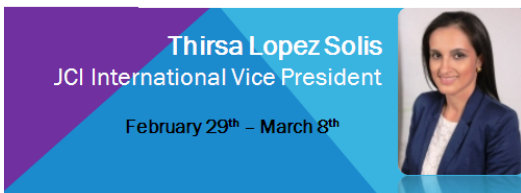




Vice President Thirsa Lopez visits the West Indies



Welcome
to the
West Indies



JCI International Vice President for the Americas, Thirsa Lopez made an official visit to the West Indies from February 29th until March 8th 2016. IVP Thirsa visited local organizations in Tobago, Trinidad, Barbados and Antigua where she learnt about the projects conducted in the West Indies, met with officials including Government and the media, conducted training sessions, and promoted the Peace is Possible campaign and other JCI programs.

IVP Thirsa, who is from the National Organisation JCI Honduras, was pleased with the projects implemented by local organizations in the West Indies.

"I am very excited to see so many projects in the West Indies that are aligned to the JCI Active Citizen Framework. I wish to commend everyone and to encourage all members, alumni and partners to continue your support local organizations and projects in the West Indies as we build sustainable global peace." **Thirsa Lopez, JCI Vice President.**



IVP Thirsa and Local President Clint present a token to the Mayor of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.



Delegates (including Local President Neferta, NVP Kwesi & IVP Thirsa) meet with the Chief Secretary in the Tobago House of Assembly.



IVP Thirsa and Local President Charlene present a token to the Government Hill Nursery, Barbados.



Delegates (including Local President Melissa, NP Alexis & NVP Shenella) greet IVP Thirsa on arrival to Antigua.



JCI West Indies extends gratitude to IVP Thirsa for her official visit and offer commendations to all local organizations for hosting Thirsa during her visit. A full album from IVP Thirsa's visit is available on our [Facebook page](#).

**JCI WI Board Officers (IPP Kevin, EVP Abena & EA Khaleid) pose with IVP Thirsa after a training session*

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JCI West Indies News:

Convention Registration Now Open!

The [JCI West Indies 56th National Convention](#) will be held in Barbados from October 11-16, 2016. Be sure to register early!

Mid-Year Meeting

Our next General Assembly meeting is scheduled for May 27th & 28th. Official documents will be circulated soon.

JCI Project Gallery

What will you be doing to create positive impact? 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.

International Events

[Conference of the Americas - Uruguay](#)
April 27 – 30, 2016

[2016 JCI Academy – Mito, Japan](#)
July 06 – 10, 2016

[Global Partnership Summit - New York](#)
July 25 – 28, 2016

[JCI World Congress – Quebec City, Canada](#)
Oct 30 – 04, 2016



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JCI Launches Peace is Possible Campaign



#PeaceIsPossible

All Local organizations are encouraged to participate in the Peace is Possible Campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to mobilize young people worldwide to create awareness, advocate, take action and commit to an everlasting world peace.

Objectives:

1. Sharing the story of JCI and its history of action toward the establishment of everlasting world peace.
2. Creating awareness of actions and projects JCI members create around the world advancing the Global Goals for Sustainable Development.
3. Build a coalition of like-minded stakeholder from all sectors of society that are committed to the purpose.

Timeline: January 1 – September 21, 2016 (International Day of Peace)



Who can get involved?

Everyone! We believe that peace is only possible through the combined efforts of all members and all sectors of society.

Campaign Stakeholders: Internal: JCI members, JCI Alumni, Local and National Organizations External: Existing and potential partner organizations, JCI Ambassadors, potential JCI members.

Community stakeholders: Local and national government, businesses and like-minded organizations, local and national celebrities.

TOYP Launched

JCI TOYP serves to formally recognize young people who excel in their chosen fields and create positive change. By recognizing these young people, JCI raises the status of socially responsible leaders in this world. Young men and women may be nominated in one of ten categories.

Our National arm of JCI TOYP has been launched! Local organisations, are encouraged to launch your own local campaigns. The submission of your TOYP candidate to JCI WI is **Friday, May 20, 2016**. We look forward to your timely submissions.

For more information, contact VP Kwesi.



