

ABSTRACT

Secondary Level Woods Graduates' Progress into Self-Employment Within Barrackpore

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This study examined the obstacles facing Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) Woods graduates of Barrackpore Secondary who pursued woodwork for self-employment. Data were collected through interviews with five males between the ages of 20 and 45 years and through observations and document analysis. The findings revealed that the graduates left school with insufficient knowledge and skills required for the industry. It was also found that their limited resources resulted in their inability to attract lucrative jobs.

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