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Corporate Profile

The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC) was established in August 1975 and plays a key role in the development of Trinidad and Tobago's natural gas-based energy sector.

NGC is an aggregator, transporter, distributor and seller of natural gas supplied in the local energy sector. Its commercial activities are expanding into areas such as offshore oil and gas production; and in diverse, but related, energy businesses such as natural gas liquid (NGL) marketing; compressed natural gas (CNG) promotion; liquefied natural gas production, marketing and shipping; as well as upstream oil and gas development.

NGC's four principal subsidiaries are:

- Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited (PPGPL)
- National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (National Energy)
- NGC CNG Company Limited (NGC CNG)
- Trinidad and Tobago NGL Limited (TTNGL).

The contribution made by NGC and its subsidiary companies to the national economy is substantial. Additionally, through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes, NGC plays a key role in national development. NGC's CSR portfolio is designed to influence a wide variety of fields for the benefit of Trinidad and Tobago. Its support ranges from developing CSR programmes to collaborating and supporting the initiatives of hundreds of non-governmental and community-based organisations through grants and contributions.

In this issue, you will read about how NGC's sponsorships have helped the continued development of arts and culture and sport. This issue will give a snapshot of our support of festivals such as the NGC Bocas Lit Fest and contributions to youth development via the NGC-sponsored Police Youth Clubs (PYCs) and NGC T&T Sweet Tassa Band, as well as NAAAs and the Open Championship Month.

For more information, please visit our website: www.ngc.co.tt, Facebook page: NGC Gasco News and Twitter page: @NGCGascoNewsTT.

Bocas Lit Fest 2018 – Island State of Mind

The 2018 NGC Bocas Lit Fest marked the eighth instalment of the festival and took place from 25th – 29th April 2018. This year's theme, 'Island State of Mind' focused on island writers and island realities.

According to Myles Lewis, Head, Corporate Social Responsibility (Ag.): "The NGC Bocas Lit fest is a partnership of which NGC remains extremely proud to be title sponsor. At NGC, we believe strongly in our contribution to national development and the preservation of national identity, and through our partnership with the NGC Bocas Lit Fest, this is being realised."



Left to right:
Mr. Mark Loquan, President NGC; winner of the 2018 OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature, Jennifer Rahim; and Gregory Camejo, Group Executive, Corporate Services, One Caribbean Media Limited

Festival Highlights:

- Children's Festival - which visited 15 communities and reached more than 300 children
- CineLit – The film festival showcased works from Spanish-speaking America and Anglophone filmmakers based on books
- Panel discussions – one such panel titled 'Island Futures' featured NGC's President, Mark Loquan, and focused on economic sustainability through diversification and the preservation of our indigenous culture
- OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean

Literature – awarded to Trinidad and Tobago's Jennifer Rahim for a collection of short stories titled *Curfew Chronicles*.

Developments for NGC Bocas Lit Fest for 2018

- The establishment of Peekash Press, a publishing house designed to publish at international standards and to distribute the work of new Caribbean writers, those living at home and unable to access literary opportunities
- The establishment of a Writers' Centre – a creative space for our writers and readers alike to use

- The creation of a reader development programme called 'Reading with the NGC Bocas Lit Fest'. In this programme, a network of book clubs gets writers and their readers to interact.

There are currently five NGC Bocas Lit Fest adult book clubs around Trinidad – Arima; Sangre Grande; Princes Town; Mayaro and Point Fortin – and two in Tobago – Charlotteville and Scarborough.

All are invited to join. To do so, you may contact the NGC Bocas Lit Fest at (868) 222-7099 or email: info@bocaslitfest.com

Children's Festival Venues

- Scarborough Public Library
- Arima Public Library
- Toco Secondary School
- Bridge of Hope, Sangre Grande
- BPTT Mayaro Resource Centre
- Debe Public Library
- Cedros Community Centre
- Couva Public Library
- Carnegie Free Library
- Sangre Chiquito
- Chaguanas Public Library
- Cyril Ross Nursery, Tunapuna
- National Library, POS
- Kids in Need of Direction, Laventille
- New Fire Festival, St. Joseph
- La Brea R.C. School

