



Monday Memo

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

SCHOOL DROP OUT IN ACTION

TNYC School Drop-Out Program (SDO) 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 that are expel from school from drinking/smoking and other substance used.

This year a new change to the program instead of the School Drop- out Program it's now call School is my Friend Project (SIMF). Last year the SDO program was a success with students pass their exams and moving on with their education. The SIMF program have paid all the first term fee of the students who have continue from 2017 and are holding a welcoming program on April 7th to all new students that is joining the SIMF program.

"We a set to take on more students and are confident that we will serve them to the best of our abilities" said Silia Tu'ivai

It's all about the Youth

For over 25 year Tonga National Youth Congress (TNYC) is still playing the leading role in youth development program for Tonga and have work diligently in training as well as raising awareness and advocating on behalf of the youth of Tonga since then.

On April 5th TNYC Alcohol Awareness Team went to Tupou College Toloa (TCT) to do an awareness program on alcohol and tobacco, it was facilitated by Savelio Lavelua (TNYC Board Member, Life skill master Trainer and now 'Apifo'ou School Counseling Officer)

"We got an invitation from the two counselor of TCT Tevita Eukaliti and Dorothy Bryce" said Savelio Lavelua "these counselors identified from working with students that there is a raising concern toward students increasing consumption of alcohol as well as tobacco and drugs"

According to the identified issued from the counselor, 60% of the college is smoking tobacco or have been introduce to drugs. **Drugs Alcohol & Substance Abuse** is the sixth issues on youth top ten issue for Tonga.

"We had a great program at Toloa" said Mause Halahala "students show up to the program with anticipation to learn about something new about alcohol, tobacco and drugs and how it's affect their mental health, physical health and the impact in their life as well as their families and friends.

When the night ended, students had expanded their knowledge on how these substances can affect their life and their education. They left with the message of making the right choice now and not used drugs will give them a much healthier life as well as a better future.

The awareness to Toloa college have also make other High School to also stand up and relook at their students in relation to alcohol, tobacco and substance used. The work will continue to other schools that has already contact TNYC for this awareness program.



School is My Friend Pictures

