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## Youth Against Corruption Association relaunch

*Port Moresby, Monday 12 August 2024* – Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG) marked International Youth Day with the relaunch of the Youth Against Corruption Association (YACA) at Jubilee Secondary School in Port Moresby.

The YACA is a youth-led organization that nurtures values of honesty, integrity and good citizenship in young people. Founded in 2002 by Fr John Glynn, YACA provides a platform for young people to voice their concerns, develop leadership skills, and become positive influences in their communities.

""We are enthusiastic about the relaunch of YACA and the opportunity to cultivate a new generation of youth leaders dedicated to combating corruption," said Arianne Kassman, CEO of TIPNG. "YACA focuses more on change within oneself, starting off with the right mindset and embodies the core principles of honesty, integrity, and good citizenship, which are fundamental to the establishment of less corrupt and prosperous nation."

The YACA envisions a Papua New Guinea where young people are empowered to challenge corruption and drive positive change. The organization will focus on building the capacity of young people to become anti-corruption advocates, while also promoting awareness and education on the detrimental effects of corruption.

Schools and young people are encouraged to join YACA and start a group in their schools. In the coming months, TIPNG will be inviting schools in the country to generate interest in YACA and facilitate its activities. Schools can contact TIPNG on how to get involved.

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## What is TIPNG?

TIPNG is a member of Transparency International a global anti-corruption movement committed to fighting corruption. TIPNG is an independent organization in PNG known as a Chapter of the international movement. The PNG chapter advocates against corruption and promotes transparency, good governance, honesty and accountability both in private and public sector dealings. TIPNG tries to assist strengthen the integrity systems of our country such as the police, the parliament, the public services and the judiciary.