

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, GENDER JUSTICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



On Tuesday 24th July, the FST participated in the Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS) - Reach for Rights Camp 2018. This year focussed on Sustainable Development, Gender Justice and Social Justice.

The Camp was an outreach initiative targeting secondary school students between the ages of 16-19 years, who are preparing for tertiary level education. It is focused on movement building, creating awareness of gender-sensitive equitable development processes, establishing opportunities for interdisciplinary mentorship and introducing students to the UWI as an activist University, committed to people-centred, regional development. The perspective and critical thinking skills gained at this camp will help foster more informed decision-making regarding personal development, further education and career planning and contribute to the development of a more all-round and well informed UWI student and Caribbean citizens.



The FST team consisting of Dr. Leonette Cox (Department of Chemistry), Mr. Kyle De Freitas (Department of Computing and Information Technology), Mr. Anton Manoo, Ms. Jennalee Ramnarine and Mrs. Laura Rambaran-Seepersad (Department of Life Sciences), Ms. Letetia Addison and Mr Victor Job (Department of Mathematics and Statistics), Ms. Chelsea Manwah (Department of Physics) and Mrs. Laura Rambaran-Seepersad (FST Dean's Office) actively engaged the 14 attending students and 2 accompanying guides. The students, whose areas of interest included the sciences, business and languages, represented the following schools:

- Belmont Secondary (3)
- Bon Air Secondary (2)
- El Dorado West Secondary (3)
- Holy Faith Convent, Couva
- St. Benedict's College
- St. Francis College
- St. Joseph's Convent, POS
- St. Mary's College (CIC)
- University of the Southern Caribbean

The FST's Team used a combination of slide shows inclusive of videos, and interactive games and focussed on the following key areas:

- Use of technology in everyday life and explanation of the AgriNet app showcasing farmers/community involvement using something created by the department
- The importance of mathematics and its applications in daily life. The Tower of Hanoi game was used to demonstrate the use of equations
- Gender composition in the department – assumed vs actuality
- Highlighting the lecturers and their fields as well as famous scientists
- Research, Outreach, Consulting and Analytical Services (ROCAS) showcasing Chemistry in the community – community involvements and explanations of why chemistry is important and a part of most activities
- Demonstration of use of water quality testing equipment and its importance; human health impacts - humans and the environment
- Job options arising from degrees at the FST
- Tour of the Zoology Museum