



THE NEXTGEN DEAL

A Condensed, Youth-Focused Version

Young people are not the future; you are the Now Generation. This agenda puts you at the centre of Tobago's development.

Real Jobs. Real Money. Real Opportunity.

A Job for Every Young Tobagonian Who Wants One

- 7,000 new jobs across tourism, agriculture, creative industries, sports, construction, blue-green economy.
- Youth targeted in all hiring for new projects and THA initiatives.
- Wage-support incentives for companies that hire and train young people.

Paid Apprenticeships & Internships

- Tobago Internship Program (TIP) for all sectors; government, tourism, business, culture, marine, ICT.
- Paid apprenticeships in trades, renewable energy, agriculture, construction, hospitality, creative arts.

Youth Enterprise

- Youth-specific grants and business support up to \$100,000.
- Youth Innovation Labs where young creatives, coders, designers and entrepreneurs get workspace, mentorship and funding.
- Startup loan guarantees up to \$1M.

Education That Fits Your Future; Not The Past

University of Tobago

- A home-grown university built for Tobago's future, creating pathways in:
- Performing Arts
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Marine Science
- Food Production
- Digital and Creative Industries
- Trades and Technical Skills

Skills Training That Leads to Paychecks

- Youth Trade Centers with "learn-and-earn" training.
- Certification in renewable energy, ICT, agri-tech, aquaculture, blue economy, film, digital media, culinary arts.
- Digital literacy and coding labs across communities.

Scholarship Enhancements

- DATAS scholarships focused on modern industries.
- Incentives to bring skilled young Tobagonians back home.



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Youth Housing & Financial Freedom

Right Start Housing, for ages 21–35:

- Affordable homes and apartments with 100% financing backed by THA.
- Priority access near transport, jobs, and community hubs.

Land & Housing Support

- Up to 50% land subsidy for first-time young buyers.
- Build On Your Land program with major subsidies.

Youth In Culture, Creativity & The Orange Economy

Creative Grants & Big Opportunities

- Up to \$50,000 for music, film, fashion, digital content, photography, art and cultural products.
- Tobago Chamber Orchestra and Performing Arts Academy training youth island-wide.
- Tobago Film and Content Fund; training in editing, animation, directing, cinematography.

Festival Economy = Youth Economy

- 52-week festivals calendar → year-round gigs for DJs, hosts, dancers, videographers, vendors, bartenders, performers, designers.

Tourism Jobs for Youth

Youth Tourism Innovation Fund.

Apprenticeships in hotels, tour operations, cruise services.

Priority access to vendor booths, entertainment spaces and creative zones.

Sports. Fitness. Talent. Performance.

Elite Sports Pathways

- Completed Bacolet Indoor Sports Facility.

- International cricket stadium.
- Motorsport facility for safe racing and youth engagement.
- Certified coaches in all schools.

Youth Leagues Everywhere

- Football
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Track and Field
- Cricket
- Netball
- Community all fours league; Structured, and funded.

Athlete Support

- Upgraded Lalonde Gordon Fund so athletes get real, timely, professional support.

Community, Empowerment & Youth Wellness

Youth-Centered Community Spaces

- Four Regional Activity Centers with:
- Daily programs
- Free Wi-Fi
- Gaming and digital zones
- Music and creative studios
- Mentorship hubs
- Sports access

Community Guardians Program

Paid youth roles in:

- Village safety
- Elderly support
- Event support
- Tourism assistance
- Environmental stewardship

Mental Health & Wellness

- Free counselling services island-wide.
- Mobile wellness clinics.
- Support for stress, depression, anxiety and family challenges.



Green & Blue Economy Opportunities for Youth

Jobs on Land & Sea

- Renewable energy tech training.
- Aquaculture and sea farming programs.
- Marine tourism jobs (diving, boat operations, guides).
- Coastal restoration and eco-tourism roles.

Youth Preserving Our Environment

Paid youth employment in:

- Beautification
- Tree planting
- Recycling
- Solar installations
- Sargassum harvesting and processing

Youth Voice. Youth Seat at the Table.

Youth in Governance

- Youth Advisory Council to the Chief Secretary.
- Mandatory youth consultations for major THA policies.
- Youth representation on key tourism, sport, culture and environment boards.

This is a Tobago where young people WIN; not by luck, not by favor, but by design.