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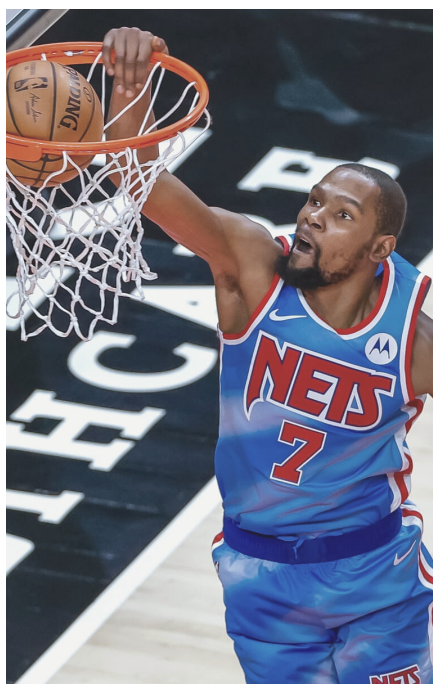
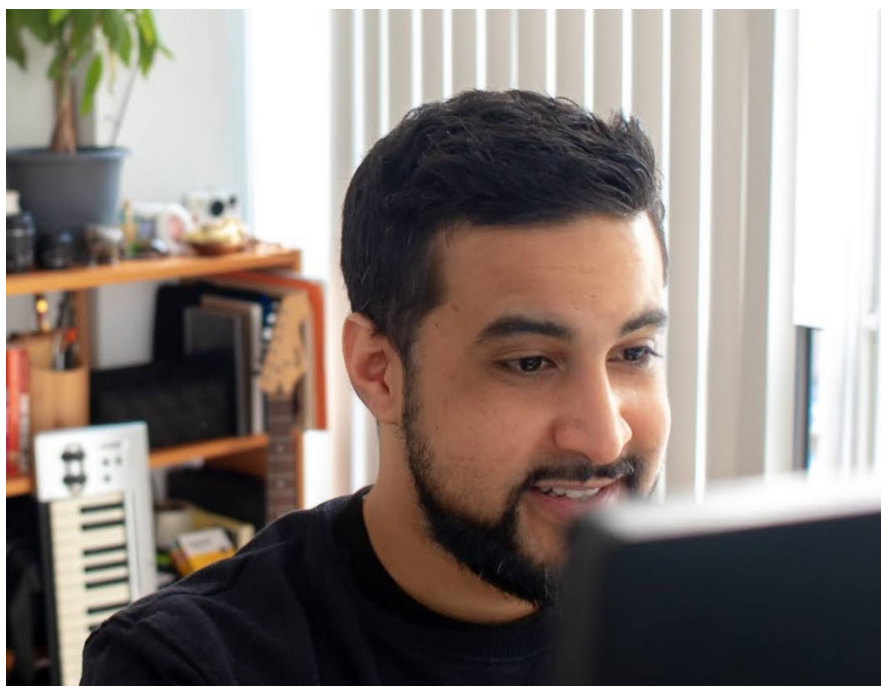
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ANY JOB , ANY TIME, Just 'checkWI'

Have you heard about '**checkWI**'? Well, it's time that you did and we're happy to give you the scoop!

Dear Caribbean readers, sit tight. This may be the best thing that you've heard of since the invention of the first meme.

WHAT IS checkWI?

checkWI.com is a new online marketplace made just for us.

Freelancers from the Caribbean can offer a wide variety of services in fields such as **web-development, graphic design, photography, digital marketing, copywriting, music production, data entry & more.**

These services can then be accessed by businesses, entrepreneurs, start ups and other digital professionals online from **any country and location**, to recruit these services from **West Indian Freelancers (WI-lancers)**.

CheckWI gets its name from the popular Caribbean slang "**Check We**" which is a phrase often used by West Indians whenever someone is in need of a service or job to be done. **CheckWI = Check West Indies**. Cool right?

CHECKWI 

ANY JOB. ANYTIME. JUST CHECKWI



A 21st Century solution to the Caribbean Brain drain Problem

www.checkwi.com

'The Caribbean countries have lost 10-40 percent of their labor force due to emigration.. Many countries have lost more than 70 percent of their labor force with more than 12 years of completed schooling-among the highest emigration rates in the world'

- IMF.org

Growing up in the Caribbean, you've probably heard this all your life from your West Indian parents, **"Go to school, get an education, get a good job"**. But the reality of it doesn't quite play out like that does it? You may go to school, invest in and pursue that higher education (**hello student loan**), but the job factor may be found wanting.

It's not that there are 0 jobs available on our home islands, but the few that may be available just may not suit your professional qualifications or your new ambitions at owning a super career. What's the usual solution? Travel abroad.

CheckWi's mission is to open a world of opportunity to freelancers and creatives as a **21st century solution to this brain drain problem and allow members to monetize their skills through the Digital Economy.**

Just imagine being able to stay home, check on 'the fam', eat good Caribbean food, and earn some real bucks in your own field of interest. That's the vision.



CHECKWI 



Ronald Abraham Jr



Daniel Fadelle

MEET THE ARCHITECTS

Ronald Abraham Jr age 26 and partner Daniel Fadelle age 31, who are both Dominican Nationals and Digital professionals themselves, are the architects behind this groundbreaking initiative. They've created this platform with our digital savvy generation in mind, and talk about great timing.

Ron who is passionate about music, business development and creating opportunities for others, considers the invention of checkWI as the 'Caribbean's gateway to the modern digital world'.

"I see it as the Bridge which will connect the average person in the West Indies to global opportunities and give people the chance to have a much more enjoyable, flexible and lucrative life in the Caribbean," **said Ron in a heart to heart with *Generation Y Dominica*.**

Daniel who is passionate about entrepreneurship, travel, music, art and technology, was inspired by the idea that creators from different parts of the region could easily connect, collaborate and learn from each other, as a more connected Caribbean that acts like a single market.

TOP 7

REASONS TO SIGN UP FOR CHECKWI

FREELANCERS

1 GET MORE EARNINGS

CHECKWI GIVES YOU MORE EARNINGS THAN LEADING ONLINE MARKETPLACES. COLLECT 85% OF THE TOTAL ORDER ON ALL YOUR COMPLETED WORK & CHECKWI GETS 15% (FIVER & UPWORK CHARGES 20%)

2 EARN FROM HOME

EARN FROM YOUR VERY OWN CARIBBEAN ISLAND WHILE YOU ENJOY THE SUN, THE SEA AND THE SAND.

3 NETWORK WITH OTHERS

NETWORK AND COLLABORATE WITH OTHER MEMBERS FROM THE WEST INDIES.

4 CONTROL YOUR PRICING

ENJOY FULL CONTROL OVER THE PRICE OF YOUR LISTING & FREELY NEGOTIATE WITH CLIENTS USING CHECKWI'S OPEN MESSAGING INTEGRATION.

5 GREAT SUPPORT

CHECKWI CARES ABOUT YOUR SUCCESS. THE PLATFORM PROVIDES A SUPER AWESOME AND HELPFUL BLOG WITH POSTS GEARED TOWARD MAKING WILANCERS AND CLIENTS SUCCESSFUL.

TOP 7

REASONS TO SIGN UP FOR CHECKWI

CLIENTS

6 INSTANT ACCESS TO WI - LANCERS

GET INSTANT ACCESS TO A POOL OF SKILLED WEST INDIAN FREELANCERS FROM ACROSS A WIDE VARIETY OF INDUSTRIES. MEET SOME OF THE FRIENDLIEST, HARD WORKING PEOPLE AND MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS BASED ON FREELANCER TRACK RECORDS AND REVIEWS FROM PREVIOUS CLIENTS.

7 SECURE PAYMENT SYSTEMS

CLIENTS HAVE THE OPTION TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN FIAT OR CRYPTO CURRENCIES USING VARIOUS SECURED PAYMENT SYSTEMS LIKE PAYPAL, 2CHECKOUT, BITPAY, WIPAY OR DIRECT BANK TRANSFERS.



GET ON BOARD

To sum up, checkWI.com is a newly established online marketplace for West Indian freelancers to offer their remote services as part of the Digital Economy and network with other WI-lancers. Take one more step toward Caribbean unity and join the community today!

Getting signed up is easy. Just 3 clicks and in no time you'll be saying "**Check me on CheckWI**". Visit www.checkwi.com.



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HOT IN HOOPS



Highlights from the start of the NBA 2nd quarter 2021

1 POWER RANKINGS

In week 19: Clippers climb to No. 1 with only 3 weeks left in the regular season

<https://www.nba.com/news/power-rankings-2020-21-week-19>

2 ZION WILLIAMSON'S SIGNATURE SHOE WITH THE JORDAN BRAND DEBUTS

Zion Williamson of the New Orleans Pelicans launches the 'Jordan Zion 1'

<https://www.nba.com/news/zion-williamsons-signature-shoe-with-jordan-brand-debuts>

3 CHRIS PAUL PASSES MAGIC JOHNSON FOR 5TH PLACE ON THE NBA'S ALL-TIME ASSIST LIST

<https://www.nba.com/news/chris-paul-passes-magic-johnson-for-5th-place-on-nbas-all-time-assist-list>

4 NBA AND NBPA ANNOUNCES COVID-19 TEST RESULTS

Of the 488 players tested for COVID-19 since April 21, two new players have returned confirmed positive tests

<https://pr.nba.com/covid-test-results-4-28/>

5 NBA TEAMS, PLAYERS REACT TO DEREK CHAUVIN GUILTY VERDICT

<https://www.nba.com/news/nba-teams-players-react-to-derek-chauvin-guilty-verdict>

6 STEPHEN CURRY SHOOTS HIS WAY INTO HISTORY

<https://www.nba.com/news/stephen-curry-shooting-his-way-into-history>



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Dominica**

TRUST



**AN ARTICLE IN HONOR OF
EARTH DAY 2021**

TRUST

Trust. Should it be blind? The concept can be considered almost sacred and yet in today's world it is sometimes used as a tool of trickery. Trust. How easy is it to do? Especially trusting that which has already proven to be deceptive, it seems pretty impetuous.

Vaccination is the word of the day. You can hear it on the news, in the media and on the lips of those engaged in casual conversation, but what about natural healing? What about Earth preservation? **For most, topics like these are far from the lips.**

As for the need for vaccines, we'll let you decide and weigh the benefits. This piece is not about that. Nor is it a piece about what happened in 2010 when news broke about a \$6 billion lawsuit against Pfizer. **Investigations by the Washington Post revealed that Pfizer conducted trials of the experimental drug 'Trovan' on children in 1996 during the meningitis epidemic, without consent from parents, or relevant authorities and the results were devastating. This piece is about trust.**

April 22 2021 was designated 'International Mother Earth Day', with the theme - 'Restore our Earth'. This year's theme brings the question to mind 'How much can the Earth truly trust us to restore it?'

Most major corporations act with little concern for the environment. **Environmental activism is dangerous business and when major corporations acquire and wield so much power and influence, indigenous peoples, environmental activists and others who are all for 'earth restoration', will always have a stony hill to climb.** The records will show countless past and current day examples of resource exploitation and corporate interest being placed before environmental sustainability and human rights.

And what of the average person? How much of a part do we play in the earth's preservation on a daily basis? If we're honest, aside from the sacrifice of trading in our styrofoam containers and plastics to take-out meals for new eco - friendly alternatives, most of us don't even think about this agenda at all. Life simply has too many demands on our thoughts. There's too much to think of, too much to do and so little time to do it all!



What exactly do you think true environmental activism entails? It encompasses issues of human rights to a clean, healthy and safe environment, sustainable development that safeguards resources and puts the people first; empowering them rather than impoverishing them. In short, environmental activism and Earth preservation benefits us all directly. Shouldn't we be paying more attention then?

Let's embrace this year's theme of Earth restoration. **After all the Earth is where we live. We have no daily lives without it. We have no resources, no livelihoods, absolutely nothing.** Aside from all the reports of more frequent and increased natural disasters affecting us worldwide due to intense climate changes, nature has graciously not returned the harm that we have inflicted on the planet in the same measure as we have caused it (at least not as yet). **If Mother Earth decided to become a radical feminist overnight, we'd all be done for. Just by small actions like frequently using our domestic air fresheners (look it up) and these other little and big things that we do daily, we each contribute to the Earth's deterioration in some way.**

April 22 2021 was a significant day in more ways than one. Not only was it the celebration of International Mother Earth day, but the day that the *Escazu Agreement* came into force. This agreement is one of the most important treaties as it aims to guarantee the full and effective implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the rights of access to environmental information, public participation in environmental decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters (cited from environmentalrights.org).

The Escazú Agreement, which emerged from the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), is the first legally binding instrument in the world to include provisions on environmental human rights defenders (EHRDs) and is also the first environmental agreement adopted in Latin America and the Caribbean. Significantly, one of its main provisions includes recognizing the right of present and future generations to live in a healthy environment (cited from universalrights.org).



24 countries are signatories on this treaty including our own, The Commonwealth of Dominica and 12 have ratified it thus far:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Uruguay.

View key points of this agreement here <https://environment-rights.org/the-escazu-agreement/>.

This breakthrough treaty is a great step in the right direction among Latin American and Caribbean countries. **The Escazú Agreement is legally binding and offers hope for the region it serves, especially in light of the high number of Environmental human rights defenders killed and the ongoing climate crisis that our world faces.** The coming into force of the Escazú Agreement represented a momentous step toward protecting and promoting human rights in the region.

In the words of Native American Chief Seattle in 1854, **“Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.”**

So as we honor and commemorate this past International Mother Earth Day 2021, let’s everyone, each man, align ourselves with the theme and participate in the Earth’s restoration. Maybe then our planet & its blessed non- human inhabitants can learn to trust us again.

