

## Instructional Materials Development (IMD) Workshop

### Introduction

The Instructional Materials Development workshop was held on August 21-24, 2006 at Starfish Hotel, Trelawny, Jamaica. This workshop aimed to develop multimedia-rich computer-based resources for all project schools. Materials developed were based on the Revised Primary Curriculum and addressed learning needs in the area of literacy and numeracy.

### Presenters

The presenters at the workshop were members of the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project team and Media Services Unit, Ministry of Education and Youth (MOEY).

Mrs. Jean Beaumont	Chief of Party/Director, Expanding Educational Horizons
Dr. Brian Reilly	International Consultant – Educational Technology
Dr. Melody Williams	Educational Technology Specialist
Ms. Andrea Pinnock	Educational Technology Specialist
Ms. Simone Bullock	School Management Specialist
Mrs. Paulette Roberts	Literacy Specialist
Mrs. Maureen Byfield	Literacy Specialist
Mr. Derrick Hall	Numeracy Specialist
Mr. David Morgan	Numeracy Specialist
Dr. Carol Granston	Education Officer, ICT, Media Services Unit, MOEY
Mr. Don Clayton	IT Action Research Officer, MOEY

### Participants

Participants were drawn from the twenty Professional Development Centres and selected cluster schools. Criteria for selection included access to laptops and competence in Microsoft applications (Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Word). The twenty-five participants worked with their colleagues and the project specialists to develop twelve instructional materials including tutorials, web quests, digital stories, quizzes, and electronic storybooks. A group of teachers created, for example, resources (draft versions) such as an [electronic storybook](#) entitled "Sam and Pam" and a [tutorial](#) "How do I Keep My Body Healthy" to help Grades 1 and 2 students improve their letter knowledge and word recognition skills. The materials are currently being reviewed by teachers and specialists.