

# Educate the Youths, Build the Nation

2020-2022 EXPLOITS

### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FOUNDER



2020 has been an unprecedented year, with so many worrying events happening globally. It's been a year filled with uncertainties, loss and fear. However, we have also heard stories of courage, hope and actualised dreams.

While all the chaos was going on globally, the world found a way to ensure we all still collaborated, interacted and passed on vital knowledge and support, and it is on the side of good that we pitched our tent.

DoTheDream in 2020 was able to achieve tremendous success in the way it reached out to support the youths and the underserved.

With United Nations, Nigeria and Kingdom of The Netherlands Embassy Lagos, Nigeria, DoTheDream YDI hosted World Social Justice Day with Special Needs Child maximum participation which model inclusiveness towards accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals thereby leaving no one behind.

We hosted a two day intergenerational youth Day, in alignment with the SDG goals, many influential game-changers in the world graced the occasion with their presence and made the online event highly successful, an event like no other. We carried on the success into other events like the International Girl Child day, also in alignment with SDG goals. Needless to say, it was a highly attended event, and the panelists were very inspiring; they shared their stories of success and encouraged the young girls around the world, to share their voices and aspire to achieve greatness.

To top it up, we supported Modupe Cole Orphanage, through the help of our donors, partners and sponsors. We provided them with food items and toiletries.

This is all the beginning, the year might be coming to an end and the pandemic still lurking around. Nevertheless, we will continue to work with partners, sponsors, and the Government to reach more youths and provide them with the platform that allows their voices to be heard, support that pushes them to greatness and the guidance that will enable them to become a better version of themselves. Dreams can still come through, and we will let show them how to dream big, and Do The Dream.Thanks to everyone who made 2020 a successful year.

# 2020 VISIT'S TO MODUPE COLE MEMORIAL CHILD CARE & TREATMENT HOME SCHOOL THEME: DONATION OF FOOD-STUFFS TO THE HOME

DoTheDream Youth Development Initiative held the end of the year event on the 15th December 2020 via the presentation of Foodstuffs to the school named above. The event was the brainchild of Adebusuyi Olutayo Olumadewa, the founder of the Organization. Eminent personalities and Dignitaries were fully present at the well-received event.



The special guest of honour was the presiding Councillor of Navan Meath County, in the Republic of Ireland, Cllr. Yemi Adenuga (also known as Energy-In-Motion). Cllr. Yemi Adenuga is also the First Black Elected Official in Ireland and one of the most influential Black women in Ireland. The Executive Directors of the Organisation, Mr Peter Oshinoiki, Mrs Badejoko Fabamise and Mr Bisi Salau were also in attendance.

Mr & Mrs Elesin, the most sought-after Systems Engineer in Africa, Marriage-Mindset Counsellor and The Founder of Character Academy and The Complete Family, graced the occasion with their presence. They urged leaders in the education sector to make education more relevant to modern times.

Mrs Sola Somoye, Director for Child Care and Counseling, at The Ministry of Education, welcomed the Team. Mrs Tejuosho, the school's headteacher, was also in attendance. She gave the Team a tour around the schools and received the gift on behalf of The Lagos State Government. Finally, she thanked DoTheDream for putting together a great event worthy of public commendation and recognition.







Donations to Modupe Cole

Mrs Bridget Elesin & Cllr Yemi Adenuga



(L-R) Mrs Tejuosho, Mrs Somoye, Mr Adebusuyi Olumadewa,Yemi Adenuga,Mr & Mrs Elesin



L\_R – Bisi Salau,Sola Somoye ,Yemi Adenuga ,Adebusuyi Olumadewa,Mr&Mrs Elesin, Mrs Tejuosho



From (L-R) Mrs Sola Somoye(Director of Lagos State Government, Mr Adebusuyi Olumadewa-Founder DoTheDream YDI,MrsTejuosho Head Teacher –Modupe Cole, Cllr Yemi Adenuga, Mr Tunde Elesin (founder Character Academy)

### DOTHEDREAM YDI ATTENDS EDUCATION DISTRICT VI CAROL SERVICE

The Team proceeded to Education District VI, at Oshodi, to celebrate annual Christmas Carol Service with Ministry of Education, Education District VI, Lagos State. The Tutor General/Permanent Secretary, Mrs Oludara Okelola, gave the Team laudable welcome. She also welcomed the idea of collaboration between DoTheDream Youth Development Initiative, Sheroes Global, Character Academy on Girls Are Asset Programme, #HeForShe and The Yemi Adenuga Mentorship Programme.