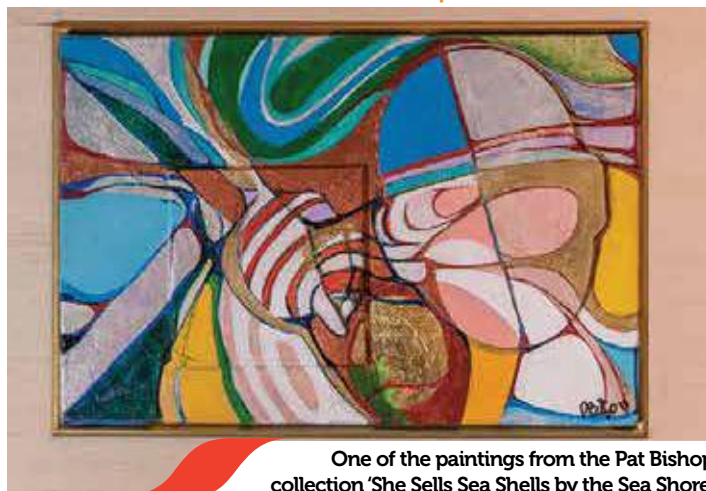
NGC National Heroes Project 2018 – Dr. Patricia 'Pat' Bishop

The NGC National Heroes Project aims to recognise and preserve the legacies of persons who make national contributions that will benefit future generations.

In 2018, the late Dr. Pat Bishop – Trinity Cross-holder, historian, educator, artist, musician – was selected as this year's honouree. She had forged a real and lasting relationship with NGC. Through its Lydians Choir sponsorship (1991-2014), NGC cemented its relationship with Dr. Bishop. NGC, in collaboration with the Pat's Art, Literature, Music (PALM) Foundation, hosted a launch to mark the recognition of Dr. Bishop in May 2018 at Stollmeyer's Castle (Castle Killarney).

The event, which was opened by NGC's President Mark Loquan, featured an exhibition of Pat's final series of paintings, 'She Sells Sea Shells by the Sea Shore' which was open to schoolchildren and other members of the public from June to August 2018.

In 2017, Hasely Crawford, TC, Trinidad and Tobago's first Olympic Gold Medallist, was the first honouree of NGC's National Heroes Project.



One of the paintings from the Pat Bishop collection 'She Sells Sea Shells by the Sea Shore'

Look out for other events in the NGC National Heroes Project 2018 calendar on NGC's Facebook page: NGC Gasco News; NGC Twitter: NGC Gasco News TT and our Website: www.ngc.co.tt



Students at the Level 1 Tassa Programme graduation ceremony (middle row, second from left) Alister Narinesingh, Community Relations Officer, NGC; Ms. Lisa Burkett, Manager, Corporate Communications, NGC; Mr. Lenny Kumar, Founder and Manager of NGC T&T Sweet Tassa; and Ms. Lennita N. Kumar, Assistant Manager, NGC T&T Sweet Tassa.

Tassa Academy Graduation

A year after opening the doors of its academy in 2017, the NGC-sponsored Trinidad and Tobago Sweet Tassa hosted a graduation ceremony for the first 20 students of its year-long programme. Students graduated from the Level 1 Tassa Programme.

Lennita N. Kumar, Assistant Manager of the tassa group, noted the benefits of the academy included: "Developing the minds of the students musically and teaching them the art form and the culture of tassa drumming. We also help teach self-discipline and socialisation skills, as the students work in teams and eventually see the application of how teamwork can produce beautiful music."

As the first institution of its kind in the country, its mission is to tutor persons interested in learning tassa drumming. The programme involves two-hour classes every week. Students are exposed to the musical genres of calypso, nagara, dingolay and chutney, as well as a history of the tassa art form.



Students from the Level 1 Tassa Programme perform at the graduation ceremony

At NGC, we believe that a shared national identity is important for building strong nations, and for that reason, NGC gives attention to cultural and communal activities. NGC is pleased that its sponsorship of the NGC Trinidad and Tobago Sweet Tassa continues to benefit the larger community.

