Bay Primary School HIV/AIDS Project

WAND continued its education programme on HIV/AIDS with two sessions which targeted Class 3 & 4 students at Bay Primary School. At these sessions, students and teachers viewed a film entitled AIDS: What Everyone Needs to Know donated by UWI/HARP Mona. This was followed by a discussion in which students were encouraged to ask questions and to share their knowledge on HIV/AIDS and other social diseases. Students were also given information packages on the disease to share with their parent(s).

The opportunity was also taken to present all 67 graduating students of Class 4 with a copy of the children’s book A Cry for Summer written by Susan Haynes-Elcock. A Cry for Summer is the story of a little girl called Summer who has AIDS. She tells her own story. This donation by WAND was intended to be a ready source of information on HIV/AIDS for the students as they enter a new phase of their lives.

A follow-up to the AIDS programme was a presentation at the PTA meeting (December 2) by family counselor Depika Ramhendra who spoke on The Importance Of The Family In Dealing With The Anacondas In Our Lives.

ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD AIDS DAY

It is ridiculous to speak of “empowering” women to negotiate safe sex when society has robbed them of their power.

-Judith Soares
Tutor Coordinator WAND, 2004

World AIDS Day TV Programme

The Tutor Coordinator of WAND Judith Soares was one of the panelists in a regional World AIDS Day special television programme sponsored by CAREC. The programme was aired on December 1, 2004. Other discussants were Roberta Clarke (UNIFEM), Rosemarie Antoine (Faculty of Law), Yolande Simon (CRN) and Rosemarie Bain (Bahamas).
Computer Studies Training

WAND collaborated with the UWI School of Continuing Studies Western Jamaica in its project to provide training in computer studies and the new information technology for women in the low-income community of Flankers, Montego Bay. This was an attempt to help ease the unemployment situation of women by giving them a sense of worth and providing them with marketable skills.

Country Conference

The Tutor/Coordinator presented a paper entitled Working with Women at Risk in Disaster Management at the St. Lucia Country Conference - Beyond Walls: Multidisciplinary Perspectives Nov 18-20, 2004. The Conference was the ninth in the series hosted by the School of Continuing Studies.

News from WAND Reference Library...

The Documentation Centre has been given a name change to reflect the new vision as it moves to incorporate the new technologies and services of the 21st Century. The Centre will now be known as the WAND Reference Library (WRL). The primary focus of the Centre will be to support the research programmes. It has therefore become necessary to add new services and information products many of which can be accessed electronically.

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WAND’s new website has been completed and re-launching via the UWI website was scheduled for July 2004. Due to technical problems, this has been rescheduled. The new web site will provide access to WRL’s electronic collection when it becomes available. WAND’s newsletters and other publications will be available full text online and users will be able to participate in discussion lists on women, gender and other related issues.

Publication

Bibliography of WAND Publications 1990 – 2003

Compiled by Sheree Trotman and Judith Soares, this publication represents a special collection which comprises those works published by WAND that are currently in the electronic database. Bibliographic information is provided for approximately 225 publications. Copies can be requested from the WRL.

On the Occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Some of the greatest acts of violence against women have been committed and perpetrated by women themselves. Women must take time to reflect and critically examine their approach to and relationship with other women, particularly the least advantaged.

-Judith Soares
Tutor Coordinator WAND 2004

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