



National Youth Conference 2014

Preparing Youth for the Future: Promoting Values and Attitudes for Development



CALL FOR PAPERS: Academic Papers, Policy Papers, Case Studies, Work in Progress, Posters, PhD Research, Concept Notes/Papers, Software Demonstrations and other Non-Academic Papers

The last two decades have seen several attempts aimed at arresting the decaying values and attitudes that exist across the island of Jamaica especially among the youth. Evidence from a recent survey conducted by the Centre for Leadership and Governance (CLG), as well as utterances from several sectors of the Jamaican society suggests that much more effort is needed to inculcate positive values and attitudes in the youth. Importantly, there is need for a national discussion regarding strategies to promote positive values and attitudes among the Jamaican youth. Against this background, the Department of Government at the University of the West Indies (UWI) Mona, and the Ministry of Youth and Culture, in association with the Mona School of Business and Management and the Institute of Cultural Studies invite submissions of Academic Papers, Case Studies, Work in Progress/Posters, PhD Research, Round Table Proposals, non-academic Contributions, White Papers, Policy Briefs and Concept Notes/Papers on a wide range of topics for the First National Youth Conference to be held November 26, 2014 at the UWI Regional Headquarters under the theme ***'Preparing Youth for the Future: Promoting Values and Attitudes for Development'***.

The objective of the Conference is to provide a platform to stimulate, develop, and share information regarding the values and attitudes of the Jamaican youth. It also aims to assess the implications of youth values and attitudes for the development of Jamaica as well as formulate strategies to promote positive values and attitudes among the Jamaican youth. The conference will also attempt to provide a space for networking and the exchange of ideas, strategies, success stories and lessons in youth work.

Papers presented at the Conference will be published in the conference proceedings, subject to author registration and payment. Selected papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in a book.

Proposed conference sub-themes include but are not limited to the following:

- The Youth Voice: Youth and development/Youth in Development
- Youth Development, Empowerment and Mainstreaming
- Youth Values and Attitudes
- Youth and Education
- Youth and Health
- Youth Livelihoods, Entrepreneurship and Employment
- Youth in Business and Management
- Youth, Climate Change, Community and the Environment
- Youth, Democratic Governance and Human Rights
- Youth Inclusiveness, Participation, Empowerment
- Youth, Crime, Violence, Deviance and Corruption
- Youth Knowledge, Digital Technologies, Innovation and Creative Potential
- Youth, Life Choices and Lifestyles
- Youth and Family Life
- Youth and the Role of Government, Business and Society
- Youth, Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Youth Care and Protection
- Global and Regional Experiences with Youth: Lessons for Jamaica

<i>Abstract details:</i>	<p>Each proposal should be no more than 300 words for each individual presentation.</p> <p>For panels, please include one abstract for each presentation.</p> <p>The deadline for all submission is October 15, 2014</p> <p>Persons will be notified by November 1, 2014</p>
<i>Submission:</i>	<p>Please ensure that all required fields are completed. Abstracts must include the proposed title for the submission, the full names (first name and surname, not initials); postal addresses and email addresses of all authors and a telephone number for at least one contact author. Please indicate clearly if the contact author is not the lead author and select the appropriate submission track.</p>
<i>Full paper:</i>	<p>Based on feedback at the Conference, participants will be given the opportunity to update their work and submit full papers by January 30, 2015 for publication.</p>

Please submit your abstracts and inquiries to:

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