In Joyous mode, DoTheDream YDI team was the special Guest at this year's Lagos State, Ministry of Education, and Education District VI Carol Service.



The tutor General/Permanent Secretary Education District VI – Mrs Oludara Okelola and Cllr Yemi Adenuga from Ireland

Frame 2(L-R) Bridget Elesin from The Complete Family, Cllr Yemi Adenuga ,TGPS Oludara Okelola, Pastor Odesanmi, Mr Olumide Erinle – TGPS Education District V.

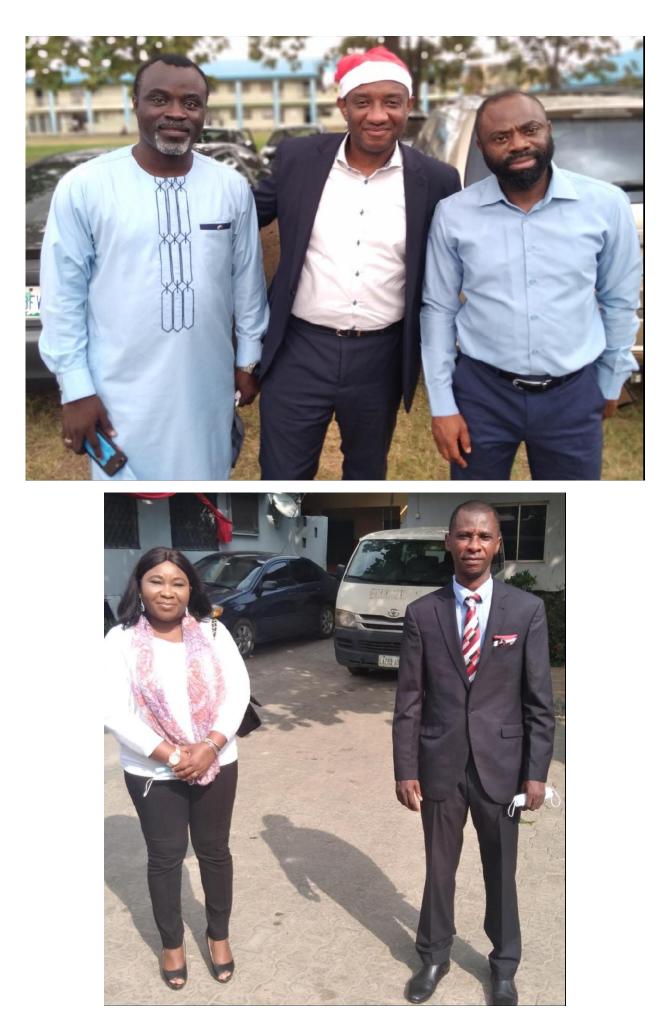




(L-R) Adebusuyi Olumadewa, Bridget Elesin,Yemi Adenuga,Mrs Owolabi,Mrs Alonge,Mr Tunde Elesin,Mr Peter Oshinoiki



(L-R) Mrs Alonge, Mr & Mrs Elesin , Cllr Yemi Adenuga at the 2020 Carol Service of Education District VI



## DAY 2 EVENT

The Meeting started with GirlsAreAsset, HeForShe Seminar at Ogba Junior Grammar School, in conjunction Mrs Oluremi Alonge, the School's Principal and her Vice Principals. The Principal welcomed the Team and Cllr. Yemi Adenuga shared the inspirational story of how she rose from grass to grace. The story inspired the student to do more and re-invent themselves for good. Mr Tunde Elesin of Characters Matters encouraged the students to understand the importance of Character as they traverse life's journey.

After that, the Team move to Bab Fafunwa Senior and Millennium Grammar School to the Principals of both schools, Mrs Owolabi and Mrs Adams. The Principals warmly welcomed them, and the Team also delivered an inspiring message to the students.

The Team proceeded to Education District VI complex in Oshodi to meet with the Tutor General/Permanent Secretary for a strategic meeting. Both parties explored opportunities that will provide further development opportunities for teachers and students. Other topics discussed included fostering a robust partnership agreement in areas of Innovations, Technology, Mentorship, volunteering and experience management.

