



JCI West Indies wins award at the JCI Conference of the Americas



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JCI West Indies News:

National Convention

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



General Meeting

Our next General Assembly meeting is scheduled for July 20th. 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.



JCI WI National President Alexis and Local SG Cametha (JCI St. Vincent) accept the award from JCI President Paschal Dike and EVP Sean Chang

JCI St. Vincent, one of the local organizations in the West Indies won the prestigious “Best Local Goals project” at the recently held Conference of the Americas in Punta del Este, Uruguay. The winning project, Health Fair 2015, was selected among other projects as the best project that advances the Global Goals.

JCI Antigua and JCI Barbados captured nominations in the “Best Local Growth & Development project”, “Best Local Community Empowerment program”, and the “Best Local Global Goals project” (JCI Barbados only). In her congratulatory message to local organizations, **National President Alexis** encouraged members to **“continue efforts to position JCI West Indies as one of the leading National Organizations in the region”**.

Congratulations to our local organizations!

JCI WI delegates collaborate for peace at the 2016 Conference of the Americas

From April 27-30, seven delegates from JCI West Indies attended the Conference of the Americas in Punta del Este, Uruguay. West Indies delegates participated in activities including the National Presidents Meeting, General Assembly Meetings, First Timers Orientation, training sessions, Debating Championship, Public Speaking Competition, and social events.

The popular JCI Morning Show focused on the theme *“Just Act for Peace”* as a means of encouraging delegates to take action for peace by participating in the *Peace is Possible* campaign and to contribute to the *UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development*. The delegation led by NP Alexis included Kevin Hinds, Shenella Govia, Kerri-Ann Lewis, Khaleid Holder, Melissa Joseph, and Cametha John.

A full album of the 2016 Conference of the Americas is available on our [Facebook page](#).

Left: JCI West Indies delegates pose with JCI VP for the Americas Thirsa Lopez at the Closing Ceremony



Top: Opening Ceremony
Bottom: JCI WI delegates pose with JCI SG Arrey Obenson at the Global Village.



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IPP Kevin enters race to be 2017 JCI Vice President



JCI WI IPP Kevin Hinds with 2016 JCI President Paschal Dike.

Immediate Past President (IPP) Kevin Hinds has entered the race to become one of 2017 JCI Vice Presidents for the Americas. IPP Kevin officially announced his candidacy during General Assembly at the JCI Conference of the Americas in Punta del Este, Uruguay. IPP Kevin, a past Local President from Barbados, is one of 7 candidates contesting for one of the Vice President roles for 2017.

The last International Vice President from the West Indies was JCI Senator Donna Francis from Antigua and Barbuda.

JCI WI extends best wishes to IPP Kevin on his candidacy for 2017 JCI Vice President

International Events

Global Partnership Summit - New York



JCI West Indies attend the American Leadership Academy

From April 23-26, participants from 16 National Organizations from countries in the Americas attended the JCI American Leadership Academy (ALA) in Punta del Este, Uruguay. At this Academy, delegates participated in courses to develop their skills and help map their JCI careers.

JCI West Indies was represented by National Vice President (NVP) Shenella Govia and Local President Melissa Joseph (JCI Antigua). NVP Shenella noted that the sessions were very informative, inspiring and engaging while Local President Melissa encouraged other members of JCI WI to attend future ALA sessions.



NVP Shenella and Local President Melissa pose with Sandra Salgueiro.

JCI World Congress – Quebec City, Canada



Global Youth Empowerment Fund Launched

The Global Youth Empowerment Fund, launched during the 2015 JCI Global Partnership Summit in New York, has begun accepting applications. 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.

Applications are open to young people ages 18 to 40 who are running youth-led targeted community projects, which aim to provide sustainable solutions to local challenges and advance the Global Goals for Sustainable Development using the JCI Active Citizen Framework. Applications are open from June 6 through July 6. The top applicants will be selected and a public voting platform will open from July 15 to 22. The winning grantees will be announced during the 2016 JCI Global Partnership Summit on July 28.

