

# PRESS RELEASE

The Technical and Vocational Industry in St. Vincent and the Grenadines will be getting another boost with the training of Cohort 4 under the Youth and Adult Training for Employment (YATE) Programme.

On Thursday 3rd June, 2021, the new trainees will go through an orientation session which follows an opening ceremony at the Kingstown Baptist Church starting at 9.00 a.m.

Due to the volcanic eruptions, training will only be held at the Campden Park and Kingstown Technical Institutes (T.I.s), rather than the usual four T.I.s, as well as approved private institutions.

After the orientation, the trainees will go through one week of life skills coaching that will take place between 7th and 14th June.

Technical Training at the T.I.s commences on Monday 21st June and the private training providers on Monday 28th June, 2021.

YATE's objective is to train unemployed and the vulnerable population between the ages of 17 and 45 in various vocational areas for the Caribbean Certificate Qualification (CVQS). Since its inception YATE has trained over four hundreds persons and certified over two hundred youths and adults in areas such as electrical installation, welding, amenity horticulture, garment construction, commercial food preparation as well as cosmetology.

YATE is facilitated under the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation.