GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

PRESS RELEASE

Tel: (284)468-2730
Official Government Website:
https://gov.vg

Safe Haven Promotes Rehabilitation Through Cultural Engagement

Release Date: 3 November, 2026



The Safe Haven Transitional Centre is using Cultural Month activities to promote personal development, strengthen life skills and support the rehabilitation and reintegration of its residents into society.

Throughout November, residents will participate in a series of traditional activities designed to celebrate Virgin Islands heritage while encouraging creativity, independence, social interaction and a sense of belonging.

Interim Director of the Safe Haven Transitional Centre, Ms. Tiffany P. George, said the initiative reflects the Centre's commitment to providing residents with opportunities for meaningful engagement and personal growth.

“Safe Haven is more than a place of accommodation. It is an environment where we are intentionally fostering personal growth, independence, empowerment, responsibility, social interaction, and a sense of belonging,” Ms. George stated.

The Cultural Month programme will feature *A Taste of Tradition*, a tart-making session facilitated by Mrs. Olive Vanterpool and Ms. Jamila Vanterpool on 10 November, followed by BVI storytelling with Ms. Janice Stoutt on 13 November.

Residents will also participate in *Ribbons of Our Heritage*, a traditional plait pole activity led by Mr. Allen Hodge on 19 November and *Weaving Our Roots*, a basket-weaving session facilitated by Mr. Cedric Turnbull on 25 November.

Ms. George explained that the activities form part of the Centre's holistic and therapeutic approach to rehabilitation, providing opportunities for residents to develop practical skills, build self-confidence and strengthen their connections to the community.

She noted that the Centre's work extends beyond organised activities to include case management, life skills development, therapeutic support and community outreach, all aimed at preparing residents for greater independence.

“Rehabilitation is not simply about addressing past challenges. It is also about creating opportunities for individuals to rediscover their abilities, rebuild their confidence, develop a sense of purpose, and move forward with dignity,” Ms. George said.

The Interim Director also acknowledged the dedication of staff who provide daily guidance and support to residents throughout their rehabilitation journey.

The Centre hopes that greater public awareness of its programmes will encourage community involvement, partnerships, volunteerism and continued support for initiatives that promote rehabilitation and successful reintegration.

The Safe Haven Transitional Centre remains committed to providing a supportive environment where residents can develop the skills, confidence and independence needed to move forward positively in their lives.

For Additional Information Contact:

Natasha Lettsome-Humphrey
Public Health Communications Specialist
Ministry of Health and Social Development
Telephone: 468-2286

Email: nlettsome@gov.vg

Gallery

