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**Young Professionals Network of Jamaica Host Successful High Speed Networking Event**

With the support of Jamaica Money Market Brokers Limited (JMMB), the Young Professionals Network of Jamaica (YPNJ) on Friday 25 September hosted a novel networking event for professionals and budding entrepreneurs at the Village Blues Café off Barbican Road in St. Andrew.

The event was a first for Jamaican professionals as the YPNJ used a variation of the popular North American speed dating model, enabling attendees to meet, learn about each other's professional and business interests, and ultimately exchange contact details.

By wearing name tags and being placed in small networking groups, attendees freely and comfortably introduced themselves to complete strangers, with highly diverse backgrounds, but all with the common goal of productive enterprise and social capital development.

According to founder and chairperson of the YPNJ, Mrs. Yaneek Page, the event is in keeping with the YPNJ's mission statement and broad organizational goals, which focus on building social capital and reducing Jamaica's brain drain.

As she noted "Our JMMB sponsored high speed networking event was a huge success. We had hoped for 120 young professionals and almost 200 attended. I was particularly struck by how many employed persons have existing side businesses or have an immediate interest in entrepreneurship."

This, she believes, is an important prerequisite for developing the country's economy. According to her "Our events are always purposeful, as the YPNJ is a productivity focused and results oriented organization. We are faithful to the principles of positive change and productivity, the issuing of awards and celebrating our own will come only after we have realized success in our target areas of entrepreneurship, volunteerism, social capital development and public policy advocacy."

The YPNJ is a non-partisan, non-government, non-profit organization that was legally registered with the Companies Office of Jamaica in 2008. The network provides opportunities for over 2,000 like-minded Jamaicans, between the ages of 18 and 45 years, to work together for the betterment of their lives and the country, while speaking with one voice on issues of national interest and national development.

Young Professionals Network of Jamaica is already pursuing sponsorship options for its next exciting event, "The Barter Party -Let's Swap Talents", to be held in November 2009.

**Upcoming Events**

The YPNJ will proudly host Jamaica's first ever **Barter Party - "Let's Swap Talents"** in November 2009.

For further information please visit our website at [www.ypnjamaica.org](http://www.ypnjamaica.org).

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