



The Caribbean Youth Environment Network in Trinidad and Tobago (CYEN-TT) is a non-profit organisation focused on empowering youth and facilitating their contributions to environmental sustainability and broader sustainable development. Activities commonly include environmental talks and awareness sessions, environmental sip and paint events, clean-up exercises, upcycling and community engagement initiatives.

During 2017-2018, CYEN-TT embarked on a project funded by the Global Environment Facility's Small Grants Programme – entitled "Learn and Flow: The Arima and Courland Water Story", the project is aimed at empowering stakeholders to:

- fully understanding the anthropogenic issues affecting the Arima and the Courland watershed; and
- increase awareness of the national community to the importance of conservation and protection of the resource

CYNETT has partnered with local government, resource agencies, schools and grassroots community groups to examine water management issues in the named watersheds, and identify ways to reduce human impact.

Work is still ongoing, however two highlights which focus on educational and community initiatives under the project include:

- implementation of the Water Warriors School Caravan series, involving interactive presentations, a puppet show and trivia games targeted at educating primary school children on water issues
- conduct of Water Testing Training and Water Quality Monitoring done collaboratively with key groups within the Arima watershed – Asa Wright Nature Centre and the First Peoples Community. Data collected from monitoring riverine conditions at the Arima river over a six-month period was collated and is utilised by the Water Resources Agency's Adopt a River Programme.

