



“I came to the Coady to be a better leader by improving on my skills and knowledge to assist me when working in the communities in developing new strategies and thus improving lives. Also to make myself more marketable in the working world with the skills I have earned, and take control of my destiny.”

Cathie Roberts

District Development Assistant

Local Government Department and Community Development, Dominica

I work with communities to ensure that they are trained in the cultural dances so that they can participate in the various cultural activities especially during independence season as a means of preserving the cultural Art Form. I supervise Local Authorities (Village/City Council's) by examination of their financial records and providing training in areas where necessary. I am involved in working with communities in doing project proposals for funding and thus new projects are introduced in the communities. I also work at preparing and training communities in the event of a disaster, identification of disaster shelters and shelter wardens, and conducting damage needs assessments.

My organization impacts the communities by ensuring the effective and efficient administration of the Local Government System in Dominica and works with Local Authorities and Community based organizations in improving the living conditions of communities. We ensure that the Local Government system adhere to the principles of good governance. We reach communities at the lowest level, to improve lives, reduce poverty, and promote volunteerism and good governance to communities.

Communities are afforded the opportunity to identify their needs, prioritize those needs, and seek assistance to solve their problems. Persons are empowered to help themselves, ensuring that the country and communities are in a state of readiness in the event of a disaster.

COADY

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY