

Youth Advocacy in Action: The State of Youth Advocacy in Jamaica and the Region.

Objectives

- ❖ To pool youth advocacy efforts within the region so as to strengthen the state of advocacy.
- ❖ To establish partnerships within the Caribbean region for stronger advocacy.
- ❖ To determine the state of advocacy within the region.
- ❖ To foster advocacy efforts among younger children by forming a junior youth advocacy network as an arm of the JYAN.

Specific Topics for Focus

The topics to be focused on will seek to highlight the state of youth advocacy in various areas as well as the issues that are being addressed in these advocacy efforts.

- Youth advocacy in the church
- Youth using the media for advocacy
- Youth representation and advocacy on government boards and bodies
- The state of youth leadership in the region
- Youth advocacy through innovative ideas
- Youth advocacy through creative arts and expressions
- Youth advocacy through science and technology
- The state of vulnerable groups in advocacy
- Youth advocacy in CARICOM
- Youth advocacy in the inner city
- Youth advocacy then and now

In addressing these issues at the conference, various organizations and other interested persons are invited to write abstracts on any of the topics and submit them for review by March 2008. See Guideline.

Activities

- Media Launch (January 2008)
- Call for abstracts/ papers
- Poster competition
- Photo competition
- Essay competition
- Plenary sessions
- Poster discussions
- Entertainment sessions
- Workshops
- Videography
- Concert

- Debate
- Buzz sessions

The Conference will be held at the Jamaica Conference Center on May 8, 9 and 10, 2007.