

# Opportunists using service organisations to get ahead

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Not just when they ask for help, but it should be sent every month or yearly," she suggested.

She said this simple act would make it easier for organisations providing services to do so more

readily.

Alleyne also shed light on those self-interested persons who come into service organisations.

"Persons come for what they want – they want to get a particular job but the only way they can get that job is if they are a

part of an organisation; or if they want to go overseas and they want a scholarship they have to be a part of an organisation – they come then they leave and never come back. Some take all the information and start their own organisation that is then

competing with you," she remarked.

She said makes it difficult for organisations that have been laying the groundwork, who then have to compete for the funding from the same pool of donors with these new organisations representing the same

cause.

At the level of schools, she said students should be encouraged to engage in volunteerism by joining one of the many service clubs, be it Key Club, Junior Achievement, Boy Scouts or Girl Guides.

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EU Ambassador Mikael Barfod with participants of the None in Three workshop. At left is Barbadian High Court Judge, Madame Justice Jacqueline Cornelius, who chaired the sessions.

## EU Ambassador weighs in on domestic violence in the region

**HEAD of the European Union Delegation Ambassador Mikael Barfod says domestic violence is a complex problem that needs to be understood in its entire social context.**

His comments came as he addressed the European Union-funded None in Three domestic violence prevention project, which was convened to disseminate information on the preliminary research findings.

"Violence against women is a crime with an impact far beyond the immediate moment of violence. Violence against women impacts us all, even those of us who have never personally experienced it. It im-

pacts the families of these victims, it impacts our society, and it impacts our everyday lives. We all pay for these consequences.

"Domestic violence is not something that can be neatly compartmentalised into what happens in the private sphere. Domestic violence can affect a victim's participation in the workforce, including their ability to find work and to attend or stay at work, as well as their performance and productivity while at work," Ambassador Barfod said.

The EU diplomat, who is winding up his tenure in the region, said there is the mistaken view that domestic violence is

only a working-class problem, as he noted it permeated all facets of society, irrespective of education, environment and class.

Ambassador Barfod said while regional societies must tackle violent behaviour between adults, efforts must also be made to change the attitudes and values that children learn when they witness this behaviour, so that the cycle of violence can be arrested.

"We know that when you are in a broken family and your role model is a violent male, boys grow up believing that this is the way they are supposed to act. And girls think that it is acceptable for men to treat them

this way. We hope that these debates will be picked up by civil society organisations and religious leaders, since there is the view that the church could play a major role in preventing domestic violence.

"Often boys are not raised to be men, but are raised not to be women. Boys are taught that girls and women are 'less than'. It is important for men to stand up to not only stop men's violence against women, but to teach young men a broader definition of masculinity that includes being empathetic, loving and non-violent," Ambassador Barfod told the gathering.

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Mikael Barfod addresses participants.