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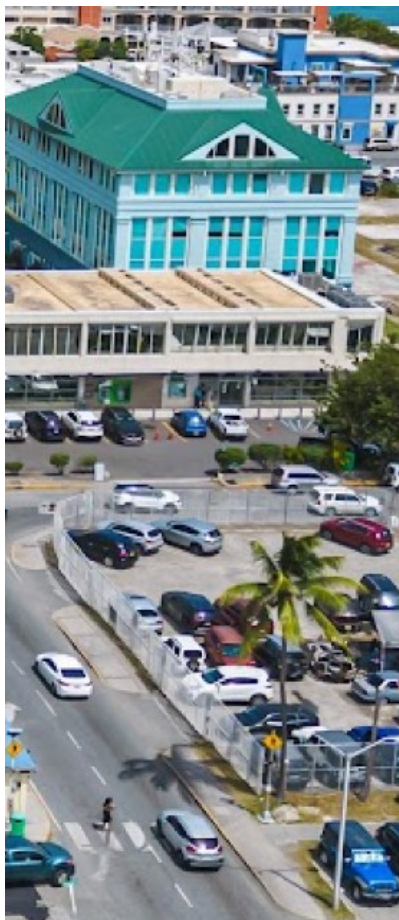
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Department of Trade Launches Programme to Empower Local Businesses

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IN THE INFORMATION SESSIONS

LET US BUILD THE BVI ECONOMY TOGETHER, BUSINESS BY BUSINESS

Schedule is as follows:

TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.

5th District | Huntum's Ghut Basketball Court

TUESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.

9th District Virgin Gorda | Virgin Gorda Administrative Complex

THURSDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.

2nd District | Cane Garden Bay Community Centre

TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.

1st District | West End Community Centre

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.

Jost Van Dyke | Jost Van Dyke Primary School

TUESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.

7th and 8th District | Willard Wheatley Primary School, East End

THURSDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.

3rd District | Sea Cow's Bay Community Centre



The Department of Trade, Investment Promotion and Consumer Affairs has officially launched its 'Igniting BVI's Economic Future' Outreach Programme with its first community engagement in the Fifth District.

The community meeting provided a comprehensive overview of the department's strategic initiatives and ongoing projects designed to foster economic development and empower local businesses. Topics discussed included:

- The Trade Licensing process
- Strategic collaborations with educational institutions
- Planned school outreach initiatives promoting entrepreneurship
- The Innovation Business Lab
- The Entrepreneurial Zone
- The MSME Grant Programme

Attendees engaged directly with the department's representatives, and gained valuable insights into its development agenda. They also discovered opportunities for personal and professional growth. The session provided a platform for feedback from the public and reinforced the department's commitment to transparency, inclusion, and community-led development.

Deputy Director Bobb said the Outreach Programme is a key component of the department's efforts to increase public awareness, foster stronger community relationships, and ensure that the business community is well-informed and actively involved in shaping the Territory's economic future.

The 'Igniting BVI's Economic Future' Outreach Programme will continue across the Territory in the coming weeks, with upcoming sessions scheduled as follows:

- August 19: Virgin Gorda
- August 21: Second District

- August 26: First District
- August 27: Jost Van Dyke
- September 2: Seventh and Eighth District
- September 4: Third District
- September 9: Sixth District
- September 10: Fourth District

The inaugural session was facilitated by Deputy Director of Trade, Dr. Lincoln Bobb, Business Development Manager, Mr. Leroy James and Honourable Kye M. Rymer, Minister for Communications and Works and Representative for the Fifth District.

All residents, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders are encouraged to attend and participate in this ongoing dialogue to help shape a prosperous future for the Virgin Islands.

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