Celebrating BITS

International Office, UWI (Cave Hill)

Dr. Anthony Fisher (Director) & Mrs. Paula Jarvis (Administrative Coordinator) staff the International Office at UWI, Cave Hill. The International Office is responsible for all aspects of academic cooperation with international partners and student movement to and from these partner institutions. For example, this dynamic pair coordinates activities related to exchange students who have come to study at UWI from international partners. They process international applicants, liaise with the faculties receiving these placements, and provide social and cultural activities for international students.

The International Office also helps to send Barbadian students to UWI campuses at Mona (Jamaica) or St. Augustine (Trinidad and Tobago) as well as to various academic institutions further abroad. These include universities in Africa, Canada, Europe, Japan, North America, and Scandinavia. The majority of UWI’s partners are in Canada, where the government has been offering grants and scholarships to foreign students interested in short-term study.

Not all Barbadian students are fortunate enough to study abroad during their University years. Non-mobile students and staff can still enjoy an international experience through participation in a bilateral summer activity in Barbados: the Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies (BITS) programme. “We think there is tremendous value for our students and to the community of Barbados in this summer programme”, says Mrs. Jarvis.

The International Office is working closely with BITS Directors Dr. D.J. Donnelly (McGill University) and Dr. A. Fields (UWI), as well as the Admissions Office at Cave Hill, to involve more UWI students in BITS summer activities. UWI and international students interested in further information about BITS summer courses should contact: Angela.fields@cavehill.uwi.edu.

Mrs. Paula Jarvis, Administrative Coordinator at the International Office.
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A McGill souvenir is among many other memorabilia from partner institutions displayed in the International Office.

Dr. Anthony Fisher, Director at the International Office, hard at work.
[photo: D.J. Donnelly, August, 2015]