**Written by
Members of
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EARTH DAY QUIZ



We enjoyed this short quiz from kids.nationalgeographic.com and we know that you will too!

Take the quiz to find out just how green you are.

Email us your answers to generationydominica@gmail.com and for every score of 80% or higher, **Generation Y Dominica will plant a tree!**

WHAT IS MOST FREQUENTLY FOUND IN BEACH CLEANUPS?

Glass

Shoes

Pieces of plastic

Jewelry

WHICH OF THESE SPECIES ARE THREATENED BY GLOBAL WARMING?

Koala

Clownfish

Arctic fox

All of the above

HOW MANY DEGREES HAS THE EARTH WARMED UP IN THE PAST 100 YEARS?

20 F

30 F

1 F

12 F

WHICH OF THESE ITEMS CAN BE COMPOSTED, OR TURNED INTO NATURAL FERTILIZER, FOR YOUR GARDEN?

Egg shells

Golf balls

Aluminum foil

All of the above



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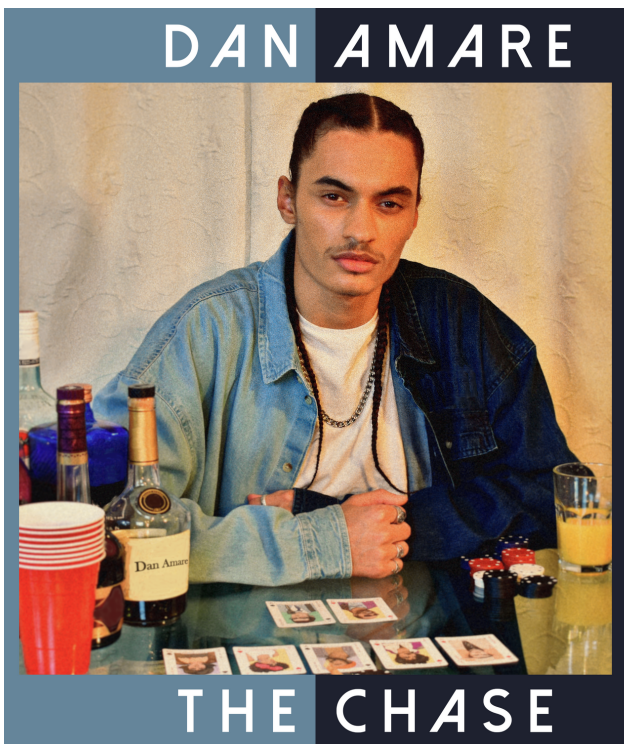
Look
At
The
Chase

The Scoop On Dan Amare And His Debut Single & Music Video 'The Chase'

ALL ABOUT THE CHASE

THE DEBUT SINGLE BY DAN AMARE

The countdown was on for the official release of the new debut single 'The Chase' by British - born Dominican artist Dan Amare and it's finally here! Known for his dynamic vocal ability and distinctive tone, South London's Dan Amare revealed his eagerly anticipated debut single on all digital streaming platforms on 16th April 2021.



OFFICIAL

RELEASE DATE
APRIL 16 2021

The self-produced R&B track hears Dan exhibit his 4+-octave vocal range, while also demonstrating his ability as a lyricist and composer. The lyrics share a 'lived experience' of the challenges Dan has faced in the courtship of a female love interest and they overlay a bouncy trap-soul rhythm reminiscent of Bryson Tiller's hit song 'Don't'.



Amare's Love interest from 'The Chase' video, played by UK-based singer 'Mellow'

Inspired by vocal powerhouses like Chaka Khan, Whitney Houston and Luther Vandross, Amare's climactic notes in the final chorus soar effortlessly into the female range, reminding us of soul singers like Maxwell, Miguel and Prince.

Dominican by blood, Dan Amare shares the relatable story which inspired 'The Chase' in a 1 on 1 interview with Generation Y Dominica. Amare also details how being in Dominica played a major role in kick starting his musical career, including earlier performances at Dominica State College's annual Mas Jamboree pageant competition, Clear Harbor Dominica's summer pageant, Q95 FM's Q -Talent show & more.



An Intimate scene from 'The Chase' video

The Chase is available for streaming on all major streaming platforms including Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music and Pandora. Be sure to check out, like and share the music video on **Dan Amare's Official YouTube channel.**

For the full scoop on this special debut, visit the videos page of our website www.generationydominica.org or our YouTube channel @Generation Y Dominica to view the exclusive 1 on 1 interview on 'The Chase' with Dan Amare. Be sure to subscribe!