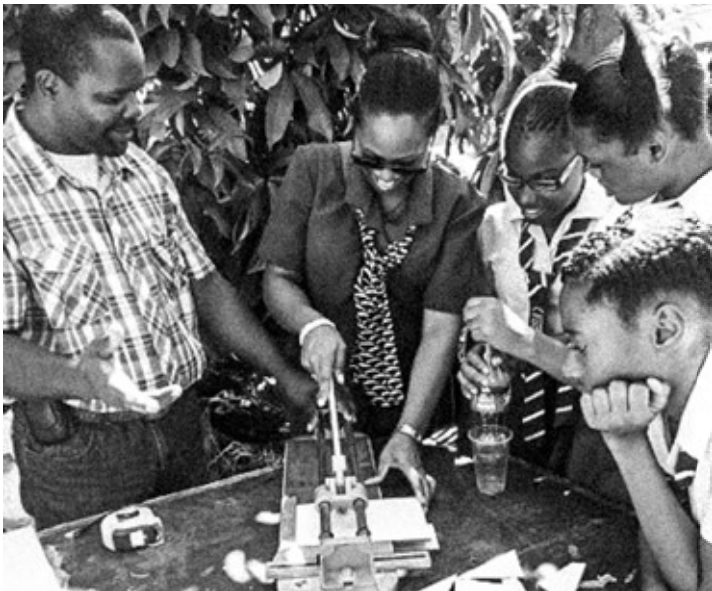
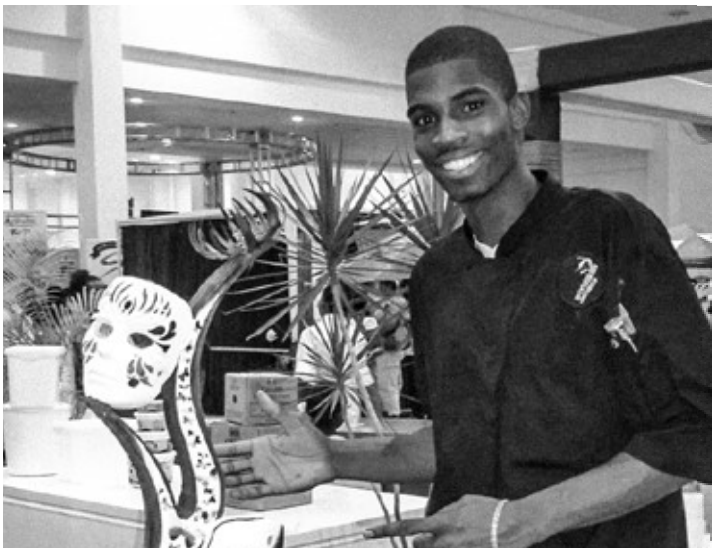


# WorldSkills Jamaica

## Jamaica Jury President at WorldSkills in Germany



Try-A-Skill Tile Cutting facilitated by Frank Walters, Black River Campus, HEART South West TVET Institute.



WSJ medallist, Ryan Peterkin's piece "Freedom & Slavery".

For the review period, Jamaica was among the distinguished panel of adjudicators at the 42<sup>nd</sup> WorldSkills Competition in Leipzig Germany. Dr. Nadine Leachman, WorldSkills Jamaica Technical Delegate and WorldSkills Americas Vice President served as Jury President for the skill area of Car Painting in the Transportation and Logistics sector.

Dr. Leachman also represented Jamaica at the General Assembly and on the Technical Competitions Committee.

Over 1,000 Competitors from 53 countries and regions faced off against each other in 46 skills at the competition.

### Worldskills Jamaica In Action

Worldskills Jamaica (WSJ) focused its attention extensively on various initiatives across the island to increase awareness and further sensitize the public about the services offered. These included the following:

### Try-A-Skill –National Trade Shows

Try-A-Skill trade shows were facilitated at over 52 events islandwide with the most significant ones held at the Denbigh Agricultural Show, Ministry of Science Technology, Energy and Mining (STEM) Symposium, Jamaica Council for Person with Disabilities' Recruitment Fair, and the RJR Cross Country Invasion. An average three skills were facilitated per event and impacted over 8,000 people. The Try-a-Skill activity provides the visibility and 'hands-on' demonstration of various skill areas that are open to young persons who are seeking to pursue training or careers in related fields.



The Hon. Rev. Ronald Thwaites (2nd right) and Dr. Wayne Wesley, Executive Director, discuss the procedures for Try-A-Skill Robotic Hydraulic Arm with trainees from NTEI at the STEM Symposium. Mrs. Lecia Brown-Ellis, Practicum Coordinator, VTDI looks on.



18 year old Marlon Brown, trainee at the Kenilworth HEART Academy showcases his "Quick and Fun Breakfast Ideas" on TVJ's Smile Jamaica.

## Taste Of The Caribbean Competition

WSJ collaborated with the HEART College of Hospitality Services (formerly the Runaway Bay HEART Training Institute) to compete at the Jamaica Culinary Federation's "Taste of Jamaica Competition" at the Montego Bay Convention Centre. Ryan Peterkin, WorldSkills Jamaica 2010 Gold Medalist, copped the Student Pastry Chef of the Year award, silver for his showpiece "Freedom & Slavery", and bronze in the Professional & Pastry Chef category.

## Tvet Integration Workshop

Four TVET integration workshops and training sessions were held to develop a mechanism to infuse WorldSkills International Standards into the National Training System. This was done as part of the TVET Integration programme.

## Tvet Exposed On TvJ

Through a collaboration with Television Jamaica (TVJ), WorldSkills Jamaica facilitated three sessions featuring HEART TVET trainees showcasing their talent during Smile Jamaica, the station's flagship morning programme. Marlon Brown, a trainee at the Kenilworth HEART Academy showcased his "Quick & Fun Breakfast Ideas". Samantha Parsons-Brown from the HEART College of Hospitality Services (HCHS) engaged Smile

Jamaica hosts Kiki and Adrian Brown on how to operate as a trained waiter for fine dining. In the meantime, Raymond Douglas from the HCHS was the HEART representative in Mixology at the launch of the RJR Cross country tour.

## Mini-Skills Competition 2014

WorldSkills Jamaica held its first Mini-Skills Competition in February at the Stony Hill Academy. The competition featured 180 competitors from 50 institutions in 18 categories including the exciting world of digital animation. The teachers and students were extremely happy for the opportunity to be a part of TVET in motion on a national stage.

## National Career Expo 2014

The National Career Expo was held at the Ranny Williams Entertainment Centre and featured demonstrations in the areas of Personal Computer assembly, Floor Tiling, Instrument Making, Puppetry Assembly, Food Preparation, Mixology, Towel and Napkin Folding and Beauty Services.