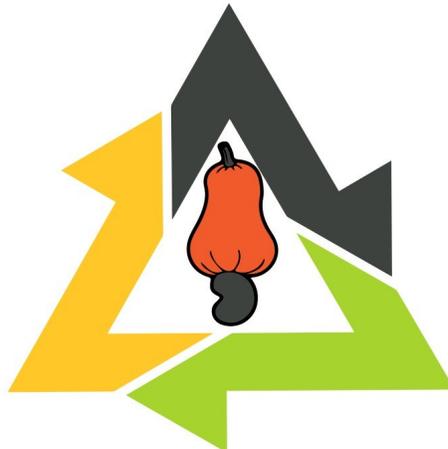




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Meet The Team



Roslyn has been the President of the Cashew Gardens Community Council since 2006. During this time she has spearheaded all community activities and has taken the Council all the way to the United Nations Headquarters in New York to participate in the Commission for the Status of Women for two consecutive years. She is very passionate about the state of the environment, the welfare of the women and girls, and advocates for every citizen to be more responsible when disposing of their waste.



Yashoda is an environmental activist and social entrepreneur who was inspired to join the Council in 2015. She is one of the founding members of the Community Recycling Programme and believes that to affect change in the world, it must be at the community level.



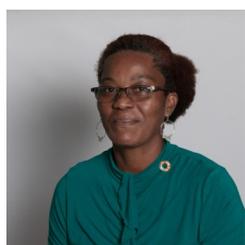
Isha is a vibrant and long standing member of the Cashew Gardens Community Council. She imbues a community spirit and actively seeks to expand our project to all who share a love of our environmental efforts.



Bernadine is the Executive Assistant of the Cashew Gardens Community Council. She is passionate about working towards a cleaner and safer environment. She believes that we must Do It For the Next Generation!



Project Driver

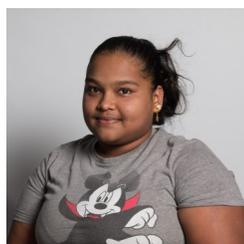
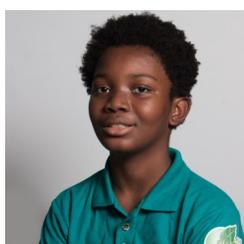


Daphne is our Education Officer and is continuous in her efforts to impart the importance of the UNDPs Sustainable Development Goals. She is a diligent community activist and an energetic nature seeker.



Project Loader

Water Testers



Community Council



Cashew Gardens is located in Central Trinidad, close to the Caparo Watershed. The Community has an active Community Council of sixteen executive members and has been in existence since 2001. The group initially came together to lobby for improved conditions in the community but has since found several projects which it became passionate about and has now implemented.



Climate Smart Garden



Our first major project was done to assist with the economic situation facing some of the women in the community. To do this we established the Cashew Gardens Community Garden. Twenty one women were trained by the Ministry of Agriculture in short crop cultivation and the community garden was set up. The income generated from this garden paid the women and assisted in funding other community initiatives such as, the construction of the Homework and Activity Centre. In 2018 the grow boxes started its conversion to a Climate Smart Garden, we are presently reaping the rewards of a long journey.

Homework & Activity Center

The Cashew Gardens Homework and Activity Center serves as a safe space for our children, a training facility for the adults and a meeting place for the community. In 2012 construction of the Centre began using surplus funds from the community garden. The skilled men and women from the community volunteered their time and special ability to construct the Centre at no cost. Attached to our Homework Center is our Children's Play Park



Water Testing

In 2015, the Children of Cashew Gardens were trained by the Adopt A River Program to test the quality of the water in the Caparo River. While conducting this activity it was discovered that several plastic bottles were polluting the waterways and therefore we partnered with the Adopt a River program to engage in a River clean-up activity. The volume of plastic bottles removed from the Caparo River led us to start the Cashew Gardens Community Recycling Programme.



Recycling Programme

The Cashew Gardens Community Recycling Programme was started in 2016. It is our belief that if we educated our neighbors on proper waste disposal practices it may reduce the amount of pollution in the Caparo River. The majority of these solid waste includes plastic bottles and other household items. The Council partnered with several stakeholders to get started: the Adopt a River Program, the EMA/iCare Program, Carib Glassworks Limited, SWMCOL, and Recycling Waste and Logistics Ltd. We continue to encourage our citizenry through community meetings and social media ads to be more responsible with their waste disposal practices thereby protecting our nation's rivers, seas and landfills. This programme is currently funded by the Green Fund Execution Unit.



Composting

The purpose of this project is to reduce the amount of organic waste that is being deposited into our already maxed-out landfills and to do our part to contribute to the reduction of green house gases. Additionally, with the finished compost product, we are able to create a material that can be sold to generate income to further sustain other community projects.



Events



Partners

Cashew Gardens has been successful due to a forward driven leader and committed Council members, but not forgetting our long standing partners who have been supportive over the years. We would like to highlight a few PARTNERS in each issue.



The Green Fund is the national environmental fund of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. It is a grant facility that is available to eligible organizations who wish to engage in environmental activities and/or projects that are related to the key focal areas.



The Global Environment Facility was established on the eve of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit to help tackle our planet's most pressing environmental problems.

Digicel Foundation

The Digicel Trinidad and Tobago Foundation is a non-profit organization that utilizes funds on a charitable basis for the building of strong bonds



Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that has helped people in our community build or improve the place they call home.





What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

“The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by all United Nations Member State in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The 17 SDGs are integrated-that is, they recognize the action in one area will affect out-comes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability.

Achieving the SDGs require the partnership of governments, private sector, civil society and citizens alike to make sure we leave a better planet for future generations.”

Trinidad and Tobago is one of the country that is signatory to the Sustainable Development Goals. In support of the country’s effort to achieving the SDG’s, the Cashew Gardens Community has embarked on several projects that focuses on six of these goals:

1 NO POVERTY



Community Garden

End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

2 ZERO HUNGER



Community Garden

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Play Park

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Home Work Center

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



Water Quality Testing

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

13 CLIMATE ACTION



Climate Smart Garden & Compost Project

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

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