

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **EOC NATIONWIDE CARAVAN LAUNCH A SUCCESS.**

The Equal Opportunity Commission's (EOC) nationwide caravan found early success with its first stop in Tobago.

Scores of Tobagonians visited the EOC's blue tent outside of Roxborough Administrative Complex on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November and Port Mall in Scarborough on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. They received free legal advice on discrimination and learnt about the EOC's function and free services. Visitors also won fun prizes by participating in the EOC's activities which included trivia, crossword puzzles and participants listing do's and don'ts when interacting with a person with a disability.

EOC Chairman Ian Roach said, "word from our team on the ground is that many visitors asked if we had an office in Tobago and indicated their interest in accessing our services. This is very encouraging and we hope in the new year, to make good on our promise to return to Tobago with regular office days. I would like to thank all who visited our caravan for their support and the hard working staff of the EOC for their diligence in ensuring the launch was a success."

The caravan is in keeping with the EOC's mandate to broaden and intensify the Commission's advocacy and outreach activities.

Shelly Dolabaille, Manager-Corporate Communications at the EOC was at the caravan on both days and said, "we received well over 100 visitors to our blue tent. I observed that young people were particularly interested in the activities and had knowledge and convictions on inclusivity. Most of them and other members of the public attempted the trivia games but they had to first read our brochures to play. This means that not only were they rewarded with EOC promotional items, but they also left more knowledgeable about their rights than when they entered the tent."

Also on hand at the caravan was EOC's Director of Legal Services, Haran Ramkaransingh who said, "many people were surprised that discrimination, as it relates to the status grounds and categories covered by the Equal Opportunity Act, are unlawful. Further, that the Act applies to

situations outside of employment, such as education, provision of goods and services and accommodation.”

Follow the EOC’s social media pages or press for more details about the Nationwide Caravan.  
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