partnership Summit in New York, accepted applications from June 6 - July 6. The Fund which was initiated through a partnership of JCI and the UN SDG Action Campaign (formerly UN Millennium Campaign) will offer grants and training to youth-led projects that advance the Global Goals for Sustainable Development in local communities around the world.

The JCI Barbados Green Roots project was shortlisted in the top 10 for the award. The top applicants were subject to a public voting platform from July 15 to 22.

The winning grantees were announced during the 2016 JCI Global Partnership Summit on July 28. *Congratulations to JCI Barbados on being shortlisted for this award.*



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## Around the West Indies

### JCI St. Vincent

On Saturday **June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016** JCI St. Vincent in collaboration with other organisations executed its signature **Health Fair** in the south-eastern community of Biabou. Over one hundred and fifteen (115) patrons from Biabou and nearby communities received services in the area of: Blood pressure testing, Glucose Monitoring Reading, rapid HIV testing with Voluntary Counseling Testing (VCT), Pap smears, Prostrate Specific Antigen (PSA), breasts examinations and eye examinations. Moreover, information and demonstrations were available on safe sexual practices, proper condom use, kidney health care and treatment along with medical air services.



### JCI Tobago

On **June 11<sup>th</sup>** JCI Tobago took to the streets to raise awareness of blood donation in commemoration of World Blood Donor Day, by interacting with the Scarborough community and environs. In 2016 the message of "Blood Connects Us All" was a call for more persons to become voluntary donors. JCI Tobago's **Project #Lifesaver** aims to continue to promote a culture of blood donation on the island of Tobago, and raise the number of voluntary unpaid donors.

JCI Senator, Dr. Lincoln Kokaram conducted an "All In" session with the members of JCI Tobago. Dr. Kokaram is a proud past JCI International Vice President and Training Director, has been an educator, trainer and "learnovator" for over 30 years and has trained in over 30 countries.



### JCI Barbados

The JCI **Mathfanatix** Closing Ceremony & Fun Day was held on **9<sup>th</sup> July 2016** to congratulate the participants on their achievements and performance in Mathematics at the Common Entrance Exams. The project consisted of small, interactive group tutorial sessions on Saturday mornings. All who attended enjoyed the fun day that had a jumping tent and miniature golf.

JCI **Project ME** workshop was conducted by National IPP Kevin Hinds, Ms. Jacqueline Caesar and Mr. Antoine Williams on **25<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. The aim of the workshop is to offer insight and structure to Barbadian youth as they pursue a successful career through professionally-oriented development skills. The topics for the workshop included CV Writing/Preparing for the World of Work, Personal Branding and Entrepreneurship.



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### JCI Port-of-Spain

The project **WE See You**, which was born out of the You are Not Invisible (Y.A.N.I.) committee commenced on the **5<sup>th</sup> June**. The project seeks to provide nourishment to homeless persons in the Port of Spain area on every other Sunday either for breakfast or Lunch. The committee is seeking to broaden its mandate to document willing recipients' lives and seek to sponsor them off the street in order to help those persons to become self-sufficient.

Board training was executed on June 27<sup>th</sup> by Senator Joy Brathwaite. Through her guidance, all 2016 board members were exposed to two days of intense training which incorporated conflict resolution, history, vision and mission of JCI in addition to planning for a stronger chapter. This training culminated with the inclusion of ordinary members on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.



## VP Shenella visits local states

**Shenella Govia**, JCI West Indies Vice President, visited her assigned local states in Barbados, Tobago and Trinidad during the month of August. During her visit, VP Shenella participated in local projects, conducted training sessions, and met with government officials, the media, JCI members and Senators. In an exclusive interview with *The Jaycee*, VP Shenella expressed excitement over her visits and encouraged local organizations to "continue to create impact in your communities and empower young people to create positive change". *JCI West Indies expresses gratitude to local organizations for hosting VP Shenella during her official visit.*

A full album of VP Shenella's visit is available on the JCI WI [Facebook page](#).



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## JCI World President to visit the West Indies

JCI World President **Paschal Dike** will make an official visit to the West Indies from September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. During this trip, he will be hosted by the JCI local organization in Antigua. President Pascal's itinerary includes promotion of the Peace is Possible Campaign and courtesy calls on Government, schools and the media.

Details on his visit will be shared via social media.



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