Do you believe
Peace is Possible?

Make your commitment to take
action for peace at:

www.peaceispossible.cc

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**For more information on how you
can join the campaign in your
country, contact VP Kwesi or PRO
Khaleid.**



JCI West Indies TOYP nominee, Toni Thorne from Barbados made it to the top 20 shortlist of candidates worldwide in 2014.

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JCI St. Vincent

On Thursday February 18th, 2016 JCI St. Vincent hosted a **JCI ADMIN** training session for members. The session was facilitated by JCI trainer Senator Wayne Cadogan from Barbados.

An **Orientation Session** was held for Prospective members on Wednesday March 23rd, 2016. It was facilitated by Past President Sharlene Wyllie. In attendance were five (5) Prospective Members.



Are you a Judge for the Conference of the Americas?

The deadline for the judging of Awards is **April 18th** (23:50 GMT)

JCI Port-of-Spain

Active Minds was formed with the purpose of engaging membership in the observance of key International Days. In doing so, greater involvement of membership can be had and public awareness of the Chapter could be achieved. The inaugural project included the observance of international Women's Day which was officially on the 8th March, 2016.

The **Chapter Restoration** project commenced on February 20th, 2016, with a purpose to refurbish the local Chapter which in recent years has been in disrepair. This project falls under the purview of the property committee who has been tasked with utilising members to embark on this DIY project with eventual support hoped to be gained from sponsors.



JCI Barbados

"Trashion Couture" was the headline for the JCI Barbados' **Regeneration Nation Fashion Show**, held on March 12th at the Lester Vaughan Secondary School. Chairperson for the 2015 Green Roots Committee of JCI Barbados, Kevin Payne, and with the assistance of his team conceptualized the event as a means to showcase local talent as well as to increase the awareness of the alternate uses of household trash.

The show was held under the environmental awareness theme: "Regeneration, Resurgence & Rejuvenation" and featured fashion designers from the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic School. The Fashion Show was an eco-conscious event where designers were tasked with creating garments incorporating reusable and recyclable materials.



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JCI Antigua

The Business Seminar Committee of JCI Antigua executed the **Professionalism in Customer Care Seminar** on March 17th 2016 with an aim to teach participants the power of professionalism in an effort to realize their organization's vision. Participants also learned the art of telephone mastery as well as the ability to transform difficult customers and associates into valued patrons.

On Friday 19th February the JCI Youth Empowerment Program executed the JCI Antigua **Oratorical competition** for secondary school students to display their oratorical and public speaking skills. St Anthony's Secondary won in the Prepared segment; Trinity Academy in Impromptu segment; Antigua Grammar School - most creative speakers and St Anthony's best overall speakers.



JCI Tobago

The Inaugural Blood Dinner: "A Charity Dinner and Blood Drive", is part of JCI Tobago's **Project #Lifesaver** – Be a Blood Donor, Be a Lifesaver, which aims to promote a culture of voluntary blood donation on the island. This Blood Donation event was held to increase awareness and pledges for the need for blood donation, and most importantly voluntary blood donors.

JCI Tobago hosted its Appreciation and Handing-Over Ceremony on Sunday 20 March, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. The ceremony was held to recognize the generous contributions and support of our partners, sponsors, well-wishers and members. The 2016 Board of Directors were officially sworn in at the ceremony.



NP Alexis joins Presidents in Panama



NP Alexis attended the National Presidents' Meeting in Panama City from February 12-14 and had a wonderful time. At this meeting, NP Alexis represented the West Indies and shared some of the Active Citizen projects conducted in local organizations. **In this photo NP Alexis pose with JCI President Paschal Dike.*

JCI WI officers discuss starting new Chapter in St. Lucia



On February 24th, National board officers based in Barbados met with Mr. Jason Hullingseed from Saint Lucia on to share ideas and discuss the possibility of restarting a JCI Chapter in that country. Jason is excited to serve and JCIWI is committed to assisting him. If you know of past Jaycees or persons who are interested in JCI Saint Lucia, be sure to contact EVP Abena.

**In this photo IPP Kevin & PRO Khaleid pose with Jason Hullingseed. Missing is EVP Abena.*



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