

Press Release draft: Environmental Interests Discussed at UCCI

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Caption: Students attending presentation on environmental interested facilitated by Dr. Rodrigues

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The University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) has an open forum every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in which Guest Speakers address attendees regarding a variety of environmental interests. UCCI's Cascade accommodates eighty attendees and all individuals from the community are welcome to attend at no cost. Presentations are followed by a discussion about related environmental topics.

Says UCCI's Associate Professor, Lilian Hayball "The UCCI Guest Speaker programme has been running for some time at UCCI, and our students benefit from the knowledge of experts here in Cayman. With more space available we are able to invite more to share this learning, energizing experience."

The month of March will see four presentations on a variety of environmental topics. Dr. Rodrigues, Assistant Director at the Department of Environmental Health will be presenting "Energy – the Science, Economics and Politics" on Thursday March 6.

On March 13, attendees will learn how they make a difference for the environment through Mr. Jim Knapp's presentation, "I CAN build Cayman's first-ever carbon neutral home and lead by example". Attendees will learn how Mr. Knapp built his own carbon-neutral home here in Cayman, thereby saving on energy bills as well as helping the environment in the process.

Facilitated by Mr. David Watler of the Cayman Utilities Company, "How companies can protect the environment and improve efficiency" will offer all members of organizations insight into how they can not only reduce costs associated with power bills but also make their contribution as good corporate citizens towards preserving Cayman's environment. Attendees on 27 March will explore the ocean depths via a presentation from Gary Montemayor of DEEPSEECAYMAN.COM called "Deep See Cayman". The presentation will consist of a video taken by the Remotely Operated Vehicle, or ROV, taken at a depth of 2000 feet off Cayman's coral wall. Mr. Montemayor will update attendees knowledge about careers in environmental and technical videography and discuss marine exploration for new species, minerals and resources..

"Plans are being made for future presentations and we encourage feedback from the community on what environmental topics they would like to see discussed in these sessions," says UCCI's Business Development Manager, Kathleen Celoria. "We encourage volunteers who would like to make presentations to contact our team for details and hope to continue receiving a positive response from the community."

For more information or to volunteer a presentation on a topical environmental issue, please contact Lilian Hayball (lhayball@ucci.edu.ky) or Lennon Bhagwandin (lbhagwandin@ucci.edu.ky) or telephone 949-9580 to learn more.

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