For more information on applying for a grant visit www.gyefund.org or contact the JCI WI Secretariat.



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JCI Port-of-Spain

On Sunday 22nd May, JCI Port of Spain conducted its first **Official Training session** for 2016 titled **JCI Achieve**. This was facilitated by Local President Ms. **Neferta Yeates** of JCI Tobago. This course information would be included in the chapter's day to day operations and project planning to have successful sustainable projects. After the training a sumptuous lunch was had, prepared by chapter members.

The **Active Minds project** committee partnered with a local NGO on Saturday 23rd April, to commemorate World Environment Day. The Wild Life Protection of Trinidad and Tobago (WEPTT) collaborated with JCI members to do a cleanup and tree planting in the popular area "Caure" in Trinidad. Documentation of the garbage collected will be recorded and submitted to Local Government agencies.



JCI Barbados

In commemoration of International Mother Earth Day on 22nd April, JCI Barbados' **Green Roots** committee donated a sweet pepper plant to the Roland Edwards Primary School and lit paper lanterns with the Barbados Chapter of the Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN).

JCI Barbados participated in ICBL's annual **Family Fun Run and Walk** on the 28th April, 2016. Proceeds were donated from the event to assist three charities.

JCI Impact was conducted by Immediate Past President & Legal Counsel **Khaleid Holder** on 14th May. Discussions included the active citizenship framework, analysis of community needs, solutions addressing these needs, and sustainability of projects.



JCI St. Vincent

Saturday April 2nd marked the hosting of **JCI Expo: A Wine & Cheese Affair**. The event was held to showcase the creativity of local artisans while providing the opportunity for them to network with corporate society and JCI members.

On Saturday May 7th, members of JCI St. Vincent provided assistance to the **St. Benedict's Day Nursery Fair**, and made a monetary donation toward the event. This annual fair raises funds for the maintenance of the St. Benedict's Day Nursery and Children's Home in Georgetown. The event is one enjoyed by patrons of all ages from across the nation.



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JCI Antigua

JCI Antigua **Cancer Awareness Campaign** hosted **Doux** at the historical Russell's Fort James on Sunday 22 May. The event treated patrons to unlimited wine, food, art and spoken word. GuavaDeArtist was immersed in his canvas as he did a live painting while Emile Hill, Anson J Henry, Glenroy Aaron and Maritza Martin explained the inspirations behind their paintings on display.

There were performances by spoken word artists Zahra Airall, Kadeem Joseph and Jevorn Title and entertainment was provided by DJ Nez and DJ Miks. The JCI Antigua's Cancer Awareness Campaign mission is to employ a personable and interactive approach in bringing awareness to the pervasiveness of cancer.



JCI Dominica

Efforts are on the way to have JCI Dominica re-affiliated to JCI West Indies by the end of 2016. On May 17th an orientation session was held for prospective members featuring presentations by Past National VP **Daniel Reid**, Past National Executive Assistant **Eversley Colaie** and Past President **Doreen Durand**. This session was attended by 12 prospective members.

A **Project Preparation/ Planning** training session was conducted on May 31st for the prospective members and subsequent training sessions will be conducted on Tuesdays until induction in July. For more information on the re-affiliation process, contact Past VP **Etienne Reid**, Chairman of the JCI Dominica Management Committee at jciwi.dominica@gmail.com or JCI WI EVP Abena Agard through the JCI WI National Secretariat.



JCI Impact Strategy



How to start a Local Organization?

Who can start a chapter?

Anyone who is 18-40, with the enthusiasm and passion to bring JCI to their town/country can do so. Read our [FAQ for New Organizations](#) on our website for additional information.

Benefits to you and your team

You'll learn and accelerate skills such as leadership, project management, sales, decision-making etc, create positive change in your local community, and build your local business network.

JCI West Indies has six local organizations across the region and we are always looking to revive, and in some instances start, local organizations. If you think that your country would benefit from having a JCI organization, please contact the JCI West Indies at info@jciwi.org or visit our [website](#) for more information.



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