In attendance were Mrs Oludara Okelola, Tutor General/Permanent Secretary, Dr Olateju from Lagos StatePolytechnic, Directors of Education in Lagos State, Members of The Association of Lagos States Schools Principals, The Chairman of School Principals for Ikeja, Mushin, and Oshodi, and The Members of DoTheDream YDI.

The two-day event was a complete success.





Cllr Yemi Adenuga Session on "My Story,My Song:



Mr Tunde Elesin Session on Character Mattars at Ogba Junior Grammar School,Ogba





Group Photograph with Students & Staffs of Ogba Grammar School



DoTheDream YDI team at Babs Fafunwa Schools

Yemi Adenuga's Session at Babs Fafunwa



DoTheDream YDI Team at Babs Fafunwa Senior Grammar School,



50 Minutes Speed Painting

## ARRIVAL OF DOTHEDREAM YDI AT TUTOR GENERAL/PERMANENT SECRETARY'S OFFICE OF EDUCATION DISTRICT VI, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ,LAGOS STATE. MRS OLUDARA OYEBISI OKELOLA FOR A STRATEGIC MEETING WITH DOTHEDREAMYDI, AND EDUCATION DISTRICT VI



## MRS BADEJOKO FABAMISE, TGPS AND CLLR YEMI ADENUGA







TUNDE ELESIN AND PETER OSHINOIKI



DR OLATEJU AND MRS BADEJOKO FABAMISE OF DOTHEDREAM YDI







STRATEGIC MEETINGS

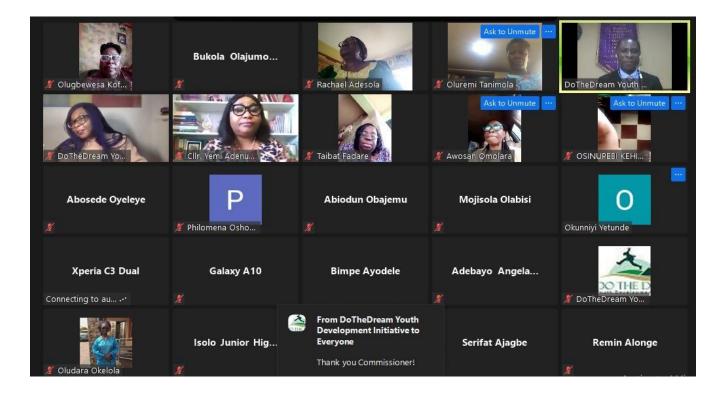
## WITH COUNCILLOR YEMI ADENUGA FROM IRELAND - FIRST BLACK COUNCILLOR IN IRELAND

## DoTheDream YDI /Education District VI Partnered with Finland, Ireland in Girls Education, Capacity Building for Teachers and Principals

As part of Babajide Olusola Sanwoolu's Education Transformation Plan on Public-Private Partnership towards Private & Development sector engagement, Education District VI under the leadership of Mrs Oludara Okelola with DoTheDream YDI partnered Prime Minister's Office Finland, Sheroes Global, Ireland, ALLTEKS, United Kingdom in girls education the occasion of International Girl Child Day celebration as well as capacity building for Education District VI teachers and interactive sessions with the Principals of the District in building best practices.



With the Theme **Our Voice, Our Equal Future - two** days event was held virtually via Zoom Network. The event was largely attended by Students, Teachers and Principals from Education District VI in Lagos State. Speakers from around the world joined the 2 days event to make it a complete success, the speakers were:



- Mrs. Folasade Adefisayo, Honourable Commissioner for Education, Lagos State.
- Mrs. Oludara Okelola, Tutor General/Permanent Secretary, Education District VI.
- Councillor Yemi Adenuga, The First Black Councillor, The Republic of Ireland.
- Ms. Riina Pursianen, Strategy & SDGs Partnerships- Prime Minister's Office Finland.
- Ms. Marian Ogundairo, Digital Transformation and Business Strategy Consultant.
- Oluwatoyin Aromire, The President of DoTheDream YDI
- Adebusuyi Olutayo Olumadewa, Founder & Executive Director of DoTheDream YDI (Youth Development Initiative).



The First Session started with Mr. Adebusuyi Olutayo Olumadewa welcoming all the guest speakers and attendees made up of the Members of Education District VI, The Principals, Teachers and the Youths (the event focused mainly on them). Mr. Oluwatoyin Aromire inspired the participants to be the best in all they do, encouraged the girls to be the best

they possibly can in any given situation and admonished the world leaders to pay attention to girls by giving them the needed voice in order to fully maximize their potential.

