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NACC'S ART COMPETITION OPEN FOR ENTRIES

Port of Spain: On February 8th 2019, the Office of the Prime Minister-National AIDS Coordinating Committee's (NACC) officially launched its **Art Competition 2019 'It's Beautiful to Know'** which focuses on **HIV and AIDS Sensitization and Awareness in Trinidad and Tobago**.

The Art Competition seeks to engage young persons between the **ages of 5-18** to use cultural arts to address matters related to HIV and AIDS. Entrants may base their submission on one or more of the following areas:

1. HIV testing and treatment.
2. Knowledge of HIV transmission.
3. HIV prevention (e.g. abstinence, risk reduction related to drugs and barrier protection and prevention of mother to child transmission).
4. Stigma and discrimination in the classroom and other youth related activity.

At the launch, Ms. Chanda La Touche, youth voice on the NACC, embraced the competition as an alternate method of education for sensitizing the youth of Trinidad and Tobago about HIV and AIDS and encouraged all youth to support the competition.

Dr. Ayanna Sebro, Technical Director, NACC Secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister, delivered remarks on behalf of the Honourable Minister of State, stated that 'art' was a new platform in the national response to fight against HIV and AIDS. In her address, she also outlined the steps for entering the Artwork Competition as follows:

Step 1: Visit the National AIDS Coordinating Committee's social media pages to get further information about the competition. You can **like and follow** us on: **Facebook:** NACC.TT or **Instagram:** OPM_GCA_NACC.

Step 2: Visit the Secretariat's website at www.opm-gca.gov.tt to review the rules governing the competition.

Step 3: Submit application with artwork on or before May 3rd 2019 to: National AIDS Coordinating Committee Secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister, Level 20, Tower D, International Waterfront Centre, 1A Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain.

Step 4: After the closing date, the entries will be posted on the National AIDS Coordinating Committee's Facebook page (@NACC.TT) where persons will be encouraged to 'like' the various submissions, which will contribute to 20% of the overall score.

The competition is open for entries and will close on **3rd May 2019**. Special thanks to all stakeholders for their support as we inspire and encourage our young population to get involve in **#EndingAIDSBY2030TT**.

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