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**TRAINING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS IN JAMAICA  
York College to Play Major Role in Federally-Funded Project**

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A training program in community development for community leaders of Jamaica, Queens, was initiated today (Thursday, May 27) when a contract for the program was signed at the York College Center for Urban and Community Affairs, 159-07 Archer Avenue, Jamaica.

The program, under the auspices of York College of the City University of New York, is funded by a \$42,500 grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development through the City's Housing and Development Administration. In addition to the \$42,500 grant, the program will involve contributions by York College, including services, supplies and facilities, estimated at \$25,375.

The Jamaica Steering Committee, composed of more than 80 indigenous organizations pledged to the physical, social and economic development of the Jamaica community, brought the program to the attention of Dr. David Newton, acting president of York College.

Representatives of the City's Housing and Development Administration, the Mayor's office, the Jamaica Steering Committee, the Board of Higher Education and York College were scheduled to attend the signing.

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## Training Program in Jamaica

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The following courses will be offered, beginning in September, by members of the York faculty at the center:

1. Physical planning, including land use in Jamaica
2. Social planning, including kinds of planning process and dilemmas of the planner
3. Community organization--strategies and skills
4. Collection of information with guest appearances by directors of research of city agencies
5. Government and politics of New York City
6. Housing policy and program and an analysis of community surveys with the focus on housing development in the inner city

About 200 persons will be trained during three 12-week cycles of 50 instruction hours with the same courses being offered in each cycle.

The courses will be designed to provide training for Urban Renewal staff, the Mayor's Jamaica Planning Office, staff members of the Jamaica Steering Committee and local housing councils.

President Newton and Dr. Canute Bernard, chairman of the Jamaica Steering Committee, hailed the program as a significant step in the growing cooperation between York College and the Jamaica community. Signing the contract for York, Dr. Newton said:

"This program, combining the financial resources of government with the energies and talents of members of the community and our own faculty, represents a decisive step forward in the plan for developing a new and greater Jamaica area. The Jamaica Steering Committee has a right to be proud of its initiative and effort in securing this contract. York College is privileged to serve the Jamaica community by providing the educational resources and personnel."

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