

LEGISLATURE IN FOCUS!



THE *People's* HOUSE

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THE HOUSE ON JERNINGHAM STREET THAT ECHOES DIFFERENT VOICES

Participatory governance at Assembly Legislature is vital as it permits citizens to have a voice in decision-making procedures that directly impact their lives. Engaging actively in the governance process allows inhabitants to provide their viewpoints, ideas, and feedback, leading to a more all-encompassing representation of policies and programmes. This collaborative approach fosters transparency, accountability and trust between the Assembly Legislature and its people, ultimately resulting in a more responsive and effective legislature that meets the needs and priorities of Tobagonians. Hence the birth of The People's House.

AN ALL-INCLUSIVE HOUSE, JUST FOR YOU!

The Presiding Officer, Ms. Abby Taylor, conceptualised The People's House (TPH) to aid in bridging the gap between policymakers and the citizenry of Tobago, by fostering a reciprocated understanding and respect for dissimilar age groups. In her view, it is imperative for our citizens to be involved in the legislative process and further advocates that governance should be all-inclusive.

PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE... BIG WORDS...SIMPLE MEANING

Under the Education and Outreach programmes at the Assembly Legislature, TPH is a special subset where YOU, the people of Tobago, can e-petition the House via our website on issues and topics that are important you, that can be possibly debated in the Chamber. Moreover, it is a hands-on embodiment of participatory governance that nurtures a democratic spirit among our populace by appreciating and assimilating the diverse voices of Tobagonians in the policy-making process.

YOU TALK, WE'RE LISTENING

Engaging and Educating at all levels is the primary mandate of the TPH and by extension, our Education and Outreach programmes. Essentially, it seeks to strengthen and cultivate open dialogue by ensuring that all voices in society are respected and heard.

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!

The People's House initiatives all depend on YOU! Recently, there were our annual International Women's Day Debate held on March 08th, the first-ever Primary Plenary Debate nationally, featuring 18 primary schools on the island on June 06, 2024, where they were the first educational institutions to debate under TPH and the yearly Tobago Day Debate in December, which encompasses all nine secondary schools. In the past, we have also hosted Senior Citizens Debates.

A KALEIDOSCOPE OF VOICES AT THE HOUSE

Assembly Legislature is cognizant about the significance of a kaleidoscope of voices actively engaging in the governance process. It not only empowers you but it also arms one with a robust intellect of civic responsibility.

What should be debated next under The People's House?

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