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NOT FOR PROFIT MANAGEMENT COURSES GENERATE YOUTH INTEREST

The Graduate Diploma Programme in Not for Profit Management [GDipNFP] attracted the attention of the participants of the recent Provincial Youth Forum of the Fiji Islands (PYFFI).

This was confirmed by Mr. Rupeni Silimaibau, the Fiji Provincial Youth Forum Project Officer at the Ministry of Youth and Sport.

According to Mr. Silimaibau, the GDipNFP programme briefed to them by the Executive Director of the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO), Ms Cema Bolabola, created much discussion by the participants.

“The response was very positive and the support was over whelming especially through these kinds of opportunities to further their knowledge and education.” he told PIANGO Link.

The GDipNFP also referred to as the GDP programme is currently offered by PIANGO in collaboration with UNITEC Institute of Technology in New Zealand.

The programme is designed for managers and coordinators of Not-For-Profit (NFP) organisations, team leaders, volunteers and board members.

In her presentation to the youth, Ms Bolabola emphasised the importance of strong and credible youth groups.

“For our voices to be heard by the decision makers and those in powers, we need to be organised as a sector. We also need to be credible and strong. For a strong youth sector Fiji youth groups can learn from other NGO alliances including PIANGO.” she said.

She added the GDP programme offers the best solution for emerging youth leaders and groups.

The programme supports groups and organisations in achieving effective management and leadership that directly addresses the complexity of working in a NFP organisation, and highlights the differences between managing in the NGO sector and a business or Government department.

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