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Jamaican Youth Benefit from NWC Summer Employment Programme

As at July 5 and extending to the end of August, the Commission will have in its employ, a cadre of students from secondary and tertiary institutions covering various disciplines. These new employees will receive valuable career experience as well as opportunity to assist in activities which contributes to the provision of a most essential commodity to over 2 million Jamaicans daily.

Over the past several years, the National Water Commission (NWC), the country's premier water and wastewater service provider continues to play its part in nation building and corporate philanthropy through its Summer Employment Programme. Under the Programme, the utility company has ensured the development and training of close to 100 individuals on an annual basis.

“In this financial climate where it is becoming increasingly difficult to land a job and the experience it brings, the privilege of this internship is even greater than normal”, explained one beneficiary, Gavin Seaton, a sixth form student from Camperdown High School. Gavin and the others will benefit from on-the-job training in areas such as Accounts, Public Relations, Engineering and Administration.

According to Vice President of Human Resource and Administration at the NWC, Miss Fern Hamilton, “What the NWC does is a most noble and unique vocation, and so it is very important that we stimulate the appetites of our future leaders. The Commission also boasts a rare and quaint social culture and is proud to invite these youngsters to experience it”, she adds.

Just over 80 of these young people were selected from the NWC's operating areas across the island and will benefit from the over \$1.89M the company has pumped into the programme. The Vice President, who has high praises for her organization's effort during the harsh economic climate noted that, “The Summer Employment Programme continues to be carried out while supporting the vision of the NWC of maintaining good working conditions and promoting good corporate citizenship.”

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