

Cuba to Share Expertise in Animation, Art and Craft

The Governments of Jamaica and Cuba have inked an agreement, which will see Cuban specialists in movie animation and high quality art and craft coming to the island to impart their knowledge to local youths.

The 'Youth and Cultural Exchange' agreement will be implemented as a pilot before the end of this year. Minister of Youth and Culture, Hon. Lisa Hanna, who provided details during her contribution to the 2013/14 Sectoral Debate in the House of Representatives on June 18, said the project is aimed at 'training young people to be economically empowered'. Ms. Hanna informed that the Youth Information Centres (YICs), located across the island, will be used as the hub for this and other economic empowerment activities. In the meantime, Minister Hanna informed that between March to May, this year, the National Centre for Youth Development (NCYD), through the YICs, referred a total of 4,014 at risk young people to the Learning for Life programme in collaboration with Bars to Go Training Institute. The training is geared towards skills development, qualification and employment opportunities in the local and international hospitality industry. 'It is expected that we will begin a new partnership in July 2013 with 6,000 participants between July 2013 and June 2014,' Ms. Hanna informed.

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