

**NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE (NYS)  
2014-2015 Programmes Schedule**

<i>Programmes/Projects</i>	<i>Summary of Programmes/Projects</i>
<b>Youth Road Map to Success</b>	Guided by the feedback from Express YuhSelf, NYS will provide a complete set of guidance materials which can be presented in a classroom environment but will be augmented with youth friendly, on-line support facilities. These on-line resources will include resume creation and self assessment tools, relevant apps and links to appropriate data bases of how-to and other self-development documents. We will ask High Schools to host our field team to introduce the tools and then track usage.
<b>Empowerment Programme</b>	This programme is oriented to youth with intellectual disAbilities and geared towards providing basic personal and professional development skills. It will also expose them to possible career options and guides their participation in voluntary, cultural and sporting activities. The overall target is on social and economic inclusion. This is a 6 month engagement. Elements of this programme were successfully piloted in 2013-14 as our Summer Empowerment Camp Project,
<b>Enrichment Programme</b>	The Enrichment Programme is geared at engaging at risk youth in activities that focus on character building, career development, volunteerism and cultural awareness. Elements of this programme were successfully piloted in 2013-14 as our Summer Enrichment Camp Project,
<b>Entrepreneurship Programme</b>	This programme is geared towards training youths who have expressed an interest and the aptitude for owning and operating a business. NYS will also assist with provision of coaching to develop business plans for seeking financing for their ventures. Roll out will be in selected parishes, initially. NYS' Entrepreneurship Programme was piloted as Entrepreneurship Camps in 2013-14.
<b>Entrepreneurship 101</b>	Entrepreneurship 101 sensitization sessions will be held in all parishes. The experience from the sessions will be used to gauge the youth entrepreneurship interest for future roll out of the Entrepreneurship Programme in those parishes. 10% of the participants will be young persons with disAbilities.
<b>Events Production Assistants</b>	This programme was piloted in March 2014. NYS will now include this as an established programme offering to young persons. They will develop skills which they will use as part of the formal structure and/or in their communities where they are likely to be involved in planning events such as a sports competition.
<b>Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Programme</b>	The programme is proposed to engage youth in animation, graphic design and videography training and relevant exposure/internship opportunities to develop their technical expertise for careers in those disciplines.

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<b>Summer Programme (July – Aug 2014)</b>	The Summer Programme is an annual NYS engagement of young people in three weeks of work experience during the months of July and August, each year. The objective of this programme is to expose the participants to the key employability skills as well as developing the characteristics that are important for gaining and retaining employment.
<b>Financial Assistance Programme</b>	Financial Assistance is a grant to post-service participants pursuing tertiary education. These students are eligible to receive up to 20% of their tuition paid for by the NYS over a period of three (3) years.
<b>Access to Higher Education Programme</b>	This is a partnership programme between the Northern Caribbean University and the NYS where financial assistance is provided to participants to pursue tertiary studies at the Northern Caribbean University. Participants are engaged in personal development sessions, group mentorship as well as work experience and volunteerism opportunities. This will now be expanded to CASE as we wish to support Youth in Agriculture.
<b>Graduate Work Experience Programme</b>	This programme was developed to provide valuable work experience to tertiary graduates up to 24 years old. It is a response to the dual challenges of graduates being unable to gain jobs without experience and who cannot gain meaningful experience without jobs. Participants are placed for up to six (6) months during which NYS pays a stipend to assist with their expenses. 25% of these will be for Young Persons with DisAbilities. The NYS will be collaborating with the MLSS on the PWD element.
<b>Volunteer Programme</b>	This Programme is designed to re-establish NYS' volunteerism emphasis by providing opportunities for young people across Jamaica to undertake community based development projects. Youth participating in this programme will be drawn from those already engaged in other NYS programmes, hence no additional youth targets are contemplated