The opening speech was delivered by Mrs Oludara Okelola, Tutor General/Permanent Secretary, Education District VI; she started by appreciating all the participants from various schools in Education District VI and encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunities that were presented before them.

Mrs. Folasade Adefisayo, The Honourable Commissioner of Education, Lagos State, delivered a keynote speech in which she inspired the girls with powerful messages. She told the students that it is a wonderful time to be alive, and she further encouraged the students to take their destiny in their hands by making their voice count for something remarkable in the society. She also encouraged students to embrace technology because the world has now become a global village.





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Ms. RiinaPursianen from The Office of Finland, who is responsible for Finland partake in 2030 Agenda, shared saying that "the future is bright for a the girls". She went on to explain that education is crucial in achieving the expressed that girls have the keys positive changes. She also encouraged voices wisely to be the change that will good.



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Councillor Yemi Adenuga, the first black councillor in Ireland delivered her presentation to the students by encouraging them to embrace positive actions, positive speaking, and positive thinking to make their world better. She went on to encourage the girls by letting them know that "the only thing that can stop you is you". She further encouraged them with her story and explained that as the first Black Nigerian woman to be elected to Public Office in Ireland, she was able to make history. She encouraged the youths by saying if she could do it, they can do it as well. Furthermore, she urged them to drop all excuses for not succeeding because when she was told that she would amount to nothing and would end up in the



street as a prostitute, she made conscious and firm decisions to change the negative projection to positive achievement and put in all the efforts to succeed; she turned her lemon to a lemonade.

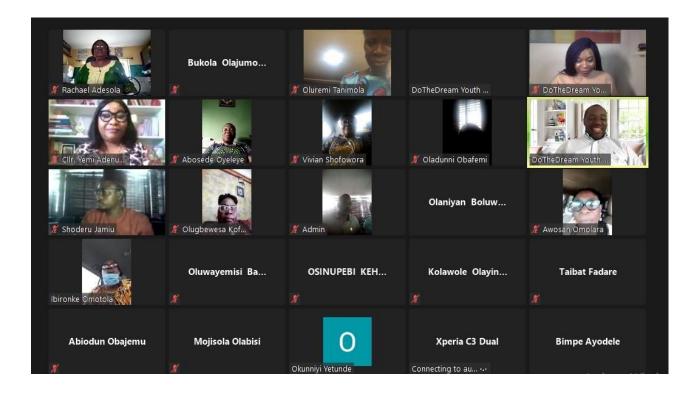
Ms. Marian Ogundairo- a Digital Transformation Consultant in the United Kingdom delivered a presentation titled "You



Are Enough". Through the message in her presentation, she inspired the students to have a plan for their life and start from where they are. She also encouraged the students to always be thankful in all situations; she asked the students to learn how to combine their God given talent with their experience in order to take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead of them.

Gavat Tawakalitu from Opebi Senior High School and Omotosho

Fathai from Army Children Senior High School thrilled the students and audience with awesome presentations and poems that further solidified the message from the other guest speakers.



#### **SESSION 2**

#### Lagos State Partners Finland, Ireland in Girls Education, Capacity Building for Teachers and Principals

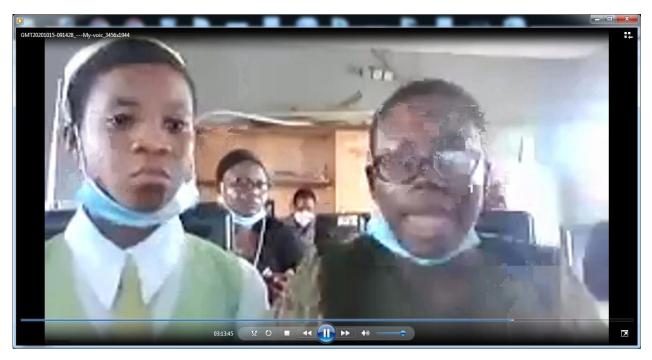
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The Second Session aimed at the teachers, was kicked off with a presentation from Ms. Marian Ogundairo titled "You Are Enough". She urged the female teachers to celebrate themselves. She also pointed out the qualities that every woman should possess to allow them increase and be productive in their professions and careers.

