

# 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

The goal of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is to equip young people for the tasks and obstacles they may face in life. As we look back at the year 2021, it is clear that this goal was achieved. Dukers such as Shalom Cumberbatch, Ramona Jones, Makena Sue and Khalisha Forde worked tirelessly with the SHAPE App, and Care Package initiatives. When the going got tough, award leaders such as Tricia Forde and Jennah Parris stepped up to the challenge. However, it must be noted that our award alumni were not to be left out. When more persons were needed to assist with the mass vaccination, Keisha Callender did not hesitate to volunteer. In sum, 2021 was a year of altruism.

It was also a year of change for the Award. After nine years of faithful service to the Award, Operations Manager Ms. Carla Alleyne demitted her post. However, Ms. Alleyne will remain an active volunteer within the Award. Moreover, for the first time in the Award Barbados' history, participants were able to complete their Gold Residential Project virtually. Scouts Lael Charles, Zachary Hoyte and Tashaun Callender were three participants who were able to do so in August 2021 while attending the 42nd World Scout Conference and the 14th World Scout Youth Forum.

While some of our participants completed their residential project virtually, others such as Nayo Branton and Justin Nurse were able to



*Gold Participants paused for a quick photo during their Residential Project in August 2021.*



*Highlights from the last year: BYBT Enterprise Challenge Participants (left), Award Leader Tricia Forde volunteered her time to the Care Packages Programme (right).*

complete their Gold Residential Project physically.

These participants cleaned along the Barbados Trailway, strategically planted a number of fruit trees, and learned of the purpose of the wood shavings that were added to the base of the trees. Later in the year, an Award team participated in the Barbados Youth Business Trust / Prince's Trust International Enterprise Challenge. The team came second overall, winning \$1,500 in investment towards their proposed social enterprise.

Finally, the award experienced great losses. His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, founder of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award passed away two months before his centennial birthday. While dukers from across the globe mourned his passing, his legacy was honoured at the launch of the Challenge 100 campaign.

Locally, the Award also lost Mr. Richard Goddard, our longest serving chairman. Over the decades, Mr. Goddard had worked faithfully, building the Award's reputation in the eyes of the youth and expanding the Award on a regional level. Due to his efforts, the youth now experience CASC, an event that Mr. Goddard played a major role in planning and executing. Mr. Goddard's impact is surely felt, and he will be missed.

The year ahead is expected to have its share of challenges and changes. New opportunities to be explored, a potential change in the political landscape, impending changes in policy and procedure, and the development of plans for the Award's 60th Anniversary on the island, all in the midst of the ongoing pandemic. But, like proper Dukers, we will strive and overcome. #WorldReady.

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Some of our Dukers lent their artistic skills to the YMCA mural painting.



Award Leaders and Volunteers participated in a Disability Sensitivity Training.

Participants were successful in this year's BYBT Enterprise Challenge.



The Award mourned the passing of the longest serving chairman, Mr. Richard Goddard.

Cancer survivor, Dr. King was joined by her son, Daniel, for an 8 day hike in Scotland.



This year's Gold Residential Project was held locally during the pandemic. Participants cleaned and beautified along the Barbados Trailway.



# 2021

## IMPACT REPORT

"This is truly an Award programme that can shape your life for the better"

- Carla Alleyne, Award Volunteer

In 2021, participants logged over:

**1200+ HOURS**  
OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE



**575+ HOURS**  
OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



**500+ HOURS**  
OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



**17** NEW  
PARTICIPANTS

**67** ACTIVE  
PARTICIPANTS

**16** AWARDS  
COMPLETED

**2** GOLD  
RESIDENTIAL  
PROJECTS

**4** EXPEDITION  
GROUPS