

**ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN PEACE EDUCATION**  
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## **BETERVERWAGTING TRIUMPH AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (BTADA)**

- To Improve the Social Economic and Cultural Environment within the BV Triumph Community.
- Cultivate Farmlands
- Seek market for farm produce
- Provide Technical Assistance to farmers
- Improve Community's capacity to deal with problems confronting it.

## **CARTER CENTER**

MISSION                      Waging Peace  
SCOPE                         National

RESOURCES                 Mostly USAID - expiring March 2004

### **AREAS OF ACTIVITY**

- Mediation Project with Supreme Court - promoting out-of-court settlement of disputes by use of trained mediators

- General strengthening of Justice System - to improve public confidence in ability of system to address/resolve disputes.
- Building capacity of civil society groups
  - a) Promotes peaceful interaction among diverse people
  - b) Improves awareness of options for resolving problems peacefully - i.e. via advocacy and service delivery
  - c) Specific training on conflict resolution strategies and building consensus.
- Supporting efforts of civil society and others to work towards peaceful "transformation" of conflict on political level
- Period high-level contacts between Center leadership and GOG leadership to facilitate progress towards peaceful resolution of issues
- Support for specific projects aimed at effective mechanisms for improving ethnic relations
- Monitoring and assisting in elections

## **CLERICAL AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS UNION**

MISSION        Link together in unity for progress

National Local

AREAS OF ACTIVITY

- Organising of workers
- Protection of workers on the job
- Educate /train

FUNDING

Local fees and assistance from affiliates international

## **COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME**

MISSION                    Capacity Building

FOCUS                      Young People (ages 16 - 29)

SCOPE                      International (Commonwealth Caribbean and Canada)

AREAS OF ACTIVITY

- Education
- HIV/AIDS
- Training

- Youth Enterprise

RESOURCES Donor Organisation  
- Technical  
- Financial

## **CREATIVE THEATRE MOVEMENT**

### **Diamond Community Center**

MISSION To educate through the arts and raise the living standards of persons in the East Bank (Diamond/Grove)

OBJECTIVES Providing them with skills, uniting the races

#### ACTIVITIES

- Drama, dance, social etiquette, poetry, storytelling
- Sewing, knitting, craft
- Self development
- Advocating for rights to agencies - domestic violence, housing and poverty reduction, bring races together
- Networking with Help and Shelter, GRPA, WAD, WAB, ROC, FPAG
- Forming small group meeting to breakdown racial conflict
- Get message through Dramatic Presentation

#### PROJECT 2004

Unite races and earn as you learn

No funding as yet

## **GUYANA COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION PROGRAMME**

MISSION To promote and support community based initiatives that facilitate social and economic development of persons with disabilities and their families in the mainstream of life in the society.

#### MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Community based action programmes - citizenship education
- Disabled people organisation - empowerment programmes

#### SCOPE Advocacy

National Organisation with programmes in seven Regions (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9)

#### FUNDING

- External and Internal funds
- Resource centres in the regions and national level
- Limited amount of equipment

# **GUYANA FORUM FOR LIFELONG LEARNING**

Established in May 2000 - Launched in October 2000

LOCATION YWCA Building, Georgetown

TYPE OF ORG. National  
- Grouping of Adult Learning Institutions

## **AREAS OF ACTIVITY**

- Advocacy for policy formulation on issues affecting lifelong learning
- Networking and collaborating with Government, NGO's and other stakeholders (including private sector) in supporting the development of adult learning
- Linkages with National and International organisations in strategic planning activities in critical areas such as literacy, advocacy, Institutional strengthening, community leadership development
- Promoting quality control in the delivery of programmes offered by AE providers
- Mobilise resources to carry out programmes and activities
- Initiate and/or support research and training projects in LL education

## **FUNDING**

- Internal Fund raising activities (membership fees, etc)
- External funding

## **MISSION**

To empower our people for human and national development through lifelong education and training

## **PRINCIPLES**

- Inclusiveness and participation
- Consensus
- Sustainability
- Responsibility
- Relationship with Government
- Relationship with National, Regional and International Agencies and organisations
- Creation of a learning organisation devoted to the creation of a learning society

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# **GUYANA HUMAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (GHRA)**

Monitoring and Advocacy body (National)

Ensuring national policies

Promote/protect citizens' rights - especially "vulnerable groups"

Areas of activities in " Peace Education" (HRE for Citizenship, Equality and Non-discrimination)

### **Formal Sector**

- Part of Joint HRE Programme on Citizenship (Ministry of Education/NCERD/GHRA/AI-Gy 1994)  
(See materials on display/available from HR Centre)
- Voluntary Training programmes :  
Prisons/Police/Youth/Women/Indigenous/HIV-AIDS/Disabilities/Elderly
- Networking Activities : Forum on Solidarity and Inclusiveness

### **Informal Sector**

- Via community groupings/ use press releases/reports in promoting citizenship Education.

