

Facility Upgrades, Nurturing in our Youth



From L- R: Jeannette Elias (Manager Corporate Communications NGC); Martin Martinez (Commissioner of Prisons)

The National Gas Company (NGC) has always recognized the importance of sport as an agent of positive change. NGC was therefore honored to partner with the Youth Training Centre (YTC) for the major upgrade to their multi-purpose Sports Facility. The project included resurfacing the gymnasium, upgrading the lighting and washroom facilities, replacing the roof and improving ventilation. The facility also hosts cultural activities and special events, including the Centre's annual calypso competition

Speaking of the impact of Sports and the upgraded facility will have on the rehabilitation of the lads, Commissioner of Prisons Martin Martinez said,

"This is an avenue not to develop sporting prowess in the lads. This is an avenue to develop their skills, their personality, their discipline, their sense of self esteem, to help them remain grounded and to help them remain focused."

YTC Superintendent Thomas Espinoza also commented on the value of Sport and by extension, sports facilities as a vehicle for development, saying,

"This facility will continue to contribute to the physical, psychological and social development of the lads at YTC. Sports are a vital vehicle for the rehabilitation of young men."

He added that Sport is a key component in the "holistic development" of the youth that come to YTC.

YTC uses Sport as a means of teaching discipline, tolerance, leadership, respect and cooperation. The youths participate in rugby, hockey, football, boxing and more. Many have gone on to represent T&T in the Football Super League and the National Under 19 Rugby Team in various international competitions.

NGC's Corporate Social Responsibility programmes often include the improvement of sporting facilities and the implementation of systematic sporting programmes. The Company therefore was happy to upgrade a facility which would support the YTC in its goal of developing its young residents.



Drumology by YTC Lads



From L- R: Eden De Four (YTC lad); Thomas Espinoza (Superintendent YTC); Jeannette Elias (Manager, Corporate Communications NGC); Ag ASP YTC- Ferdinand Bibby



Eden De Four, YTC lad addresses the audience