

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING STUDIES

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Overview

During the academic year 2006-2007, the School of Continuing Studies implemented a range of activities designed to advance and strengthen outreach and public education initiatives, promote lifelong learning, provide technical assistance and implement community and research projects.

A major activity for the Caribbean Child Development Centre (CCDC) was the co-hosting of the first Caribbean Child Research Conference, together with SALISES in October 2006. The conference sought to provide a multi-disciplinary meeting of researchers from across the Caribbean with a child-centred agenda. The conference attracted 350 participants from over 10 Caribbean countries including a number of secondary school children and youth.

During the year in review, the research operations of the Hugh Lawson Shearer Trade Union Education Institute were enhanced with the employment of a Research Assistant. A number of activities were undertaken to strengthen research on the Jamaican industrial relations environment and a resource centre and website for the Institute were established to support the department's and students' research activities.

The Social Welfare Training Centre (SWTC) continued work on the research project investigating the impact of violence on Social Workers in Jamaica and the Centre began the evaluation of the National Youth Service - Jamaica Values and Attitudes Programme (JAMVAT).

The Jamaica Eastern Centre maintained its strong thrust in enhancing its image, the Centre's visibility and promoting its programmes and course offerings. Upgrade of the Centre's physical infrastructure continued and the Centre's IT facilities were strengthened. A programme in Events Management was offered for the first time and the

review and update of programme offers continued with the review of Small Business Management and Early Childhood Education.

For the year under review Jamaica Western strengthened its public education initiatives. Public lectures including, two book launches, and an exhibition and forum on the legacies of slavery as well as a film, all in keeping with the theme of commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the British Atlantic Slave Trade, were held.

Professor Lawrence Carrington, Director of the School since 1986 retired at the end of the academic year. Mrs. Luz Longworth, Deputy Director was appointed Acting Director with effect from the beginning of the 2007/2008 academic year.

The School records our deep appreciation for Professor Carrington's leadership, commitment to the goals of the School and the transformational vision for our future. Professor Carrington, a UWI graduate, joined the staff of UWI in 1963. The School and the University have been made richer by his dedicated and exemplary service.