



## MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

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#### **“Child Labour” through the eyes of our Children**

The Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development is pleased to announce the winners of its Child Labour Art Competition.

On August 14, 2017 the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development launched its Art Competition under the theme *“Spot Child Labour, Stop Child Labour”*. This Art Competition was designed to give our nation’s children an opportunity to address a social issue, which involves and affects them and win up to \$20,000.00 in shares from the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation.

The Art Competition targeted children ages 8-16 yrs., in two categories 8-12 yrs. and 13-16 yrs. This Art Competition was part of a wider public education campaign as the Ministry continues its sensitization on the issue of Child Labour in Trinidad and Tobago. While this issue is not pervasive in Trinidad and Tobago the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development through its Labour Inspectorate Unit has responsibility to monitor, sensitize citizens and enforce the law where necessary as it relates to Child Labour.

#### **Age Category: 8-12 yrs.**

Submission No.	Place	Name of Winner	Age	School
27	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ellaina Morris	11	St. Augustine Secondary School
10	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nia Marie Ryan	09	Pinehaven Seventh Day Adventist School
17	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tehya Archibald	08	St. Gabriel’s Girls R.C. School
08	4 <sup>th</sup>	Farah John	11	Waterloo Presbyterian Primary School

**Age Category: 13-16 yrs.**

<b>Submission No.</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Name of Winner</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>School</b>
30	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jernice Downes	15	St. Augustine Secondary
32	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kraig Ramnath	13	Shiva Boys Hindu College

Prize Winners will be notified in person to visit the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development to collect their Prizes.

The objective of this Art Competition was to get our nation's children to identify with an issue, directly related to them by posing the question, 'What is Child Labour' so they will be empowered to spot instances of Child Labour and call for an end to Child Labour. Whilst there are no reported cases of Child Labour in Trinidad and Tobago, it does not mean that the issue does not exist. The ultimate goal is to therefore reduce the number of related incidents towards the global objective of the total elimination of Child Labour.

**Child Labour Definition:**

**According to the International Labour Organization, Child Labour is often defined as work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity and that is harmful to their physical and mental development.**

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