## **GUYANA YOUTH AND STUDENTS MOVEMENT**

CREED All men (human beings) are created equal and must be given equal opportunity irrespective of race, religion, sex, social origin and any other characteristic that may distinguish one human from another.

MISSION To mobilise young people under the banner of the PNC/R to ensure social, political and economic justice for all Guyanese.

RESOURCES PNC/R, Donations, Fund Raisers

TARGET GROUP Youths 14 - 35yrs

### **OBJECTIVES**

We are committed to :

- The development of a free and open society with social (justice and equity for all citizens
- The principle of freedom and democracy including freedom of enterprise, conscience, association, expression and the choice of representatives
- The pursuit of policies and programmes which promotes the interests of the disadvantaged in society
- To work for the creation of opportunities for the youth to be meaningfully involved in the decision making processes throughout our country

### **AREAS OF ACTIVITY**

Educational training programme relative to social cohesion and conflict resolution throughout the country.

National Organisation

## **GUYANESE YOUTH NETWORK (GYN)**

MISSION To Advocate for Non-Discriminative Services to improve the quality of Life of Children and young people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and Drug Related Illnesses

FOCUS Regional (Regions 3, 4, 5 and 10) / National

AREAS OF ACTIVITY Peace Education and Conflict Management

RESOURCE

Not fully Resourceful - Finance, Technical and others

## HELP AND SHELTER

MISSION To change societal attitudes to the use of violence

Based in Georgetown but works with partners all over Guyana

### ACTIVITY

- Counselling services for survivors of domestic violence and child abuse
- Advocacy against the use of violence at home especially against beating children
- Now moving to consider prevalence of violence in wider society and to work with others
- Provide info, knowledge about ?? child abuse

Needs partners to spread the word, money to keep office open.

## LOVE OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL

ADDRESS 120 Bagotville, West Bank Demerara  
Tel: 263 5465

MISSION Building a Culture of Peace

COORDINATOR Mr John Palmer  
FOCUS Local, National and International

### AREAS OF ACTIVITY

- 1 Peace Education
- 2 Promote good race relations
- 3 Conflict Transformation through Community initiatives
- 4 Peace and Conflict Education through :
  - a) TV
  - b) Radio
  - c) Press
  - d) Books
  - e) Fliers
  - f) School Seminars and Training Sessions
- 5 Health Programme
  - Healthy living for peaceful society
- 6 Inter-religious Coordination
  - through public Education (see books, circulation letter to all Religious Organisations)
  - Godliness and Humanity (available upon request)
  - Enhance your spiritual personality and become a better person

## NEEDS

### **Financial**

- To produce material
- Equipment
  - Computer system
  - Copier
  - Binding machine

### **Capacity Building**

- Training books etc

## OUR INPUTS

- Secretariat
- Volunteers
- Local Fraud Expenses
- Production of materials

## **MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

### **GEORGETOWN PUBLIC HOSPITAL CORPORATION PSYCHIATRIC UNIT**

**MISSION** To support individuals, families and groups in personal development, growth and healthy lifestyles including reduction of conflict and tension

**FOCUS** Local and national

**AREAS OF ACTIVITY** Treatment and rehabilitation  
Education

**FUNDING** Ministry of Health  
UNDP  
Voluntary contributions

## **R C CHURCH JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION**

**MISSION** Education, advocacy for peace, justice issues from faith perspective

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Project with Catholic Standard newspaper, publicise activities for peace, justice in Guyana
- Other media monitoring on peace-conflict
- Position papers for church on peace justice
- Links Caribbean RC Church Justice, peace issues, Jubilee International debt write off

**MEMBERS** Reps of RC Parishes, Catholic Standard Editorial Board

## **RED THREAD**

FOCUS            Local but with links nationally

### MISSION STATEMENT

- Aims to work with women to improve their lives and change the status quo.
- To enable Guyanese women to change our conditions beginning with interests of the poorest of us, indigeneous women.
- To support groups and actions of women who are organising in their own defence as grassroots women.
- To develop a network of women that crosses race, ethnic and political divides .
- Support women and children who are victims of violence.

