

SOCIAL WELFARE TRAINING CENTRE

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

SWTC continued to support the development of the Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators' (ACSWE) by co-sponsoring its 7th Biennial Conference held on the Mona Campus, August 8-11, 2005. The centre also produced and published Volume 4 of the Association's Caribbean Journal of Social Work.

The Tutor/Coordinator continued to play an active role on the board of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW). He attended the board's meeting held in the United Kingdom on January 23-27, 2006. Mr. Williams was also UWT's representative at the Commonwealth Youth Programme Regional Advisory Board Meeting in October 2005 and the Sixth Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting in May 2006.

During the academic year, a temporary post of research assistant was created at SWTC. The appointment of a research assistant provides an excellent opportunity to undertake research on the impact of violence on social workers with the intention to expand the Centre's research capacity.

Continuing Education

Sixty students graduated with the Certificate in Social Services this academic year. This programme continued to be well received and supported by a number of agencies which host the practicum component. The evaluation reports from the practicum placements attest to the quality performance of the students.

The Class of 2006 for the Regional Four Month Course in the Principles and Practice of Social Work had a student body of 40 persons representing

Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. All students successfully completed the course.

For the first time the course was offered in the Cayman Islands after the SWTC was approached by the Department of Children & Family Services in the Cayman Islands to provide training for their para-professional social workers. The course was adapted to meet the needs of the department and was delivered over the period November 2005 to February 2006. The practicum was undertaken in Jamaica.

The second offer of the Diploma in Youth in Development Work began in June 2004 and all thirteen modules have been successfully delivered in eleven participating countries of the English-speaking Caribbean. Approximately 92 of the 132 students who sat examinations for the final six modules are eligible for the award of the Diploma.

Public Education & Outreach

SWTC and the Department of Sociology, Psychology & Social Work co-hosted the 7th Biennial Caribbean and International Social Work Educators' Conference at Mona, August 8 - 11, 2005. There were 250 participants from the Caribbean and North America. The conference provided a forum in which Social Work Educators and Practitioners reflect on theories and practices pertinent to social work in the Caribbean.

Institutional Cooperation

The Centre hosted the annual UWI/Jamaica Golf Association (UWI/JGA) golf classic which raised approximately \$450,000 towards the foundation's scholarship fund.

SWTC continued its collaboration with the Department of Sociology, Psychology & Social Work in the delivery of programmes and in mounting seminars on social work issues.

Main Targets 2006-2007

- Deliver the Certificate in Social Services in Barbados
- Conduct research on Violence on Social Workers
- Publish Volume 5 of the Caribbean Journal of Social Work

PAPERS PRESENTED

Williams, Lincoln

- “A tracer study of graduates of the National Youth Service Jamaica, 2002”. 7th Association of Caribbean Social Workers Educators Conference, UWI, Mona August 8-11, 2005
- “The State and Unattached Youth in Jamaica”. Lutheran Pacific University, January 9, 2006.
- “How violence affects social workers in Kingston and St. Catherine”. International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) United Kingdom, January 23-27, 2006

Income Generation

The Centre generates approximately 60% of its operating budget through fee paying programmes and other activities.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Lincoln Williams

- Member, Board, Association of Caribbean Social Workers Educators
- Member, Executive Board, International Association of Schools of Social Work