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Taking Equality Beyond Our Walls: The Importance of EOC Outreach

On Wednesday 23 September 2026, the Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) took its message of equality, dignity and non-discrimination beyond the walls of the Commission by hosting an informational booth at the Domestic Violence Prevention: Survivor-Focused Sensitisation Session and Toolkit Launch, hosted by the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs at the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA).

The event provided an important opportunity for the EOC to connect directly with stakeholders, share information about its work and highlight the support available to persons who may experience discrimination or unfair treatment.

For the EOC, outreach is much more than attending an event and setting up an information booth. It is about meeting people where they are.

Not everyone will visit the Commission's office. Not everyone will see a social media post, read an online column or know where to find information about their rights. Outreach programmes allow the EOC to take that information directly into communities, workplaces, schools, colleges, institutions and public spaces.

This is particularly important when discussing issues that can affect people in vulnerable or difficult circumstances.

The EOC's mandate, established under the Equal Opportunity Act, is to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations



EOC's Legal Officer 1 Ms. Lorelei Wong answers questions from a member of the public



EOC's Communications Manager Mr. Choy Felix engages the audience.

among people of different backgrounds. Achieving this mandate requires more than responding when a complaint is made. It also requires education, awareness and prevention.

People need to know their rights before they can exercise them.

An informational booth may appear simple, but the conversations that take place around it can be significant. A person may stop to collect a brochure and discover that the EOC can assist with a concern they have been experiencing. Another person may ask a question about discrimination in the workplace. Someone else may simply learn for the first time what the Equal Opportunity Commission does.

These interactions can be the beginning of greater awareness.

The EOC's outreach programmes also provide an opportunity to explain the Equal Opportunity Act in simple, practical terms. Legal language can sometimes feel intimidating or difficult to understand. Public education helps bridge that gap by translating information about equality and non-discrimination into language that people can relate to in their everyday lives.

Outreach also allows the Commission to listen.

When EOC officers engage directly with members of the public and stakeholders, they gain valuable insight into the questions, concerns and experiences affecting people across Trinidad and Tobago. These interactions help strengthen public awareness efforts and ensure that the Commission's educational initiatives remain relevant and accessible.

The EOC recognises that creating an equal society is a shared responsibility. Government agencies, employers, educators, community organisations, civil society, businesses and members of the public all have a role to play in challenging discrimination and promoting respectful and inclusive environments.

Partnerships with other institutions are therefore an important part of effective outreach.

The EOC's participation in the Domestic Violence Prevention: Survivor-Focused Sensitisation Session and Toolkit Launch demonstrates the value of being present in spaces where important conversations about safety, dignity, rights and social justice are taking place. (Special thanks to the Office of the Attorney General for inviting us)



EOC's Communications Manager Mr. Choy Felix provides information about EOC's services to a very attentive audience.

While each organisation may have its own mandate, there are important areas where our collective efforts intersect. Creating a society where people are treated with dignity and respect requires awareness, cooperation and a willingness to address barriers that prevent individuals from fully participating in society.

The EOC remains committed to bringing its message of equality, fairness and respect to people across Trinidad and Tobago.

Through booths, workshops, sensitisation sessions, community engagements, educational campaigns and other outreach initiatives, the Commission continues to make its services and information more accessible to the public.

Because outreach is not simply about telling people what the EOC does.

It is about helping people understand what their rights are, where they can turn for assistance, and why equality matters to everyone.

The EOC will continue to take equality beyond its walls—one conversation, one community and one outreach programme at a time.

Because equality begins with awareness, and awareness begins with reaching people.



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