The Academy is located at Mt. Stewart Village, Princes Town. For more information, contact Lennita/Lenny @ Phone: (868) 774-7445, Email: sweettassa4u@gmail.com, Instagram: [@T&T_Sweet_Tassa_International](https://www.instagram.com/T&T_Sweet_Tassa_International) (@sweettassa), Website: www.sweettassa.com

NGC Employee Gets Involved with the Couva PYC

NGC employee Anthon Smith let his five-year-old son, Andre, join the NGC-sponsored Couva Police Youth Club (PYC).

"It was in September 2017 during a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meeting at the Couva Exchange R.C. Primary School, where one of the guest speakers was Corporal Cumberbatch from the Couva Police Station," Anthon stated. "He encouraged parents to enrol their child/children to become members of the NGC-sponsored Couva PYC. Corporal Cumberbatch impressed upon the need to keep the youths out of trouble and off the streets."

Anthon continued: "My son joined the youth club in October 2017. Since then, he has participated in football, karate, family day, Christmas events and celebrations. Some benefits observed thus far are improved socialisation and football skills."

Other benefits for club members according to Anthon, include "children participating in classes that their parents



NGC Employee, Anthon Smith and his family attend the Couva Police Youth Club Walkathon 2018 themed 'Empowering Our Youth'

would not have otherwise been able to afford, children being exposed to events such as the Best Village competition, and the creation of camaraderie between parents, children and police officers. It is worth mentioning that the police officers make the children feel very comfortable and not fear the police." Thanks for sharing Anthon.

NGC sponsors five Police Youth Clubs: Couva; Penal; Mayaro; La Brea and Laventille Road.

Get your kids involved at the one nearest you.



Members from the Mayaro Police Youth Club performs at the PYC launch

Police Youth

As you may know, NGC sponsors five Police Youth Clubs (PYCs) – Laventille Road, Couva, Penal, La Brea and Mayaro.

Some of the activities held by the PYCs from January to July 2018 were:

Laventille Road PYC

- Math, English and martial arts classes, pan lessons and a programme to pay tribute to parents
- Upcoming in August to December, the club will continue math, English, martial art classes and pan lessons. A new item will be to host an anniversary celebration

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NGC and Habitat for Humanity – A Working Team

"I needed a home for myself and teenaged son, but was faced with many challenges. I sought assistance from Habitat to build a home and NGC provided the extra support to make the home a reality."

These were the sentiments of Amar Balgobin, who received assistance from NGC and Habitat for Humanity Trinidad & Tobago (HFHTT) in March 2018.

For several years, NGC has partnered with the international organisation HFHTT, offering both financial and practical support. Over the last three-year period of sponsorship, NGC has assisted with the



A volunteer from the NGC Group



Volunteers from the NGC Group finished with painting the house

construction of five new homes per year for families in need. This effort is often supported by employees, who are eager to donate their time, skill, knowledge and energy to the programme. The partnership with HFHTT is a tangible and visible part of NGC's Corporate Social Responsibility programme.

According to HFHTT, "NGC has been one of our most important corporate partners over the years. NGC's staff members have gone above and beyond their duty, volunteering to build and paint the homes, and purchasing gifts and furnishings for their Home Partner families. NGC truly gives back to the communities in Trinidad and Tobago".

Club Activities

(From previous page)

Couva PYC

- Dance, literacy and drumming classes, karate and netball lessons
- Upcoming in August through December, the club will be continuing the current classes. New items include a personal development programme and summer camp in July & August

Penal PYC

- Dance, literacy and drumming classes, karate, cricket and netball lessons
- Upcoming in August to December, the club will continue the current classes. New items include a personal development programme and summer camp in July & August

La Brea PYC

- Parenting workshop
- Bocas Interactive Blind drawing workshop, field trip to La Vega
- Craft, swimming programme, peer mentorship programme, football camp
- Upcoming – August to December, the PYC will host its Annual Christmas Dinner and Awards

Mayaro PYC

- Choir and basketball programme
- Continue classes until the end of 2018 and include an art and craft class and host a personal development programme



These youngsters display their drumming skills

NGC Assists in Holy Faith Convent Fire Drill

In 2008, NGC created a programme called Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER), which aims to provide emergency training for schools and communities located within a 500 metre radius of NGC's gas pipeline and installations.

