

MEDIA RELEASE

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EOC Caravan Continues with Success.

Hundreds of patrons visited the Equal Opportunity Commission's (EOC/Commission) nationwide caravan activation in Marabella. The outreach initiative, which was held at Massy Stores on Friday 5th May, 2023 is part of the EOC's efforts to raise awareness of the categories covered and status grounds protected by the Equal Opportunity Act (the Act) and the services offered by the EOC.

EOC Chairman, H.R. Ian Roach lauded the initiative saying, "we are happy to connect on the ground with members of the public. A major goal of the Commission's Strategic Plan 2021-2023 is to build a compelling EOC brand and public awareness of its work among local, regional, and international stakeholders. This nationwide caravan, especially at the locations in rural areas, is essential to reach persons who do not have access to the digital platforms that the Commission offers."

The EOC is committed to working towards the elimination of discrimination and the promotion of equality and good relations between persons of different statuses.

It is unlawful under the Equal Opportunity Act to discriminate against someone under four categories: employment, education, provision of goods and services and provision of accommodation. Under the Act, persons are entitled to equality and fair treatment, despite their status. The seven status grounds covered by the Act are race, ethnicity, religion, marital status, origin including geographical origin, disability and sex.

Members of the public can reach the EOC to request inclusivity training for an organisation or information generally by sending an email to communications@eoc.gov.tt; email complaints@eoc.gov.tt to lodge a complaint. Information is also published on the website www.equalopportunity.gov.tt and to social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.

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