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Online Digital Literacy and Life Skills Training for five Police Youth Clubs

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The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) has been sponsoring Police Youth Clubs (PYCs) since 2013 as the company sees the activities which are offered through these PYCs as a mean of exposing youth to various positive avenues for self-expression and development. In this vein, members of five NGC-sponsored PYCs belonging to La Brea, Penal, Couva, Laventille Road and Mayaro will commence training in two areas, Digital Literacy and Life Skills on September 26th 2020. The training will be delivered in partnership with the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP) which will tailor a special programme for NGC's sponsored PYCs.

Digital Literacy will cover the basics of Computer Fundamentals & Windows 10 as well as Introductions to Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint with corresponding assignments. Life Skills will incorporate learnings for Understanding Self, Communication, Leadership, Financial Planning and Entrepreneurship. Training sessions such as these will assist young persons in development of skills which will go a long way in creating well rounded individuals.

One graduand from last year had this to say about the programme : "I appreciate NGC for giving my friends and I the opportunity to take part in a programme which we may not have been to take part in otherwise. It was a great learning experience, and something I can take with me going forward."

According to NGC President Mr. Mark Loquan:
"Initiatives such as these are an immensely productive use of time for these young persons to learn and develop skills which they may have been exposed to much later in life. By taking progressive steps to begin these learnings at a young age, we hope to encourage these young persons to continue to be curious and to constantly develop and hone skills which can reap benefits in their future. We are in a world which disruption has caused many traditional ways of learning to move online, which in itself is a stumbling block for many either due to lack of resources or lack of previous exposure to the technology. I urge corporate T & T to also do their part as we secure our nation's future."

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PYCs were established by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service in 1974 to provide young people between the ages of five and twenty-five with avenues to access social and community work, sports, cultural activities, education and character development. The five NGC-sponsored PYCs were selected on the basis of their proximity to major NGC installations, prior relationship with the Company, and the socioeconomic backgrounds of the communities.

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