Thereafter, MS. Riina Pursianen shared the values that teachers can bring into the world of education and stated that without teachers there can be no Nation. She also encouraged the teachers to outdo their past and create the shift required to command the affection, respect, and admiration of the entire world. Finally, Ms. Pursianen shared how her country placed value on education and how they inspire the rest of the world to make teaching a respected profession that is highly regarded the world over.

Asiegbu Nsomma and Chukwu Emeka from Community Senior Secondary School, Mushin, thrilled the teachers and all attendees with the poem they recited. The poem was original, creative and eloquently delivered.

Miss Abede Chidibem, the Head Girl of Opebi Senior Grammar School, dazzled all attendees with her presentations where she spoke about the importance of the girl child and also pointed out all the challenges that the girl child faces in our society. She called out the leaders in the country to address the challenges so that the girls have a better shot at a brighter future.

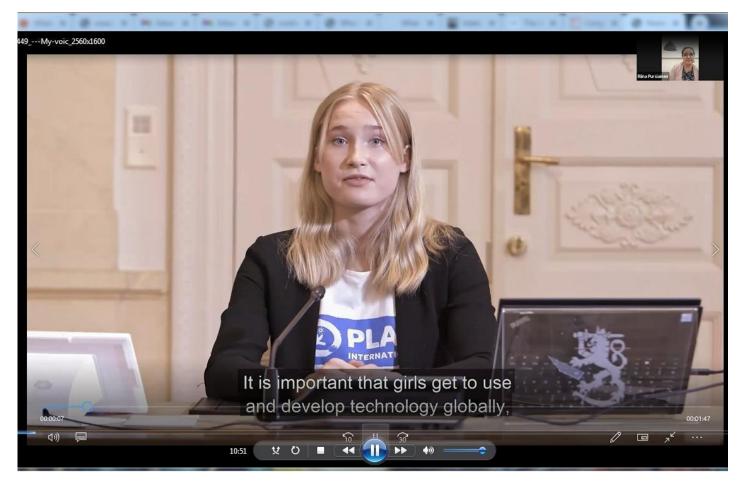


Councillor Yemi Adenuga delivered another inspiring presentation to the teachers where she encouraged them that their rewards are no longer in heaven but here on earth. She inspired the teachers with her personal story and shared the importance of teachers in her life. She reminded the teachers to always keep in mind that they are role models, and they can build or destroy a child's life with the words they speak to them.



Mrs Oludara Okelola, Tutor General /Permanent Secretary, Education District VI, Ministry of Education, Lagos State Government closed the event and in her parting speech, she reminded the teachers that they are the building block of our nation because of the crucial role they play in modeling the lives and future of our children.

Mr Oluwatoyin Aromire gave the vote of thanks and closed the event.



### 16 years Old AVA MURTO- ONE DAY FINLAND PRIME MINISTER

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The event started with welcoming address delivered by Mr. Olutayo Olumadewa.

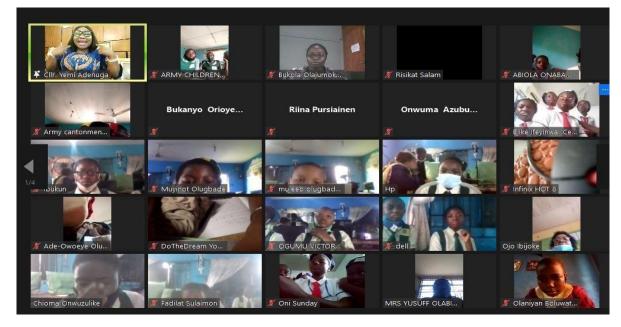
Afterwards, Ms. Riina Pursianen delivered the opening speech, where she showed an appreciation for the role of the Teachers. She encouraged all the Principals to create the needed shift in mindset for the young female generation and suggested that they should keep the momentum going in encouraging the young girls to speak up for themselves. Ms. Pursianen urged the Principals to keep engaging with the youths because they play a crucial role in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She also reiterated that the young girls are effective contributors towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals. In addition, Ms. Pursianen suggested that the young girls, if given the right opportunity become peace makers and equity builders. She went on to say that female participation and engagement

in socio-economic issues should be strengthened via policies and this starts in the schools. She implored the Principals to make this change happen and to see themselves as role models worth emulating.



