SDC Guides the Path for Future Community Development Practitioners

The Social Development Commission has partnered with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, HEART Trust/NTA, World Skills, Career Advancement Programme (CAP), and Junior Achievement (JA) Jamaica, celebrated National Careers Week observed February 17-23, 2018 under the theme: “building the future by guiding the present.”

Thirty (30) sixth grade students, from the Little London Primary School were given the opportunity to interact with employees of the SDC Westmoreland parish office and were introduced to the work being done by the SDC through its seven programmes.

Furthermore, students were exposed to data gathering tools and the use of community maps used to facilitate community development. They were also informed about the roles of Community Development Officers and how they, in the future could also play a part in building their communities.

“The day was an exciting one, especially for the students who were very interactive and interested in learning about the communities which form their parish and how they can also help to develop their respective communities,” commented SDC, Parish Manager (Westmoreland), Mr. Ron Daley.

Mr. Daley expressed, “It is also coming on the heels of the SDC’s formation of an additional programme (Community Education Support Programme) that will be piloted in the new school year starting September 2018. This programme will enable the SDC to play a greater role in assisting students to develop into civic minded individuals who will subsequently further expand the solid foundation towards community and national development.”