In March 2018, Holy Faith Convent Couva (HFCC) submitted a request to NGC for assistance to conduct a fire drill. The exercise was completed by NGC's representatives in April 2018. The purpose of the drill was to assess the response of students and teachers in the event of an actual fire emergency. Our NGC representatives involved in the exercise were Abiola Mc Cree, Kavita Harry, Nicholas Craig and Evan Andrews.

The drill revealed that there were significant areas for improvements for the school.

Some key areas that schools need to be aware of in case of fire are:

- Ensuring that students are familiar with the necessary response protocols
- Ensuring an emergency response map of the school to help visitors know where they are and where they should muster
- Installing muster point signs
- Assigning safety wardens on each floor

NGC also donated two muster point signs for students to easily identify the assigned areas for persons to congregate in the event of an emergency.



A Holy Faith Convent Couva representative receives a muster point sign from NGC's HSE Advisor, Abiola Mc Cree (right).

CSR | BUSINESS

NGC CNG Company Limited CNG...What Consumers Had to Say

NGC CNG is responsible for supplying Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to motorists. Their aims include:

- Making the CNG fuel available to gas stations
- Ensuring that the fuel is available across the country.

It is interesting to note that there are also various grants and incentives offered to the public to make the switch to CNG easier.

After using CNG, here are what some happy consumers had to say:



Brentwood Service Station, Chaguanas

Cameron:
"Switching to CNG has been the best investment I've made. I work all over the country and over the past two years, I've saved more than the \$10,000 that went towards my CNG conversion."

Don:
"I went from spending \$200 a week on gas to spending \$40 since using CNG. The switch has saved me about \$640 a month; plus it is better for the environment."

Tasleem:
"As a taxi driver, I have to fill my tank about twice a day. Before, it cost \$150 per fill and now it only costs me \$20 per fill with CNG. I'm a first-time user of CNG and I love it."

Everton:
"In the north, there are a lot of places to fill CNG. So you can always fill up. You run right down to empty and you sure in about 10 minutes you reach a station."

Consider the switch to CNG. For more information contact:
Phone: +1 (868) 636-4662 Ext. 3407/1128 or email: cnginfo@ngc.co.tt

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Calendar of Events

July to December 2018

| Initiative | Activities from July to December 2018 |
|---|---|
| NGC-sponsored Police Youth Clubs (PYCs) events | Couva Police Youth Club: Summer camp (July & August), dance and literacy classes, drum classes (beginners and intermediates), karate, netball, personal development programme |
| | Penal Police Youth Club: karate, dance classes, football, personal development programme |
| | La Brea Police Youth Club: peer mentorship programme, field trip, football camp, Annual Christmas Dinner and Awards |
| | Laventille Road Police Youth Club: math classes, martial arts, pan practice, anniversary celebrations, Annual Christmas Dinner and Awards; participation in Pan on the Avenue and Laventille Emancipation Steelband Festival |
| | Mayaro Police Youth Club: choir, basketball, personal development programme, art & craft |
| Reforestation | Tree planting – 11,000 seedlings on 48 hectares |
| Right on Track Caravan | St. Mary's Home, Siparia/Palo Seco & environs, Morvant/Laventille/Barataria & environs |
| Gonzales Sheikers | Music Literacy Programme 2018; participation in Pan on the Avenue |
| NGC Sanfest | 2018 Festival from 17th September 2018 to 16th November 2018 |

King's Pre-School – Nurturing Our Youth



NGC is always pleased to support our young people, and we have a particular fondness for the youngest amongst us. In 2017, NGC received a request from King's Pre-School in Hubert's Town, Guapo, for a jungle gym to aid in the development of their pupils' motor skills.

The school has been in existence for over 20 years and currently accommodates 73 children who will benefit from the installation of this equipment.

On 2nd March 2018, the King's Pre-School

Play Park was officially opened. NGC was pleased to assist King's Pre-School as it is falls within our fenceline communities (located within 500 m of NGC's natural gas pipelines and facilities).

The Corporate Communications department also received a thank you card expressing the children's delight for their new play space. We wish the team at King's Pre-School all the best, and hope they continue to keep up their excellent work in helping to develop happy and wholesome young people!



Natural Gas Safety Digging Close to a Pipeline

If you need to dig close to a pipeline, you must contact NGC.