Ms. Pursianen went on discussing how in Finland students were encouraged to be members of the students' council where they make decisions for themselves. The Principals were encouraged to give the students opportunities to participate in the decision-making process so that their voices can be heard. Ms. Pursianen also talked about how the Prime Minister of Finland, Sanda Marin gave up her seat by allowing a 16 year old Ava Muruto to become the Prime Minister and thereby grant her the opportunity to make her voice heard all over Finland.

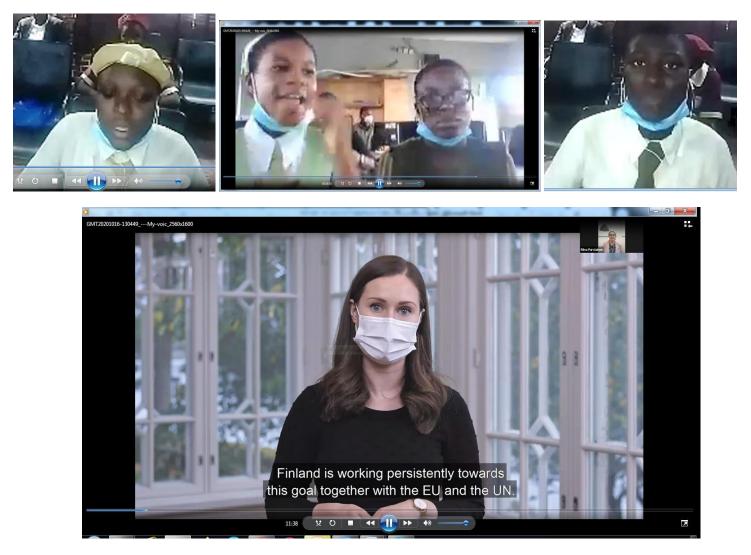
Mrs. Ogunmefun Olabisi, Principal of Community Senior Secondary School shared her vision for the future where she can have opportunity to allow the girl child to grow and develop in order to become a respectable member of the society- a vision which she has started in her school. She also highlighted some of the challenges experienced by female students and suggested some solutions to help tackle the challenges. She also acknowledged the important steps and actions that have been taken by The Lagos State Government, Tutor General/Permanent Secretary, Education District VI and Do-The-



Dream YDI towards the growth and positive development of the girl child.

Mrs. Rachel Adesola, Principal of Ojodu Junior Grammar School kicked off her speech by elaborating on the theme of the event, and then supported it by explaining why it is crucial to provide the relevant education and training that would allow our young girls to have equal opportunities in all spheres of life, all over the world. She mentioned the importance of allowing female students to have the opportunity to learn all about technology and its application in a digital world, stressing the point that the future is now driven by technological advancements and young girls need to embrace and learn all they can about technology. She went on to acknowledge what The Lagos State Government is doing with the adoption of technology in the education sector..

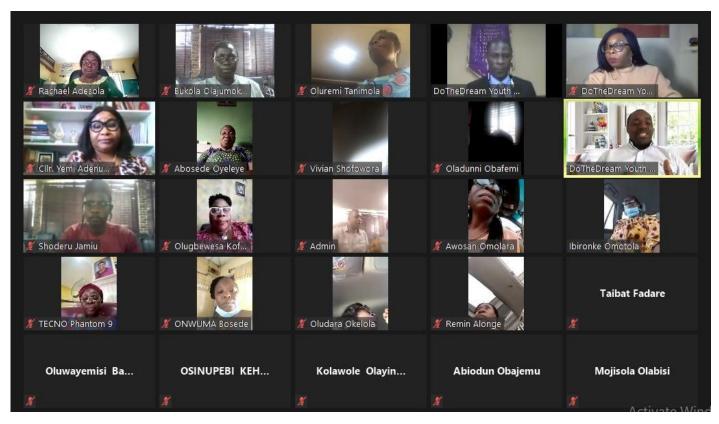
Cllr. Yemi Adenuga explained that the Irish Education is funded by the State and therefore education is free to all, except for those who opt for Private Education. All children from ages 6 to 16, must go to school under Irish Laws. All students regardless of their sex, have equal access to education and the standards are at par with other educational standards globally. The education system in Ireland assessed at an international level every four years and in the most recent ranking, Ireland was rated 4<sup>th</sup> out of the 36 organisations that were assessed, and 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 27 European Union Countries assessed for literacy. She pointed out that Finland was ahead of Ireland in the assessment ranking. Cllr. Adenuga went on to encourage all the attendees with her personal story; she talked about how she was told as a child that she would end up on the streets as a prostitute and how she took that as a challenge to change the narrative, aspire for greatness and make something of herself.



