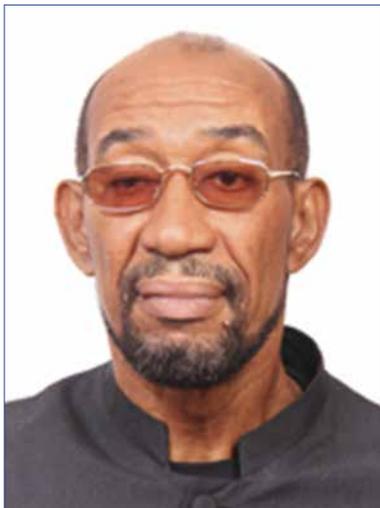


Message from the Chief Executive Officer



A happy new year to you all! I hope you celebrated the start of 2022 safely and on a positive note. As we enter 2022, I want to take a moment to highlight some new initiatives NCPD has planned for the year.

Firstly, I would like to introduce the Window on the Waterfront project. This consists of a strip mall being built on NCPD's land at Lady Hailes Avenue. The mall intends to give persons with disabilities (PWSs) the opportunity to open and operate their own

businesses. Currently, the centre is in the planning stage of setting a meeting with potential investors for the project. Moreover, at this juncture, the Project Charter, Project Brief and Expression of Interest have been developed.

Secondly, another project we are excited to embark on is NCPD's Bridal Package. This package includes a bridal registry, hosting of receptions at our centre, decor, catering (optional), photo-ops, cake making and baking, dressmaking and events management (wedding planning). Soon, NCPD's website would have further information for those who are interested.

Thirdly, the centre aims to continue hosting our monthly fundraisers to maintain financial viability. Unfortunately, in early 2021 we had to close our kitchen due to COVID-19 restrictions. Thankfully by the latter half of 2021, the centre was able to adapt

to COVID-19 protocols and successfully host our "Tasty Take Away BBQ", "Curry Que", "Delight Box", and "Christmas Que."

In closing, I look forward to 2022 being an exciting year for us as we start these initiatives and continue our mission to improve the quality of life of all Persons with Disabilities. Lastly, I want to thank everyone who played a major role in contributing to the overall success of our great Organisation, NCPD.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and successful 2022!

Regards,



Stephen Creese
Chief Executive Officer
National Centre for Persons
with Disabilities

NCPD's Progression 2022

As we move into the new year, National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) continues its focus on raising public awareness of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) for their rights, freedom, equity, and contributions to society without discrimination.

NCPD would like to highlight the National Policy on Persons with Disabilities (2018) in Trinidad and Tobago. The policy recognizes the importance and the contributions that PWDs can provide to society at large and the uplifting and protection of human rights and freedom of PWDs. Some important areas to note in the policy that continues to be barriers for PWDs are access to employment, education and access to justice.

Employment

To raise awareness of the contributions of PWDs in society and the need for strategies to employ such persons.

NCPD as an accredited vocational and rehabilitation Centre continues to advocate for equal opportunities for meaningful work since they develop adequate knowledge and skills that can contribute to society.

Education

PWDs should have equal access to receiving an education without discrimination, ensuring that the process for placement in schools is fair and that all opportunities are available to students. The schools are also required to have the appropriate staff, equipment, and trained personnel to accommodate such persons.

At NCPD all staff are dedicated to providing quality service to PWDs such as vocational skills and rehabilitation programmes that contribute to their development within society.

Access to Justice

Some barriers that continue to hinder access to justice are infrastructure and communication. Particularly, the infrastructure of the building should include reasonable accommodation measures such as a ramp to ensure wheelchair access and make restrooms accessible for PWDs. Moreover, in communication,

there is the need for sign language interpreters and accommodations for the written and verbal understanding of the nature of one's Disability.

All Persons with Disabilities have the right to equal opportunities, where they are procedures and practices implemented to ensure a non-discriminatory environment. The services are also to be enhanced and there should be technologies in place to encourage such persons for independence in society.

Our Vision

A country in which every PWD enjoys equal access to the rights, privileges and opportunities afforded to all citizens.

Our Mission

To be the leading organization that is renowned for educating and training PWDs to contribute to a disability-inclusive society.

Introducing NCPD's Multipurpose Trolley

Our Multipurpose Trolley adds a classy and modern ambience to your home. It is perfect for entertaining, as the trolley is ideal for holding food and drinks, transporting items from room to room. This beautiful trolley is made out of teak and can be purchased for the price of \$2795.00.

Moreover, NCPD focuses on advocating the vocational and rehabilitation service provided for Persons with Disabilities. Thus, your purchase can make a difference, while supporting the capabilities and contributions of Persons with Disabilities.



Here's what to know about World Braille Day

JANUARY 4

WORLD BRAILLE DAY 2022

Each year World Braille Day is observed on January 4th. The aim of this initiative is to raise awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the full realization of human rights for blind and partially sighted people.



LOUIS BRAILLE

Inventor of the Braille System
(4 January 1809 - 6 January 1852)

WHAT IS BRAILLE?

- A tactile representation of alphabetic and numerical symbols using six dots to represent each letter and number, and even musical, mathematical and scientific symbols.
- Traditionally written with embossed paper
- Braille is not its own language but rather a code that can be translated into many languages.

IMPORTANCE OF WORLD BRAILLE DAY

World Braille was designed to raise awareness in society about the importance of braille as a means of communication for blind and partially sighted people. Moreover, with the COVID-19 pandemic currently happening, issues such as the lack of independence and isolation have occurred. Notably, this affects persons who rely on the use of touch to communicate their needs and access information.

These issues show how important it is to produce essential information in accessible formats such as Braille and audible formats. Without these formats, many persons with disabilities could face a higher risk of contamination due to a lack of access to guidelines and precautions to protect and reduce the spreading of a pandemic.

BRAILLE ALPHABET



DID YOU KNOW?

- Text or literary braille has two forms: non-contracted or alphabetic braille and contracted braille for saving space.

Continued Recognition of Basic Communication in Sign Language

NCPD continues to advocate for a disability-inclusive society by continuing to educate persons on the basic sign language used in everyday interactions.

Time-Sensitive Signs			
English	Sign	English	Sign
DAY		WEEK	
WEEKEND		MONTH	
YEAR		TODAY	
TOMORROW		YESTERDAY	
LAST YEAR		NEXT WEEK	

Wellness Tips



NCPD's Upcoming Events



**A Taste
of
Carnival!**



Friday 25th February 2022
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

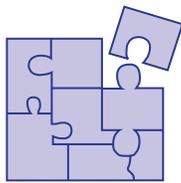
Fantastic Finger Foods on Sale

- Geera Neck (6oz) \$10
- Soca Wings-(6pcs) \$25
- Corn Soup (10oz) \$10
- Roast/Boil Corn-(1pc) \$10
- Carnival Chow-(6oz) \$10
- Mini Potato Roti - \$12

Drinks

- Water
- Shandy
- Soft Drinks
- Calypso Cocktail (Non alcoholic)





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