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GOJoven Alumni Association (GOBelize) first Annual General Meeting

GoBelize's first annual general meeting is scheduled to take place on July 20th, 2013 at the BEST building in Belmopan City, Cayo District. Having affirmed a more structured internal policy and fresh off the heels of the success of the piloting of the GoJoven program, the Board of Directors is desirous of strengthening the commitment of its alumni, its established relationships with other NGOs as well as fostering new partnerships with NGOs and go ernment departments.

GOJoven's Orientation Day

The GoJoven Belize Program held its 3rd annual Orientation Day at its office in Belmopan City to celebrate the induction of 14 trainees into its fellowship program on Saturday, April 27th, 2013. This year's new delegates, culled from Belize City and Belmopan and its surrounding areas, were debriefed about what to expect from the intensive 4-week trainings to be conducted within an 8 month span starting in May and the Leadership Action Plan they will be challenged to implement after.

The orientation was facilitated by the GoJoven resource tem consisting of Eva Burgos, GoJoven Belize Program Coordinator...

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...Omar Rodriguez, Training Coordinator, and Gloria Avila, Administrative Assistant/Accountant, and a few select fellows from the previous year were able to act as guest speakers.

The prospective fellows were given an overview of the program's history and objectives as a catalyst for development in SRH leadership for youth, but also got the chance to integrate and socialize to really get a perspective of what the program is all about.

2013 Fellows Orientation Day Outdoor Activity

GOJoven First Training Week 2013

The first week of training for the 2013 GoJoven fellows kicked off on May 22nd, 2013 at the Banana Bank Lodge. The 14 young leaders from Belize City, Belmopan and surrounding areas benefitted from comprehensive trainings on a range of topics in Youth Leadership in Sexual and Reproductive Health, including SRH Rights, Leadership & Ethics, SRH & Youth and Myths/Taboos/Stereotypes, Population and Environment, and Gender and Sexuality, amongst others. Facilitators of the training included the GOJoven Resource Team, a few past fellows trainers, and invited guests.

The training culminated on May 28th, 2013 at the El Rancho Restaurant and Bar with a ceremony for the distribution of the certificates for the successful completion of the first phase of the program. The second phase is scheduled for July 25th to July 31st, 2013.

2013 Fellows with Resource Team on their 1st Training

Women Deliver Conference of May 2013

Three GoJoven representatives attended the Women Deliver 2013 conference held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from May 28 to 30th, 2013. Elmer Cornejo, Iris Reyes, and Errol Longsworth were selected as agents on GOJoven's behalf to sit among the 4,000 strong body in Malaysia, the largest women-centric conference of the decade.

The three-day conference covered new reports illustrating the advantages to investment in women, global access to family planning and the priorities for women and health rights in the years to come, featuring varied guests speakers such as Malaysian Prime Minister, Honorable Dato' Sri Haji Mohammad Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak; UNFPA Executive Director, Babatunde Osotimehin; Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Co-Chair, Melinda Gates; amongst others.

Caribbean forum on Population, Migration and Development

Stephen Diaz, one of the GOJoven 2013 fellows attended the Caribbean Forum on Population, Migration and Development which was held in Georgetown, Guyana from the 9 to 10 July 2013. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has principal responsibility for supporting the implementation of the ICPD Program of Action and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). As such, Mr. Diaz was selected as a member of the UNFPA's Youth Advisory Group of Belize to attend the forum which will cover an in-depth examination of the impact of migration from national, regional and international perspectives being led by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), as well as the Caribbean's preparation for a comprehensive review of the Cairo Program of Action on Population and Development (ICPD) 20 years after its adoption.

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