



Morning Memo

Mission: - To foster the wellbeing of the youth through promoting programs that develop Good Citizenship, Community Services and Leadership.

Alcohol Survey

Tonga National Youth Congress and Tonga Health have team up once again to carry out a survey to all six island of Tonga. The purpose of this survey is to provide evidence based data on alcohol consumption and its related harms.

This is not the first time that TNYC conducted a survey of the risk factors that associate possible harm for the youth. In 2001 TNYC and UNICEF Pacific carry out the same survey on the health behavior of the youth of Tonga. Due to funding difficulties TNYC was unable to carry out a full survey follow up of the one done in 2001. What has been done is a breaking down of the full survey in 2008 to just do a follow up survey on substance used and STI & sexual reproductive health.

Report from the 2001 survey said, "While the vast majority of young people rated their community as important to them," "a substantial proportion did not feel involved in their community. It is essential that youth health and development programs in developing countries are based on local country data, rather than extrapolations from the regular health behavior surveys that are carried out with young people in developed nations"

Now in 2017 the 2001 will be update to see what are the harm factors that is dealing with the youth of Tonga.

School Drop Out Program



TNYC *School Drop Out Program* (SDOP) aim is to help students who have no financial support from home due to circumstances

such as they find themselves become a single mother/father or parent have pass away or student are expel from school from drinking/smoking and other substance used. There are now 10 new students from different schools who are involved in the SDOP.

Now the SDOP team are doing follow up on the students these new students. On June 8th SDOP Officer Silia Tuivai went to 'Apifo'ou College and Lavengamalie High School to talk with principal as part of the monitoring activities of this program. A schedules talk follow up with parents/ guardian of the students in the second activities with the student development get together as the 3rd activities schedule to fit in with the school break.

At Lavengamalie High School their deputy principle have given a very high recommendation on the students' performance from Lavengamalie that are in the program. "They are doing great work judging from their mark in their mid- term exam, there is also a vast improvement on their attendance record coming to school and the participation in school activities outside the classroom seem to also see a lot of student in the SDOP are getting more involve" said the Deputy Principal of Lavengamalie".

NIUAFO'OU AGRICULTURE SHOW.



TNYC have continuously support the Agriculture show for the last five or more past years. In continuing this traditions NFYC (Niuafu'ou Youth Congress) have also participate in the Royal Agriculture Show 2017 with a display from the Niuafu'ou youth of handicraft made from ngatu (tapa cloth) as well as fanakio and fau (wild hibiscus) handicraft and the pandanus (lou'akau) weaving mats and ta'ovala.

This year there was no display from the youth vanilla grower said Amini the Office manager and ICS officer in Niuafu'ou due to vanilla plantation not yet ready for pruning & pollination. Its take 3 years for new vanilla plantation before pruning, mulching and the plant will then be flowering. This is the third year for most of our new vanilla plantation so we are having a lot of hope that we will have a lot of vanilla flower for pollination so

VAVA'U AGRICULTURE SHOW.

Vava'u Youth Congress Office participate in this year Royal Agriculture Show and were able to win 3 price in 3 different categories. VYC come second prize for cosmetic oil production and 3rd price for new development bi – product with their soap and the organic price for their green house and seed saving programs. In the opening of the Agriculture show speech from the Minister of Agriculture he emphasizes the MAFFF focus have shift to look more in developing organic agriculture and the virgin coconut oil production which are done by TNYC and the youth of Tonga.