Call us on 800-4GAS or 800-4427.

We will send someone to supervise the digging and ensure your safety and the safety of others.

There is no charge for this service.

Right on Track 2018

NGC launched its Right on Track (ROT) Programme in the first quarter of 2018 at the Larry Gomes Stadium, Malabar, Arima.

The programme consists of NGC Right on Track Coaching Caravan/Kids' Athletics Programme (school- and community-based) and a Mini to Masters Basketball Programme (school- and community-based).

ROT Facts:

- 19th year of ROT, in collaboration with the National Administration of Athletics Administrations (NAAA) and the National Basketball Federation of Trinidad and Tobago (NBFTT), with support of International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and International Basketball Federation (FIBA) trained coaches
- Based on the introduction of 'run, jump, throw' through the Kids' Athletics and the Mini to Masters Basketball Programmes
- Carried out in selected schools by the NAAA and NBFTT respectively during weekdays



This young participant gets training on proper technique from the coach

- Participants are introduced to basic track and field and basketball skills through ROT in selected communities on weekends.

Visit NGC's Facebook page: NGC Gasco News and Twitter page: NGC Gasco News TT, to find out where the NGC Right on Track Coaching Caravan will be next.

The NGC Right on Track programme for 2018 will be held in the eight Educational Districts in Trinidad and Tobago.

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| Caroni District (team preparation completed for National Primary School Games) | St. Patrick District (caravan completed; team preparation completed for National Primary School Games) |
| North Eastern District (team preparation completed for National Primary School Games) | Victoria District |
| Port of Spain and Environs | Tobago District (from September 2018) |
| Vacation programme for St. Mary's Children Home; La Brea and Morvant Laventille. | South Eastern District |
| St. George East District (caravan completed; team preparation completed for National Primary School Games) | |

NGC Supports Zonal Games

NGC has partnered with the Caroni Education District, St. Patrick Education District and the Moruga Primary Schools' Zonal Committee to host district and zonal games.

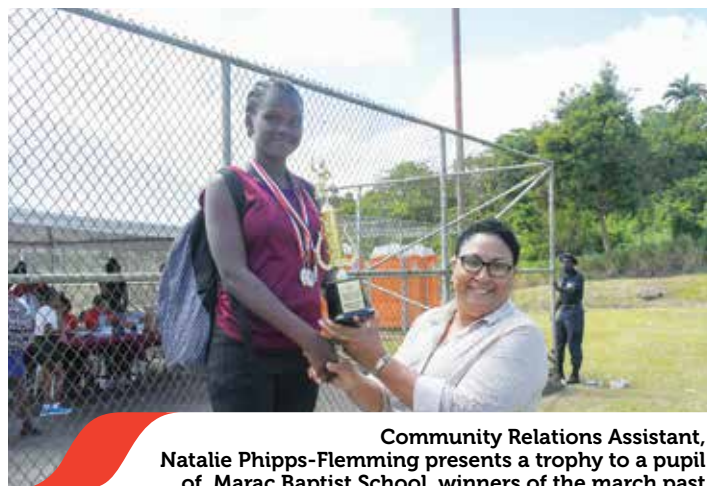
Fact: NGC has sponsored the Caroni Education District for 24 years!

The 2018 edition of these games began with the Moruga Zone on 23rd February at the Otis Mendez Grounds in Moruga. The St. Patrick and Caroni Education District Games were held on the 14th and 16th March 2018 respectively at the Mannie Ramjohn Stadium.

One of the Zonal Co-ordinators, Veronica M. Charles (PP. Ag.), Moruga, said: "The community at large benefits from these games as parents and well-wishers do attend to support the children. The games have a positive impact on the communities as small businesses and vendors use the games as an avenue for creating income and employment."

This year, Member of Parliament for Moruga/Tableland, Dr. the Honourable Lovell Francis, MP, attended the games.

The list of persons who have come up from these zonal games to gain national and international prominence include Rondell Sirillo of La Brea; Jereem Richards of Point Fortin and Michelle-Lee Ahye of Port of Spain. The games offer an environment for



Community Relations Assistant, Natalie Phipps-Flemming presents a trophy to a pupil of Marac Baptist School, winners of the march past

coaches to identify and recruit talent for local clubs, which can lead to opportunities for athletes to win National/Olympic team spots later down the line, as well as have access to scholarship opportunities for foreign universities with sporting programmes.