Prime Minister Sanda Marin of Finland

Ms. Marian Ogundairo encouraged the Teachers and Principals to embrace technology as a way to do more. She highlighted that there are not enough women in the Technology Sector and the only way to make a difference is for the

young girls to be encouraged to show more interest in technology, participate in technological research and learn more about what can be done using technology. She ended her speech by telling all attendees that they are "enough the way they are, and they should not allow anyone to ever make them feel otherwise"



Mrs. Augustine Beckley, Principal of Oshodi Senior High School, complimented the Leadership Team in charge of Education in Lagos State. Shared her story as a child and talked about all the challenges she faced growing up. She also talked about how she was able to rise above the limitation and discrimination. She encouraged the young girls to learn how to be empathetic and stand up for themselves. She also opened her doors and welcomed her students to come and talk to her if they face any discrimination or domestic abuse at home or in school and she will work with her team to ensure the right actions are taken to prevent such actions from recurring whilst providing an avenue for such student to feel safe.Mrs. Oludara Okelola, Tutor General /Permanent Secretary delivered her goodwill message, congratulated, and thanked everyone for the success of the programme.

Mr Oluwatoyin Aromire left everyone with a quote from Lao Tsu, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you feed him for a life time. He then encouraged the audience, to learn as much as they can and take the next steps to implement everything they have learnt from the event.

Mr. Adebusuyi Olutayo Olumadewa gave the vote of thanks and closed the event.



















#### **REPORT OF 2020 DOTHEDREAM INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY EVENT**

#### THEME: YOUTH ENGAGMENT FOR GLOBAL ACTION



Partnership: Government of Finland, WorldTeamNow, WorkloadNg, Government of SouthAfrica, Havilah Concepts etc 

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For More Information:

Time :2pm WAT

DoTheDream Youth Development Initiative International Youth Day event held on the 12<sup>th</sup>/ 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 via Zoom Network. The event which was attended by Young People from Nigeria had great speakers from Finland, South Africa, United States, United Kingdom inspiring young people to engage for Global Action.

The Founder & Executive Director Adebusuyi Olutayo Olumadewa set the event on by welcoming all the speakers and youths who are the core of the event. The President of the organisation, Oluwatoyin Aromire inspires the participants to be the best in all they do. He encourages world leaders to pay attention to young people all over the world in order to ascend greater height. Youths must understand success is never Hollywood movies that create success in two hours. The Youths Must focus on solutions instead of the challenge itself and understand that there is always reward for hard work

Suzanne Maxx President of WorldTeamNow, California United States inspire youth to make a difference by starting with

themselves. She shared an inspiring story on how she wrote a letter to the then President of United States –Gerald Ford at the age of 10 years of the Ocean. Her conclusion on Time, Energy, Action and Money as the new diamond creates inward focus among the participant.

Yemi Sholotan – Houston, Texas based Chief Executive Officer of Havilah Concept message on Voluntering started with "Youths form majority of aitizenship in every country. Her advice to the Youths in leveraging on volunteering as a mi

citizenship in every country. Her advice to the Youths in leveraging on volunteering as a mission in changing their world inspires most of the youths to do their dream.

Mrs Oludara Okelola, Tutor General Education District V, Ministry of Education, Lagos State Government Presentation on Importance of Education Both formal and Informal in attaining global height. Schooling and Education for us are two different things. Schooling creates the impression and interests for learning both formally and informally while Education is enlightenment of Mind. This is why Lagos State Governments Places higher value of what the youths are consuming towards creating a Smart City.

Sami Pirkkala, Counsellor/Chief Specialist, Sustainable Development and the 2030 Agenda, Strategy Department of the Prime Minister's Office, Finland shares finland approached in attaining SDGs to ispire youths in taken action.

