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Youth Workshop fosters Entrepreneurial Spirit in Clarendon

30 youth from Four Paths in Clarendon were trained in literacy, numeracy, parenting skills and entrepreneurial skills through a European Union funded Clarendon Chamber of Commerce project.

The Youth Workshop 2014 was implemented by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) which manages the EU's Poverty Reduction Project (PRP). The project was funded at a cost of \$ 1.1 million over a four month period.

Two years ago PRP started to partner with Non-Governmental and Community Based Organisations to conduct Summer Camps and

Youth Workshops in St Catherine, Clarendon, St James and Kingston & St Andrew. For 2014 the programme awarded 12 grants which have benefited 650 persons directly.

Other activities for the workshop included dispute resolution strategies, anger management and conflict resolution.

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce project team also secured other funding towards the start of social enterprises in pig and goat rearing as well as crop production.

At the closing ceremony, Scarlett Gillings Managing Director JSIF, told graduates that they had varying opportunities to further themselves.

“You may decide to go back to school or to become your own boss after being exposed to business and entrepreneurial skills which are especially vital given our economic climate,” she advised.

The PRP is funded jointly by the Government of Jamaica and the European Union.

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