



NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE
Agency of the Ministry of Youth and Culture

PROGRAMMES OVERVIEW

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| Summer Programme | <p>The Summer Programme is an annual engagement of young people in three weeks of work experience during the months of July and August. The objective of this programme is to expose the participants to key employability skills, as well as, developing and refining the characteristics that are important in gaining and retaining meaningful employment.</p> | <p align="center">4,722 participants completed the programme</p> |
| Graduate Work Experience Programme | <p>The Graduate Work Experience Programme is designed to provide valuable work experience to tertiary graduates up to 24 years old. It is a response to the dual challenges of graduates being unable to gain jobs without experience and who cannot gain meaningful experience without jobs. Participant benefit from six (6) months work experience in a practical work environment, supported by a stipend.</p> <p>This programme provides tertiary graduates possessing a First Degree or an Associate Degree with the opportunity to enhance their personal and professional development through workshops, volunteer service and work experience.</p> <p><i>NYS' Graduate Work Experience Programme was piloted in FY 2012/2013.</i></p> | <p align="center">302 interns engaged</p> |
| Access to Higher Education Partnership Programme | <p>This is a partnership programme between NYS and select Tertiary institutions. At present our partners are the College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE), Caribbean Maritime Institution (CMI), Browns Town Community College (BTCC) and the Northern Caribbean University (NCU).</p> <p>AHEP Programme offers up to \$100,000 tuition assistance to scholars who are studying in national priority areas (Agriculture, Logistics, Engineering, Tourism, Information and Communication Technology). Scholars are required to maintain a GPA of 3.0 and are engaged in empowerment sessions and volunteer service.</p> | <p align="center">92 scholars engaged</p> |

EXISTING (prior to FY 14/15)

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| | <p><i>NYS' Access to Higher Education Partnership Programme was piloted in FY 2013/2014.</i></p> | |
| Empowerment Programme | <p>The Empowerment programme is a seven (7) month engagement for young persons with mild intellectual disabilities. It consists of a three (3) week non-residential camp followed by six (6) months of supported work experience.</p> <p>The goal of the programme is to improve the personal, professional and social capacity of persons with mild intellectual disabilities, through profiling participants' skills, developing their potential, supporting them with a job coach, and guiding their progression into employment.</p> <p><i>Elements of this programme were successfully piloted in FY 2013/2014 as our Camp Empowerment Project.</i></p> | 104 participants engaged |
| Enrichment Programme | <p>The Enrichment Programme is a holistic youth development intervention which engages participants with two (2) CSEC subjects or fewer, in personal development activities, volunteerism, mentorship, skills or literacy and numeracy training for a period of up to one (1) year, as deemed necessary.</p> <p><i>Elements of this programme were successfully piloted in FY 2013/2014 as our Summer Enrichment Camp Project.</i></p> | 75 participants engaged |
| Entrepreneurship programme | <p>This programme provides youths with the tools and skills needed to assist them in preparing to start a business through extensive business development training and support as well as the opportunity to obtain finances through a competitive forum.</p> <p><i>NYS' Entrepreneurship Programme was piloted in FY 2013/2014.</i></p> | <p>25 persons participated in the parish competition. Of these, 5 were selected to participate at the National level – the top 3 persons received awards, totalling six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000.00).</p> |
| Volunteer Programme | <p>The Volunteer programme is designed to increase youth participation in national and community initiatives; foster civic responsibility, to strengthen communities thereby positively impacting the nation.</p> <p>Youth in Service</p> | <p>30 projects; 370 participants engaged, to date.</p> |

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| | <p>All NYS programme participants are required to complete a minimum of forty (40) volunteer hours during their engagement.</p> <p>National and Parish Volunteer Projects: The NYS will conduct periodic projects annually geared towards community and national development.</p> <p><i>The NYS will engage youths in volunteerism in the upcoming year through specialized volunteer initiatives. These will include Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, youth clubs and other community-based organizations.</i></p> | |
| <p>Financial Assistance Programme</p> | <p>Financial Assistance is a grant to post-service Corps programme participants pursuing tertiary education. These students are eligible to receive up to 20% of their tuition paid for by the NYS over a period of three (3) years. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for participants to continue receiving this benefit.</p> <p>The Corps programme is under revision since 2013; as such the latest batch of participants will access this benefit up to 2016.</p> | <p>114 participants engaged, to date.</p> |
| <p>Entrepreneurship 101: <i>“Self employment, is it for you?”</i></p> | <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">NEW (FY 2014/15)</p> <p>This is a series of sensitization sessions, which commenced in 2014, introduces youth to entrepreneurship as a viable employment option. The programme will cover the fundamentals of starting and building a new venture. It will target Youth in Tertiary institutions which have a focus on Agriculture, Technology, Tourism and Culture and Arts. The NYS will also conduct quarterly workshops in communities across the island.</p> <p>The goal of the programme is to introduce the participant’s to elements of entrepreneurship which will further stimulate their interest in entrepreneurship which will in turn promote the development of young entrepreneurs. It will also provide a first step towards selection for the longer entrepreneurship programme.</p> | <p>1,563 youths engaged, to date.</p> |

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| Events Production Assistants Programme | | The NYS collaborated with the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC) in 2014 to introduce 50 participants to events planning and implementation through training and six (6) months of work experience. Participants received work experience for six (6) months under the supervision of the JCDC's staff across the island in coordinating and implementing the events and activities associated with Festival, Emancipation, Independence and Heritage Celebrations. | 50 participants engaged |
| Access to Success through Knowledge (ASK) initiative <i>(formerly Road Map to Success)</i> | UPCOMING (FY 14/15 - 15/16) | The Access to Success through Knowledge Initiative is aimed at providing information and resources, through interactive and engaging forums including face to face (Personal Development Seminars), online and magazine form that will aid in personal and professional development. The overall intent is to steer youth on a path to success through a portfolio of technologically-enabled channels as well as informative sessions conducted by a select cadre of youth-serving professionals. | 14 Personal Development Seminars; 543 youths engaged, to date. |
| Specialized Initiatives | | The NYS, driven by its transformational agenda, will proactively and dynamically engage youth in personal development initiatives based on evolving needs identified within their several and varied environments. | |
| PWD Sensitisation Initiative | | The NYS will partner with Edna Manley College of The Visual and Performing Arts utilizing creative modalities to highlight the circumstances and achievements of youth from the community of persons with disabilities (PWDs). Our goal is to create, over time, a more enabling environment for PWDs in support of recently passed legislation. | |
| 4H Club-NYS initiative | | The NYS will partner with Jamaica 4H Club in an Entrepreneurial and Agriculture programme, to stimulate and encourage interest among rural youth to develop and support agri- business entrepreneurship. | |