



Ria L. C-Toney

To define Ms. Ria L. C-Toney is quite challenging. She has been called an educator, activist, writer, athlete, life coach, model, actress, dancer, philosopher; and this does not include her academic or professional accolades. Ms. C-Toney's undergraduate degree is in Law and she holds a

Master's of Science in International Relations. She has worked at organizations such as The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce in its International Trade Negotiation Unit, The Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries and the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago. At these organizations she focused mainly on International Trade Negotiations, International Trade Policy and Judicial Sector Reform. Her

volunteer work includes the Lifeline Suicide Hotline, Trinidad and Tobago

Chapter of Disabled People International and the homes of any friend that requires an extra hand.....she often boasts of being an excellent “holder of things”.

A strong believer in one of her personal philosophies “movement makes me happy”, Ms. C-Toney practices the Marital Arts of Taekwondo, Capoeira and Mixed Martial Arts. Her love of her culture has seen her dancing and singing (despite being a bit tone deaf) as part of Carnival presentations and practising the art of stick-fighting. Ms. C-Toney was

diagnosed as having a learning disability while reading for her Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations and this has added to her motivation to complete her current academic pursuit of Master of Philosophy/ Doctorate in International Relations. Ms. Ria L. C-Toney considers herself to be a “learner” as this personality trait has carried her into and through many conventional and unconventional arenas, and continues to contribute to her being one of the “weirdest but in a cool way” people you will ever meet.