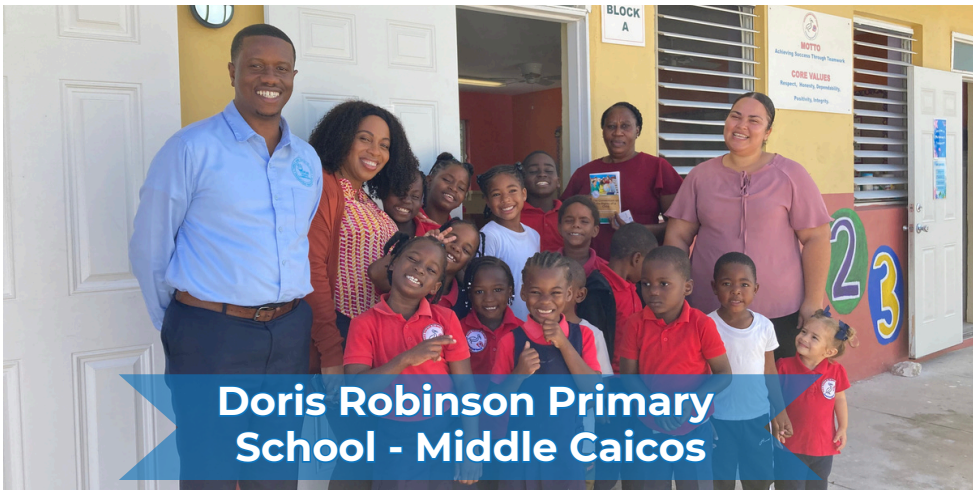


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Doris Robinson Primary School - Middle Caicos

TCIHRC Launches Child Rights Training Across Primary Schools

The Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission proudly launched a comprehensive child rights training initiative based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The program was successfully delivered to students in Grades 3 and 4 at 9 out of 10 government primary schools across the TCI.

Designed to educate and empower young learners, the sessions engaged students through interactive activities, thought-provoking questions, and affirmations that reinforced key messages about their rights—such as the right to education, protection, and freedom of expression.

This initiative is part of TCIHRC's broader effort to foster a culture of respect, equality, and inclusion by promoting awareness of the CRC. The commission looks forward to expanding the training to all public secondary schools and continuing its work toward a future where every child's rights are fully understood and upheld.



Airport Rd Roundabout, Downtown Provo

TCIHRC Promoted Right to Education with Billboard Campaign

The Commission launched a billboard campaign at the Airport Road roundabout in downtown Providenciales, featuring powerful messages highlighting access to education as a fundamental human right. This public awareness effort aimed to reinforce the importance of inclusive education and the Commission's ongoing advocacy for equal opportunities for all.

TCIHRC Promoted Human Rights Through Community Outreach at IGA

In January 2025, the Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission launched a community awareness initiative at IGA Supermarket, hosting three outreach sessions during the quarter. The monthly tabling station offered patrons the opportunity to engage directly with commission officers, access educational materials, ask questions, and schedule appointments for formal complaints.

This high-visibility initiative aimed to make human rights information more accessible and strengthen public awareness through ongoing, community-based engagement.

The commission looks forward to the continued success of this initiative and remains steadfast in its commitment to promoting human rights awareness and education within the community.

TCIHRC Completes Stakeholder Engagement Survey

The Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission completed its first Stakeholder Engagement Survey in February 2025 to gather feedback from government agencies and NGOs on its performance, strengths, and areas for growth.

Findings revealed that while the commission is recognized for its advocacy, responsiveness, and policy influence, some stakeholders seek greater clarity on its functions. Key recommendations included enhancing communication, reducing response times, and increasing outreach.

TCIHRC remains committed to strengthening relationships, expanding awareness, and enhancing its impact across the islands.

TCIHRC Conducts Facility Reviews at His Majesty's Prison and Detention Center

In early 2025, the Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission reaffirmed its commitment to upholding human rights in detention settings through two key site visits: a scheduled review of His Majesty's Prison in Grand Turk on January 30 and an impromptu visit to the detention center in March.

Both visits reflect TCIHRC's ongoing dedication to ensuring fair treatment, transparency, and accountability in all detention facilities. The commission remains committed to fostering collaborative relationships with these institutions to uphold the rights and dignity of all individuals in custody.



Commissioner Rawlins and Acting Director Williams at the Parliamentary Swearing In Ceremony

TCIHRC Attended Employment Law Training Seminar

The TCI Human Rights Commission attended a two-day Employment Law Training Seminar hosted by the Civil Litigation Division of the Attorney General's Chambers from March 31 to April 1, 2025.

The seminar focused on identifying common legal pitfalls in employment matters across the Turks and Caicos Islands. Key topics included onboarding procedures, probationary periods, contract extensions, and lawful termination practices, all within the framework of the Constitution, Public Service Act, Employment Ordinance, and relevant legislation.

This training enhanced the Commission's understanding of employment-related legal standards and reinforced its commitment to promoting fairness, compliance, and the protection of workers' rights.

TCIHRC Engaged in Key Stakeholder Events

In early 2025, the TCI Human Rights Commission actively supported and participated in several key stakeholder events, reinforcing its commitment to human rights advocacy:

- Judged the 27th Annual High School HIV/AIDS Debate, hosted by the Ministry of Health and Human Services, promoting awareness and equal rights for those living with HIV/AIDS.
- Attended the Parliamentary Swearing-In Ceremony, recognizing the importance of collaboration with government in upholding human rights.
- Participated in the International Women's Day Exposition, hosted by the Department of Gender Affairs, celebrating women's empowerment and advocating for gender equality.

TCIHRC Welcomed A New Commissioner

The Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission welcomed Mrs. Grescelle Missick to the Board of Commissioners. With nearly 20 years of experience in the financial industry and a Master's in Business Administration (Finance) from the University of Leicester, UK, Mrs. Missick brings valuable skills in finance and management. We anticipate her appointment to strengthen the Commission's leadership and financial operations.



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