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The ICT Poster Competition by the Disabilities Affairs Unit

Port-of-Spain --- Fourteen (14) persons from across the country recently participated in an ICT Poster Competition hosted by the Disability Affairs Unit (DAU) of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services.

The competition was held during the period April 12 to May 14 2021, as a part of the year-long commemoration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities which is observed on December 3rd annually.

The Competition themed “What does an ICT Inclusive Society Mean to You”, targeted persons between the ages of 16 and 35 years, and was geared towards generating a greater awareness on issues that are related to disabilities, as well as to reduce the myths and stereotypes surrounding persons with disabilities and their ability to be productive members of society.

Additionally, the DAU, via this initiative, hopes to build a body of work that may be archived for reference by the Ministry; and also to re-affirm the Ministry’s commitment to building an inclusive, safe and nurturing environment for persons with disabilities.

The panel of Judges headed by the then Acting Director of the DAU, Therese Herrera, used the following criteria to assess the entries:

- Originality;
- Adherence to the Theme;
- Visual Impact/Appeal; and
- Explanation of the Submission.

Out of the fourteen (14) entries submitted, six (6) were shortlisted as they reflected the concept of “Inclusive ICT as well as accessibility for persons with disabilities.”

The overwhelming response to the competition was generally encouraging to the staff of the DAU, who expressed their satisfaction with the enthusiasm and talent of the participants.

Those who were adjudicated in winners’ row were as follows:

- 1st Place - Kelesa Williams
- 2nd Place - Lesley Joseph
- 3rd Place - Debbie James

The jubilant winners received their prizes, which included a tablet, vouchers and special commemorative memorabilia from Ms Jacqueline Johnson, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services on Tuesday 10th August, 2021, during a brief ceremony at the Ministry’s Head Office in Port of Spain.

The Ministry congratulates all participants and continues to promote activities to highlight inclusion, equity and equality for persons with disabilities

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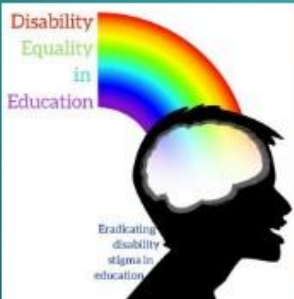
(l-r) Ms. Sharon Rogers, Director of the Disability Affairs Unit, Debbie James, Kelesa Williams and Chief Technical Officer, Mr. Michael Reid



ICT Inclusive Society



An ICT society holds the potential to enable persons with disabilities to receive an education and to become a productive member of the society.



technology helps individuals with disabilities function more like those without disabilities.



1st Place - Kelesa Williams

ICT INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

EDUCATION OF
DIFFERENTLY-ABLED



EDUCATION OF THE
ELDERLY



CAPTIONED TOUCH
SCREEN PHONE



REFRESHABLE BRAILLE
DISPLAY



SESAME PHONE



SOCIETY'S ICT INCLUSIVITY MEANS EQUAL FREEDOM OF ACCESSIBILITY TO CONNECTIVITY FOR EVERYBODY!

An ICT Inclusive Society



3rd Place - Debbie James