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Social Workers Address Students of Naparima Boys College

Port of Spain - The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) joined the rest of the world on Tuesday 15th March, 2022 to celebrate World Social Work Day which is observed annually on the third Tuesday of March. The commemorative day is one which acknowledges and highlights the achievements of social work and its workers to raise the visibility of social services for the future of societies and also to defend social justice and human rights.

As part of the day's activities, the MSDFS accepted an invitation from the Naparima Boys' College Librarian, Sonia Hoyte, to conduct sessions with the students and staff at the college, on the role of a Social Worker and some of the projects and initiatives being undertaken by the Ministry. Presenting on behalf of the MSDFS were Social Workers attached to the National Family Services Division (NFSD), Ms. Renne Paul and Ms. Suzette Ramsamooj as well as Assistant Director of the Division, Mrs. Kathleen Sarkar. Among the wide span of information shared, was the lived experiences, learnings; as well as advice from the Social Workers.

The session generated great interest and participation from students and teachers alike, as a number of questions were posed related to the definition of social work, the day in the life of a Social Worker, services offered by social workers, the qualifications required to become a Social Worker etc. During the session, an insightful discourse took place about how to deal with persons who are affected by issues such as depression, domestic violence, unemployment and so on. This was in an effort to paint a better picture of the challenges persons may encounter, and how the Ministry and by extension, their Social Workers contribute toward helping, empowering and transforming lives.

Delivering closing remarks was acting Principal of the College, Mr. Roger Ali who thanked the Ministry's staff for heeding the call to action, to deliver a social work day presentation at the school and for enlightening the young men on the role of Social Workers while emphasizing the need for us all to continue to be our brother's keeper.



Social Workers attached to the National Family Services Division of the MSDFS, Renne Paul and Suzette Ramsamooj explain a day in the life of a social worker to students of the Naparima Boys College.



Assistant Director of NFSD, Kathleen Sarkar encourages the students to consider a profession in the line of Social Work.



Acting Principal of Naparima Boys College, Mr. Roger Ali gives closing remarks while thanking the staff of the MSDFS for their World Social Work Day presentation.



World Social Work Day Display at Naparima Boys College.

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