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Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission Charts a Progressive Path Forward After a Vibrant Quarter

The Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission (TCIHRC) has concluded a dynamic and impactful quarter, setting the stage for a transformative year ahead. From January through March 2025, the Commission was actively engaged in advocacy, visibility, and action—bringing human rights to the forefront of public awareness in the TCI.

Kicking off the calendar year with energy and purpose, the Commission launched a Community Awareness Campaign at Graceway IGA Supermarket, engaging everyday citizens in conversations about their rights. This initiative was held three times throughout the quarter and formed part of a broader strategy to bring human rights to the forefront. In addition to this public presence, the Commission published two articles; “Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission Conducts Facility Review at His Majesty’s Prison, Grand Turk” and “Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission Launches Training on Child Rights in Primary Schools” and two editions of its growing newsletter “Around the HRC” (Issues 8 and 9), pushing relevant human rights topics into the hands and homes of residents.

The Commission didn’t stop at paper and posters—it took to the streets with a bold billboard campaign focused on access to education and leveraged the power of social media to keep the presence of human rights going online. From classrooms to places of detention, the TCIHRC was present, visiting the vast majority of public primary schools across the islands to teach children about their rights and conducting both a scheduled prison review and an unscheduled visit to the detention center, ensuring oversight where it matters most.

Stakeholder collaboration was also high on the agenda, with the Commission participating in events led by the Ministry of Health and Human Services, the Department of Gender Affairs, and other government bodies. Internally, the team invested in professional development, ensuring that skill sets remain sharp in a rapidly evolving human rights landscape.

Looking ahead to the 2025–2026 financial year, the TCIHRC has an ambitious and strategic agenda that promises to maximize visibility and increase education and awareness of human rights. The Commission will roll out a comprehensive Human Rights Training Program targeting public sector employees, complete with a Civil Servants Guide to reinforce learning. The message of human rights will be brought to residents with Open House events across the islands and through Town Hall meetings designed to listen, advise, and respond.

Youth empowerment continues to be a priority, with interactive sessions planned for students using a child-friendly human rights program.

The Commission will also be addressing Digital Rights, Gun Violence, and Educational Equity, through the hosting of roundtable sessions, the development of policy advice, and working hand-in-hand with authorities to safeguard the rights of all residents.

From staff team-building and online learning to forging regional ties with other commissions and reviewing legislation for human rights compliance, the year ahead promises to be a catalyst for transformation and human rights advancement.

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