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Scotiabank and Relay Education Empower Caribbean youth through renewable energy education.

As Caribbean countries continue to build more sustainable and resilient economies, preparing the next generation with the skills and knowledge needed for the future has never been more important. Through a partnership with Relay Education, Scotiabank is helping young people across Guyana, Barbados and Jamaica to explore renewable energy, environmental sustainability and emerging career opportunities.

The three-year initiative, which began in 2025, is expected to reach 1,750 youth across the Caribbean, providing hands-on learning experiences that bring concepts such as renewable energy, climate resilience and sustainability to life. The programme also strengthens local capacity by training educators and community partners to deliver engaging, curriculum-aligned learning experiences in their communities.

Delivered through local partners in each market, the programme brings interactive workshops directly into classrooms and communities. Using hands-on activities and demonstration technologies, students gain a practical understanding of renewable energy solutions and their real-world applications while developing critical thinking, problem-solving and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) skills.

Nafeeza Gaffoor, Country Head, Scotiabank Guyana commented: "Guyana is undergoing rapid transformation, creating new opportunities for young people to contribute to the country's future development. Through this partnership, we are helping students build awareness of renewable energy, environmental stewardship and emerging career pathways. By supporting innovative educational experiences, we are investing in the next generation of leaders, innovators and changemakers."

The programme builds on successful implementation in Barbados and Jamaica and continues to expand its reach in Guyana through partnerships with local organizations that share a commitment to youth development and STEM education. By combining student engagement, educator training and community partnerships, the initiative is creating meaningful and lasting impact across the region.

Wesley Normington, Executive Director, Relay Education shared: “Thanks to Scotiabank's support, 1,750 youth across Barbados, Guyana, and Jamaica will engage in hands-on renewable energy learning through Relay Education’s workshops. From designing solar cars to building wind turbines, participating youth will gain unique experiences in renewable energy technologies. Together, we are helping young people see themselves as future problem-solvers, innovators, and contributors to the clean energy transition. By combining interactive learning experiences with educator training, we're creating pathways for youth to explore

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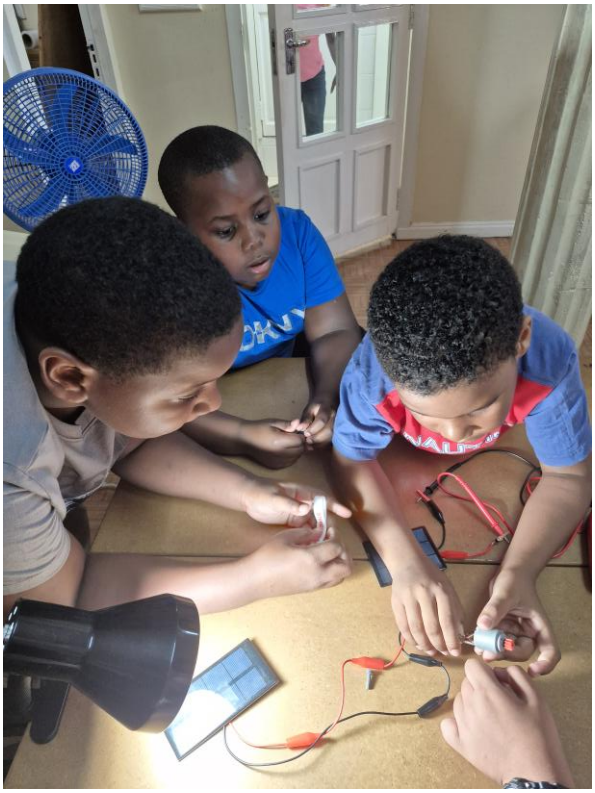
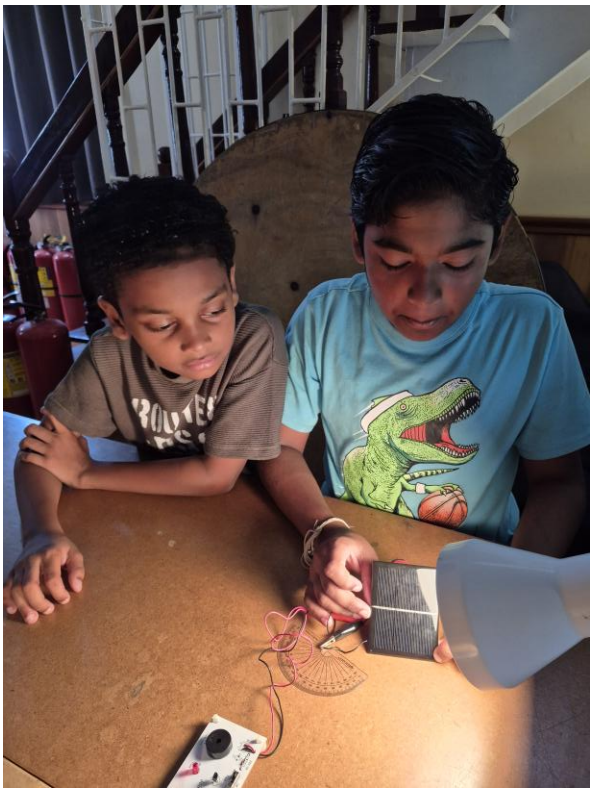
energy-related careers while building local capacity to sustain environmental and STEM education."

As the programme continues, Scotiabank and Relay Education will explore opportunities for employee volunteering, community engagement and expanded student participation, further strengthening the initiative's impact across Guyana, Barbados and Jamaica.





Students participate in Relay Education's recently held Plug-in-the-Sun workshop held in Georgetown.

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