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THIRD PATSY ROBERTSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

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Can the Commonwealth Be You(th)?



Cherisse Francis is a legal professional, researcher and educator. She holds an LL.B from the University of the West Indies, a Legal Education Certificate from Hugh Wooding Law School and an LL.M in Human Rights and Criminal Justice from the University of Aberdeen. She completed this latter degree as a Commonwealth Scholar in 2018. Since being called to the Barbadian legal bar in the same year she has interacted with the Caribbean legal sector in both governmental and non-governmental capacities. Presently, she is a Doctoral

Candidate at the University of Warwick researching trafficking in persons in the Caribbean. At that same institution Cherisse is a seminar tutor for undergraduate and masters students.

For over a decade Cherisse has been involved in voluntary youth development work locally and internationally. She serves as a Trustee for Small Enterprises for Education and Development (SEED) Barbados, an NGO which is committed to the personal and professional development of young people in Barbados and the diaspora and the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) London Office, an international NGO which works towards the practical realization of human rights throughout the Commonwealth. Cherisse is also on the Executive Committee of Commonwealth Youth, Human Rights and Democracy Network and is a member of the Young Feminist Fund (FRIDA) Global Advisory Committee (Caribbean Region).