### AREAS OF ACTIVITIES

Research, advocacy, counselling, education, campaign on wages for housework.

## **RIGHTS OF CHILDREN (ROC)**

### MISSION

- Providing opportunities for people to commit themselves to racial unity
- Celebrating diversity as our greatest asset

National and Local organisation.

### AREAS OF ACTIVITIES

- Providing activities (e.g. RFZ, Hands on Harmony, Billboards, Ethnic Vibrations, etc for organisations and individuals in helping them to promote and support racial harmony.
- Advocacy training in racial harmony education.
- Some Donor-funded and self sponsored projects

## **SLIVER LINING ASSOCIATION**

MISSION            To give support and care to women living with HIV/AIDS

Local Organisation

### AREAS OF ACTIVITY

- Counselling
- Establishing a Soup Kitchen
- Looking at the Nutritional needs of women living with virus.

RESOURCE                      Not fully resourceful  
  Need Finance / Technical Support

## **ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS AND FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS**

OBJECTIVE      Working towards empowerment of the poor, needy and disadvantaged to ensure  
  equal access to social services and resources

SCOPE                      Regional - Regions #5 and #6

### ACTIVITIES

- Community development
- Counselling
- HIV/AIDS
- Training
- Social Services
- Networking and referrals
- Advocacy

### RESOURCES

- Staff (human)
- Trained volunteers
- Physical facilities - Head Office - Eleven sub offices
- Equipment and furniture
- Donor funding
- Income generation projects

### CONTACT

Office : - Rose Hall Town,  
                    - Port Mourant, Corentyne  
                    Region 6  
Tel        337 4090 /4091

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT NETWORKING PROGRAMME - SDNP**

MISSION                      To use information technology as an enabler of development

OPPORTUNITIES          Provide a platform for groups and individuals to share information and  
knowledge, to access resources through website hosting, facilitation of training, email lists

TEL        227 5723, 227 6198  
Based in Georgetown

RESOURCES                  Provide knowledge, need money

## **THE CENTRE FOR INNER HARMONY**

**MISSION** Educating individuals, Groups and Organisations on the importance and value of holistic health practices in developing inner harmony, as a starting point for harmonious internal and external environments

National - Local

### **AREAS OF ACTIVITY**

Holistic Practices, self-empowerment, self-awareness, counselling

## **THE GUYANA RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**MISSION** Promoting Responsible sexual behaviour and family life through information, education, collaboration and services.

GRPA is a National NGO

**AREAS OF ACTIVITY** Advocacy and Services

**FUNDING** Generation of Funds from services offered  
Government subvention  
International Funding for Projects

Tel 225 3286

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Promote sexual and reproductive health including family planning through information, education and services.
- Promote and encourage family life education in schools as a means of preparing young people for responsible parenthood
- Advocate for the formulation of policies in support of an individual's right to make free and informed choices regarding their sexual and reproductive health
- Increase men's commitment and joint responsibility in all areas of sexual and reproductive health
- Develop and maintain high quality sustainable services and programmes in sexual and reproductive health

## **THE NETWORK OF GUYANESE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS**

Known as GT

## MISSION

- To give care and support to persons living with HIV/AIDS counselling, vitamins distribution, peer education, workshops for young people ages 11 - 24.
- To help fight against stigma and discrimination for persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- Outreach Aid awareness workshops in schools Primary, Secondary, work places and communities.
- To educate persons about HIV/AIDS ?? to cope and live a positive and meaningful life

## UNICEF (0-18)

MISSION The rights of all children and adolescents in Guyana are fulfilled, protected and respected.

