

THE CORNER

Weekly updates from the Social Work Training and Research Centre



For this issue of "The Corner," the Programmes Unit will be sharing how we continue to offer training through the pandemic.

SWTRC Continues

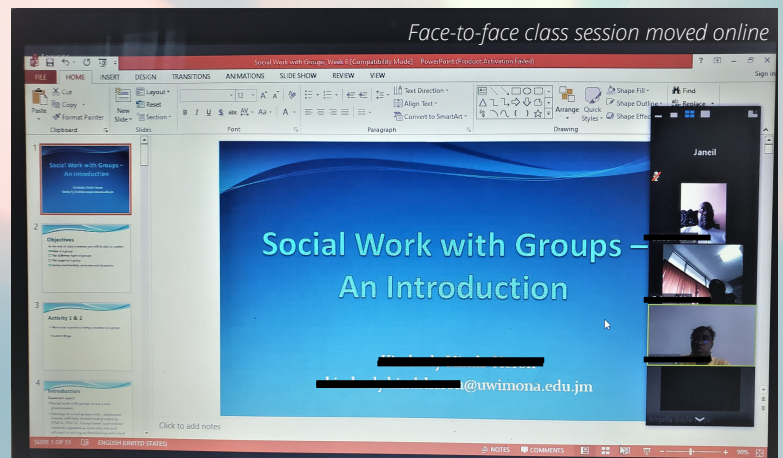
WRITTEN BY JANEIL BROWN - PROGRAMME OFFICER

The Social Work Training and Research Centre (SWTRC) has over fifty years of experience in continuing and professional education, implementing programmes and tailored training in Social Work/Services in response to social challenges throughout the Caribbean. The research arm of the Centre as you may have seen in the previous issue, engages in ground-breaking research in Jamaica and as well as the Caribbean Region.

Most recently, the Centre's face-to-face classes and upcoming offerings were challenged by the COVID-19 Pandemic. In order to maintain the SWTRC legacy, quick decisions had to be made.

How Has the Centre Responded?

Despite the health crisis, SWTRC has adapted and continues to offer training through online mediums. In fact, when the University moved to Home Base Work Arrangement, the Centre was in the middle of classes for a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) course. Through quick thinking and proper communication, we were able to quickly assess the status of our students regarding internet access, and promptly moved classes online. The SWTRC team continued to communicate with the students, ensuring that they were comfortable and managing well in the classes and keeping the communication channels open. Our instructor was also quickly able to convert assignments to fit the new online setting, with consideration of the stay at home orders implemented by the government.



"Adaptability is the simple secret of survival."

JESSICA HAGEDORN



What Happens Next?

As we dive into our summer period, we have begun to plan our summer training (open training and training with our corporate entities) and workshops, converting them to online delivery. Below is a list of upcoming events:

- **Wellness and Well-being Workshop**
- **Grant Writing Workshop**
- **Participatory Action Research Public Lecture and Workshop**

Other Training Options with SWTRC

The SWTRC also offers tailored training and workshops in social work and social services throughout the academic year, including the summer period. For Example:

- **Introductory Social Work**
- **Report Writing for Social Workers**
- **Counselling Techniques for the Helping Professional**
- **Suicide and Trauma Sensitization Workshop**
- **Community Mental Health First Responders Course**



The Centre is also very resourceful, in that, the Programmes Unit has in-depth conversations with its clients to determine training needs of their staff and is able to develop the required content for training and upskilling. SWTRC is able to develop and offer training in areas such as but not limited to:

- **Introduction to Research Techniques and/or methodologies**
- **Working with Groups with Disabilities**
- **Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation**
- **Human Services and Family Life**
- **Working with the Elderly**

**IF YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION IS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING TRAINING IN ANY OF THE AREAS MENTIONED, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AT:
SWTRC@OPEN.UWI.EDU
OR
(876) 927-2478
(ASK ABOUT OUR DISCOUNTS)**