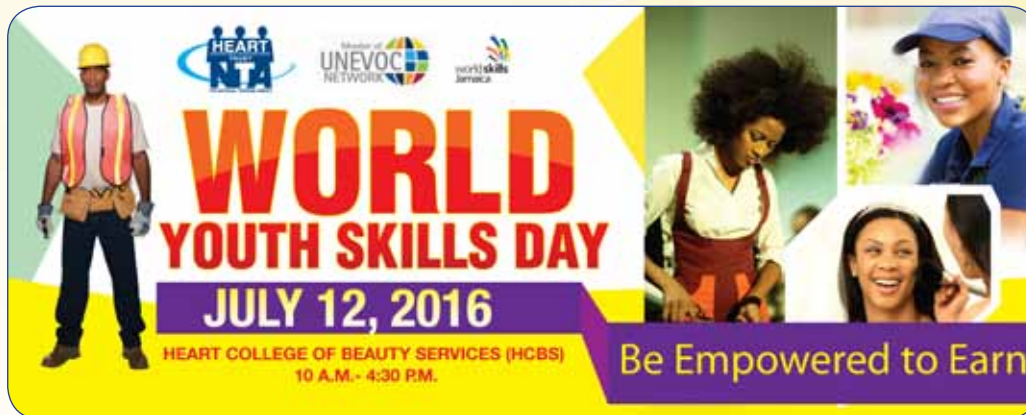


HEART TRUST UNEVOC CENTRE



The HEART Trust UNEVOC Centre and WorldSkills Jamaica, in recognition of *World Youth Skills Day* hosted a one day skills competition and mini-job fair under the theme: *Skills in Motion – Skills Rule the World* on July 12, 2016. The event, opened to the public, was hosted at HEART's premier TVET Workforce College for Beauty Services in Kingston Jamaica.

Among the attendees at the celebration were *TVET Institutions (private & public) Abilities Foundation for Special Needs, Early Childhood Sector, Community Training Interventions, Allied Health*. The main intent of the celebration was to raise awareness of the importance of acquiring skills as a means of addressing the challenges of unemployment, and as a way to achieve improved socio-economic conditions for all youths.

In 'fine style', the UNEVOC Centre collaborated with WorldSkills Jamaica to:

- Showcase and celebrate selected skills in TVET*
- Provide access to information that will assist in skill development*
- "Open doors" for employment opportunities and the forging of professional networks.*



The day's activities were well planned and executed to promote TVET through the HEART TRUST UNEVOC Centre, in partnership with WorldSkills Jamaica to demonstrate an array of proficiencies and competences in various skill areas.

Keynote Speaker, The Honorable Senator Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information officially declared the event open which gave way to the day's gala, featuring:-

1. **WorldSkills Competition** saw the engagement of a number of persons participating in TVET across the nation. *Twenty nine (29) competitors were fielded in the following seven (7) skill areas; battled for the top spots and were judged against WorldSkills International Standards:*

- Floor Tiling
- Digital Animation
- Cake Decorating
- Fashion Designing
- Mixology
- Landscape Gardening
- Make-Up Artistry



2. **A Youth Forum** featuring HEART graduates and trainees who are successful entrepreneurs and those excelling in various industries was hosted by one of Jamaica's renowned Journalist and Commentator.

3. **Live Demonstration** of skills including Cooking, Digital Animation, Hydroponics among others.

4. **Showcasing** of TVET products and services, *many of which were designed, developed and promoted by the trainees.*

5. **Mini - Job Fair** inclusive of job readiness seminars and on the spot job interviews. *Twenty six (26) job applicants were interviewed by seven (7) employers within four (4) main industries, namely: Business, Information Technology, Fashion Designing, Beauty Services and Hospitality.*

The Opening Ceremony was attended by two UNESCO representatives; Claude Akpaabie, Education Programme Specialist, UNESCO Kingston Cluster, Office for the Caribbean and Lucet Montgomery.



Mr Akpaabie presented the UNEVOC Network plaque to Ms. Maxine Wilson, Chairman, of the HEART Trust NTA Board of Directors.



The day culminated with an award ceremony recognizing all competitors with certificates of participation and the top three competitors within each skill category received Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Skills Competition – Pictorial



Landscaping



Bridal Make-up



Floor Tiling



Cake Decorating



Landscaping