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National Energy Promotes Climate Awareness through the Arts

On Friday 22nd July 2022, National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (National Energy) hosted its *REnewable Minds Poetry/Spoken Word Creative Showcase* at the Southern Academy for Performing Arts (SAPA). This event provided a platform for 10 primary school students to perform their original poems and Spoken Word pieces about Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency.

During April to June 2022, National Energy collaborated with its parent company, National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC), and sister companies: Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited (PPGPL) and La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited (LABIDCO), to sponsor the *REnewable Minds Poetry/Spoken Word* competition on www.pennacool.com. The Competition invited primary school students to learn about Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency and compose an original Poetry/Spoken Word piece. 120 students from 50 schools participated in the Competition.

On Friday, the top 10 finalists from the Competition performed their pieces in front of a live audience during the Creative Showcase.

In her feature address, Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, Minister of Education, emphasised the importance of integrating Arts with Science in raising awareness about climate change. The Minister also indicated that *“appropriate educational content on climate change should be promoted at all levels of the education system. To this end, we are very happy to work with the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries and National Energy to include Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the primary school curriculum.”*

Also speaking at the event was Dr. Vernon Paltoo, National Energy’s President, who highlighted that the *“Competition, not only sought to educate our primary school students about climate change, renewable energy, greenhouse gas reduction and energy efficiency, but also exposed them to the solutions geared towards attaining a bright and sustainable future for themselves.”*

Dr. Gadsby-Dolly’s speech, along with video of the Creative Showcase can be viewed via: [REnewable Minds Poetry/Spoken Word Creative Showcase](#)

Winners of the REnewable Minds Poetry/Spoken Word Competition

- Miracle Carr of Rousillac Presbyterian Primary School – 1st place
- Zaine Roopchand of Robert Village Hindu Primary School – 2nd place
- Yara Ahamad, Home School – 3rd place



Caption: Miracle Carr, Winner of National Energy’s REnewable Minds Poetry/Spoken Word Competition, performs her original piece on Renewable Energy



Caption: Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly presents winner Miracle Carr with her winning ticket



Caption: Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby- Dolly presents Zaine Roopchand of Robert Village Hindu Primary School with his 2nd prize winning ticket



Caption: Yara Ahamad walks to collect her 3rd place prize ticket from Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, Minister of Education

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