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EOC Caravan Stops in Tunapuna.

The Equal Opportunity Commission's (EOC) Nationwide Outreach Caravan stopped at the Tunapuna Administrative Complex, Tunapuna on Friday 7th July, 2023.

The EOC team set up its signature blue tent and engaged members of the public with fun trivia games to win prizes, shared legal advice on discrimination and generally raised awareness on the free services offered by the EOC, and the rights of citizens that are protected by the Equal Opportunity Act.

EOC Chairman Ian Roach said, "the team on the ground reported that they interacted with approximately one hundred and fifty (150) persons at the outreach tent in Tunapuna on Friday. Recently, we published a column in the newspaper that said, to be informed is to be empowered and there are 150 more empowered members of the public. This outreach caravan allows us to go into various communities across the country and connect with the public in a relatable and relevant way. The EOC continues to expand its public education to ensure that we are accessible to all who are desirous of justice for discriminatory acts and further, nurture conversations with all our stakeholders to promote equality."

Shelly Dolabaille, Manager-Corporate Communications at the EOC said, "many visitors to the tent did not know about the Equal Opportunity Act or the Commission and we were able to share valuable information with them. There were others that were familiar and pointed out various channels they learnt about the Commission such as our television programmes, columns and social media. I feel really encouraged that our public education initiatives are being well received by some members of the public but we have a long way to go to ensure that the rights protected by the Equal Opportunity Act are known in every household."

The Caravan is in keeping with the EOC's mandate to broaden and intensify the Commission's advocacy and outreach activities. This is the seventh stop of the caravan, since launching the initiative in Tobago in November, 2023.

Follow the EOC's social media pages or press for more details about the Nationwide Outreach Caravan. Facebook: Equal Opportunity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago; LinkedIn: Equal Opportunity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago; Instagram: Equal Opportunity Commission TT.

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