FOCUS National

AREAS OF ACTIVITY Child protection specific on "conflict transformation"

- 1 Research on impact of violence on children
- 2 Establishment of a national child protection, monitoring system
- 3 Non-violent interventions in 7-violent prone areas

RESOURCES Yes, based on Country Programme with GOG until 2005

## UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA

MISSION Education, Train for development  
Motto : "We Serve"

- To develop a pool of graduates who can utilise conflict transformation skills in communities
- Impact basis conflict transformation skills to youths, women in the Interland communities as part of our outreach programme

### ACTIVITIES

- UG/CAU Project : "Democratization of conflict resolution in Guyana "(Ends 4/04)
- Establishment of model Peace Clubs in schools (Georgetown/Berbice/Linden)
- Introduce University level courses in conflict analysis
- Outreach workshops and conferences to share experiences
- Research on issues (ethnic insecurities, transborder conflict)

### LONG TERM AIM

To establish a centre for study of conflict transformation, democracy and governance (as a sub-regional programme) - Guyana/Suriname/Trinidad

## VARGA FOUNDATION

"Youth can move the World"  
"Wings of Worlds"

**MISSION STATEMENT** Training youths in ways to promote personal and community transformation

**FOCUS** National  
Participants from all Regions

#### AREAS OF ACTIVITIES

- Training sessions in eleven (11) areas
- Background reading from the world's great religions on these topics
- Drama and Arts presentations on these topics.
- Certificate from IDCE after 1 year training and weekly classes in their communities (Festival of Arts)

#### OBJECTIVES

- 1 Provide relevant facts about important issues facing youth today
- 2 To help young persons understand these issues
- 3 To help young people understand that people have different views on these issues and to explain what these views are
- 4 To enable young persons to begin to understand, develop and express their own views on these issues.

#### FUNDING

International Bahai Community

Varga Foundation is in collaboration with (IDCE) of the University of Guyana  
Tel: 226 7870

## **VOLUNTARY SERVICES OVERSEAS (VSO)**

**MISSION** Sharing skills and human resources as a means of addressing disadvantage in all forms.

#### INTERNATIONAL NGO

**AREAS OF ACTIVITY** Disability, Formal/Informal Education secure livelihoods.

**MAIN RESOURCES** International experienced volunteers, information and knowledge from 40 + other developing countries, an open mind to try out new things.

## **WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE**

**SCOPE** NATIONAL

## OBJECTIVES

- 1 Build consensus on a new approach to leadership governance and citizenship
- 2 ID and examine various areas of conflict and how they impact political social ethnic economic and gender relationships.
- 3 Explore ways of understanding and solving conflict
- 4 Begin to change political culture through civic education.
- 5 Collaborate with other stake-holders to develop a way forward for the country that is just/respectful and inclusive.

## ACTIVITIES

Civic Education incl. Conflict avoidance / management, research / development of baseline data

# YOUNG WOMEN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

MISSION Development of young women and girls of various abilities

SCOPE National

AREAS OF ACTIVITY Vocational Training Centre for girls (early school leavers), Evening classes in various skills viz. Cookery, cake decoration, floral arrangement, sewing, information technology, childcare facility for mothers, Hostel arrangements for guests.

FUNDS Contributions from membership, students - day and evening classes, rental of auditorium for various events.

LOCATION Brickdam, Georgetown  
New Amsterdam  
Linden

# YOUTH CHALLENGE GUYANA

MISSION YCG promotes youth development and creates opportunities to involve youths and community members in developing skills, experience and confidence to effect and the change within communities in which they live.

## GOALS

- 1 Foster youth and community development and involve youths and community members in solutions to the issues they face.
- 2 Maintain high standards of efficiency, effectiveness, accountability and staff morale.
- 3 Develop sound fundraising strategies and donor relationships
- 4 Maintain strong links with YC Alliance

## PROGRAMS

- 1 HIV/AIDS
- 2 Rural Women Networking Training
- 3 Citizenship

**YCG facilitates workshops in :**

- HIV/AIDS
- Substance abuse and Domestic violence
- Leadership and organization building

**How you can get involved ?**

- A Sponsor - donating financial or material resources
- An Office Volunteer - lends time and skills around the office in an effort to help operations run smoothly while gaining experience
- A Field Project participant (Challenger) - a person who is part of a group of local and intl/national volunteers who go into various regions via out Guyana on projects
- Field Staff - a paid staff who works in a pair with groups 5-10 challengers on projects
- A peer Educator - works with HIV/AIDS STI program team to organise and conduct fun and educational sessions that deliver HIV/AIDS information to youths.