



I came to Coady to increase my knowledge and learn from the experience of others in the field of leadership and community development so that I can better engage communities to be more self-reliant and become masters of their own development.

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Promoting good governance that reflects the desires and wishes of local communities. Mobilizing communities to organize, define and work towards common objectives as a powerful tool in protecting biodiversity in the long run and enabling sustainable development. In this regard Ya'axche is promoting cacao-based agroforestry, improved corn production for food security, and carrying out basic training in community leadership and providing educational opportunities for underprivileged children.

Ya'axché is a Belizean organisation which aims to maintain healthy forests, rivers and reefs for the benefit of all. Through protected area management, advocacy, and working hand in hand with communities, Ya'axché strives to develop capacity for the wise use of land and natural resources in and around the Maya Golden Landscape in Toledo, Belize. Its vision is to create harmony between nature and human development for the benefit of both. Ya'axché strongly believes that natural resources can be most effectively protected whilst fostering economic development and poverty alleviation through the inclusion of local communities.

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