The entire body of organised educational processes, whether formal or otherwise, whereby persons regarded as adults develop their abilities, enrich their knowledge, improve their technical or professional qualification ... and bring about changes in their attitudes or behaviour ... for full personal development and participation in ... social economic and cultural development ... Adult Education ... is not an education entity, it is an integral part of a global scheme for life-long education and learning.

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ADULT EDUCATION DIVISION

Ministry of Social Services, Community Development and Gender Affairs

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STAFFING
At present, the Division is staffed by:

- One (1) Adult Education Officer
- One (1) Field Supervisor
- Seven (7) Zone Officers
- One (1) Secretary/Typist
- One (1) Office Attendant

Much of the task of the Division is achieved through the efforts of many volunteers who serve as committee members and facilitators.

Zones and their Officers

North - Capuchin to Portsmouth to Paix Bouche - Miss Melanie Francois

North East - Vielle Case to Concord - Mrs Carol White

East - Castle Bruce to Atkinson and Tranto to Petite Soufriere—Miss Adasa Lockhart

South East - Delices to Grand Fond & Petite Savanne—Ms Sherline Prescott

South - Scotts Head to Loubiere Bellevue Chopin to Tete Morne, Geneva to Bagatelle - Ms Crandall Regy

South West - Fond Colé to Newtown, The Valley, Giraudel & Eggleston - Miss Albertha Wiltshire

West - Dublanc to Canefield including Belles, Warner & Campbell—Mr Jude Williams

Field Supervisor - Mrs. Francisca Joseph

Adult Education Officer - Mrs. Martha R. André
“One is never too old to learn” is a common expression. It is in recognition of this, that throughout the world much emphasis is placed on Adult Education. Adults, like children and youths have learning needs and educational opportunities should be designed to meet these needs. Some of these needs may be literacy, oral expression, numeracy and problem solving. As well as the need for knowledge, skills and attitudes required to function effectively in an ever changing society.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica has recognised this, and over the years has placed much emphasis on Adult Education with special emphasis on Adult Literacy.

Prior to 1990, the Adult Education Unit was part of the Ministry of Education, however, due to the community-based nature of the programme, it was later shifted to the Ministry of Community Development and Gender Affairs.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To develop national human resources through community, non-formal education, enabling each adult citizen, group and community to progress and participate meaningfully in the spiritual, social, economic, cultural and political development of the country.

**AIMS**

The Adult Education Division has as its broad objectives:

1. To motivate and stimulate participation of all levels of persons in the community to work towards an intensified Adult Education Programme to include basic literacy and continuing into life long education.

2. To provide the necessary expertise relevant to nation building to help people become self-reliant and independent thus improving their standard of living.

**PROGRAMMES**

- Community organisation/mobilisation
- Literacy
- Skills training
- Continuing Education Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) and Caribbean Certificate of Secondary Level Competence (CCSLC)
- Community education
- Development of learning centres
- Parenting programmes
- Facilitators training
- Summer Programmes (skills)
- Public discussions / forums
- Production of reinforcement material in adult literacy
- Field trips
- Exchanges