NGC is pleased to support the zonal games and foster the athletic talent resident in our communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago.

A Track and Field Essential – NGC/NAAATT Championship Month



**NGC/NAAA Open Champs
24 June 2018**

Competing with the rain and World Cup, the NGC/NAAATT Championship Month cemented its claim as the main track and field event on the national track and field calendar.

The Championship Month was launched on Thursday 24th May 2018 and the events hosted included:

- Combined Events Championships - 19th and 20th May 2018
- Junior Championships (Under 15, Under 17 and Under 20 categories) - 9th and 10th June 2018
- National Juvenile Championships - 16th and 17th June 2018
- National Open Championships - 22nd, 23rd and 24th June 2018

For 2018, SpentT Limited, a sport entertainment company, was selected to provide and implement a marketing and advertising campaign to increase attendance at the games. Sport and

entertainment were merged for a holistic experience shared among athletes, spectators and stakeholders. Social media was used to target young persons. SpentT also used local celebrities to create a fun atmosphere at the stadium.

Exciting new features – giveaways, celebrity races and 'hype men' – were used to engage the crowds. An exciting feature was also the rally squads, who were made up of fitness groups. Athletes such as Jereem Richards also had their 'support squads' with them which created a fantastic atmosphere at the games.

The athletic performances were of a higher quality by all indicators and according to NAAA, Trinidad and Tobago remains on course to create new track and field legends.

Hope to see you at the games in 2019! It promises to be bigger and better.

National Energy 2018 La Brea Zonal Games

For more than 10 years, the La Brea Zonal Primary School Games has been a signature event in NGC's subsidiary National Energy's annual calendar of CSR activities.

This year, the preliminaries and heats took place on 27th February and the finals on 2nd March, 2018. There were 300 participants from all seven primary schools:

1. Guapo Government Primary School
2. Vance River R.C. Primary School
3. Brighton A.C. Primary School
4. La Brea R.C. Primary School
5. Rousillac Presbyterian Primary School
6. Rousillac Hindu Primary School
7. Delhi Road Hindu Primary School

La Brea R.C. won the overall title for the ninth consecutive year. Guapo Government was the official winner in the march past. MP for La Brea, the Honourable Nicole Olivier, attended and remarked on the importance of the La Brea Zone in national track and field.



Some of the winners at the La Brea Zonal Games

The La Brea Zone advanced to the District Games in March and emerged the 2018 champions at the St. Patrick District Games. Prior to the games, National Energy contributed to the restoration works at the Sobo Recreation Ground, the home of the Zonal Games.

2018 also saw an addition of sponsors to the event: Lake Asphalt of Trinidad and

Tobago (1978) Limited (Lake Asphalt); Trinidad Offshore Fabricators Unlimited (TOFCO); La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited (LABIDCO); Trinidad Generation Unlimited (TGU); and Titan Logistics and Support Services Ltd.

National Energy continues to work in youth development and the advancement of track and field in its fenceline community of La Brea.



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Energy Brain Buster

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The 2018 NGC Bocas Lit Fest, marks the eighth instalment of the festival
2. The Tassa Academy programme only offers lessons in playing tassa.
3. Dr. Pat Bishop – Trinity Cross-holder, historian, educator, artist, musician was selected as the 2018 honouree in the NGC National Heroes Project.
4. If you are digging close to NGC gas pipelines, you must contact NGC at 800-4GAS.
5. NGC does not assist schools and communities with fire drills.
6. The Mayaro Police Youth Club became one of the NGC sponsored Police Youth Clubs in 2017.
7. Consumers of the CNG fuel do not save money every month.
8. The Right on Track programme is based on the introduction of skip, hop and slide to children.
9. Seven schools participated in the Moruga Zonal Games.
10. There are grants and incentives to convert gas vehicles to CNG vehicles.

Answers: 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. False 6. True 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. True



Photo of the Month

Pupils attend the
NGC Children's
Bocas Lit Fest 2018:
Imagine New World

Photography by
Danielle Delon