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Youth & Apprenticeship



VIDOL Officially Launches "I Am The Future" Campaign at Impactful Youth Town Hall

The VI Department of Labor shares Youth Programs and Initiatives with an interactive audience

USVI – *April 26, 2022* - The Youth & Apprenticeship team at the VI Department of Labor in conjunction with the Governor's Millennial Council hosted an impactful "I Am The Future" Town Hall on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at the Antilles' Prior Jollek Hall on St. Thomas. The Town Hall was also streamed live on the Government House-U.S. Virgin Islands Facebook page.

The Youth & Apprenticeship team was joined by Lt. Governor Tregenza Roach, Esq., Chairman Michael Carty of the VI Workforce Development Board, Commissioner Gary Molloy, Khalarni Rivers, President of the Governor's Millennial Council, and former participants in youth programs. The distinguished panelists encouraged youth to engage in all available opportunities to shape their future, whether it be through furthering their education or engaging in a specific trade and working after high school graduation. VIDOL Commissioner, Gary Molloy, stated "It is always a pleasure to share current and upcoming programs designed for the youth of the territory to gain impactful workforce experiences". Pumpa also kept the energy high and delivered powerful and positive messages through his performances. "The I Am The Future Youth Town Hall was definitely one of the more interactive panel discussion I've had the pleasure of being part of. I am excited to help create more events and conversations like these, that spotlight opportunities for young Virgin Islanders" said Khalarni Rivers, President of the Governor's Millennial Council.



The Virgin Islands Department of Labor is an Equal Opportunity Employer with Equal Opportunity Programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The “I Am the Future” campaign is designed to engage the youth of the territory with the message that being prepared for your future, and the collective future of the territory is a responsibility and a commitment that everyone needs to actively participate in. A wide range of VIDOL Youth services and programs are available to assist youth in increasing the necessary tools needed to succeed in the workplace.

The Virgin Islands Department of Labor (VIDOL) Youth Services develops and administers workforce development programs that provides for youth ages fourteen to twenty-five (14 - 25). Youth Services provides year-round training, employment, and educational opportunities for in and out of school youth. These programs are designed to help young people of the community access opportunities to explore career pathways, increase skills, work-based training to “earn while you learn”, obtain industry recognized credentials and employment in demand occupations.

Services include:

- Job Preparation Skills & Resume Building
- Job Search Assistance & Career Counseling
- Paid/Unpaid Work Experience
- Training Opportunities
- Labor Market and Employment Information
- Apprenticeship Opportunities
- Leadership Development Activities
- Financial Literacy Education
- Supportive Services

To find more information about available programs and services, please visit vidol.gov/youth, or contact the Department of Labor at (340) 773-1994 ext. 2202 or email Dr. Kevin Dixon at Kevin.Dixon@dol.vi.gov.