He shared on the FINLAND NATIONAL EXPERIENCES ON EDUCATION- SDGs 4 -Education is Free of Charge

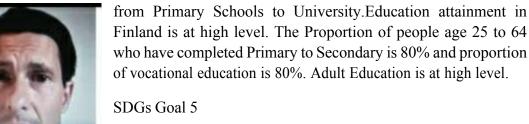
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Finland Gender equality situation overall is good .We are In the top 5 in many international top ranking of –European institute for Gender equality of global gender index of world Economic

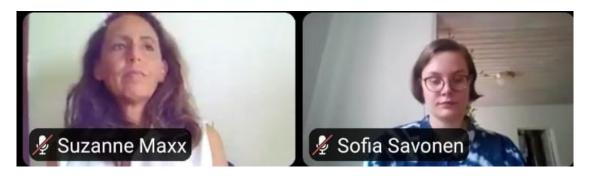




SDGs Goal 8: Youth Unemployment is a global issue. Finland has reduce unemployment from 15% to 12%. The Policy Measure that measures this is Youth Employment Guarantee which adopted in 2013. It means all young people under age 25 and graduate under 30 will be guaranteed Job.

He concluded by sharing his great sojourn of career that lead him to greatness.

Ms. Sofia Savonen, Chair of the Finnish Agenda2030 Youth Group, Finland concluded Finland Session by sharing on how her organisation functions in order to add their part in the growth of her country. In her words "Motivational words are no longer enough, it is time to back words with action. We bring worries of young people to decision makers and create solution for implementation.



**Nelson Izah-** Co founder of Workload.ng and a great mentee of DoTheDream YDI share his sojourn on value adding solution of workload.ng. The President of the organusation Oluwatoyin Aromire gave the vote of thanks with Special thanks to **Adebusuyi Olutayo Olumadewa** (founder/Executive Director) for putting the event together.

#### DAY 2

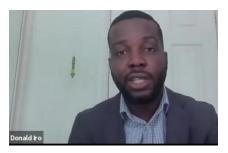
The Day 2 Event started with a Presentation from Olumide Ajiginni – CEO BridgeMissions International, Chicago on Relationship. He defines Relationship as the ship that takes you to your destiny. He encourages youths to nurture relationship knowing fully it is the diamond mine. He gave the four Types of Relationship God, Yourself: You have to learn how to take your spirit, soul and body out on a date. People-(You cannot go anywhere without people.) Environment-A place where you find yourself.

The second Presentation from Dewit Coetsee on Leveraging on ICT for Global Action creates a buzz in people . He started with The adoption of technology in the last three months is equal to the adoption of technology in the last tens years. Giving Data .He advises on Technology trends to consider

- Geographical information systems
- Artificial intelligence
- Robotics
- Business / Process automation / Digitisation
- Augmented reality
- Data analysis and decision support
- Inter-connected systems



Teni Eleoramo –Founder of Kohath Group dazzle the youths of the Road ahead. Fourth Industrial Revolution, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning and Healthcare are the diamond now. The amazons of the next decades, Google of the next decades are the companies that are able to chart a cause for themselves within artificial intelligence, machine learning and robotics because there is increase of intelligence .



Dan Iro –MD Allteks UK said We are no victims of where we find ourselves because we have the capability to design where we want to go. He told the youths to create more and great opportunities for themselves by becoming an exceptional performer. He encourages young people to synergies in order never to have duplication of effort.

Yemi Sholotan Concluding session on Volunteering, types of Volunteering, do and don'ts of Volunteering generates the needed momentum for growth.



Marian Ogundairos mesaage on Public Speaking. It is normal to be nervous when you are just starting up as a public speaker. Know Your Audience Practice and keep practicing. There is a formula for everything. Don't Be Afraid to speak with Humor.



Inspiring Messages from Idris Paulina and Nelson Izah on the impact of DoTheDream Youth Development Initiative inspires the speaker on the audacity of hope and greatness communicated over decades by DoTheDream Youth Development Initiative.

Oluwatoyin Aromire Gave the vote of thanks and close the event .





SUZZANNE MAXX - President . World Team Now

#### 2020 International Women's Day

The Kingdom of The Netherlands Embassy and Soroptmist International Nigeria, with the Lagos State Government celebrates International Women's Day 2020.

Every March 8 is International Women's Day. The dominant theme for this year's Observance is "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights; while the campaign theme is #EachforEqual.



To commemorate this year's event, The Kingdom of The Netherlands Embassy and Soroptmist International Nigeria, supported by the Lagos State Government organised an afternoon tea reception at the Netherlands Embassy, Lagos. The event brought together a crop of women and girl leaders, gender equality activists, women's rights advocates, and change makers of all ages and genders, and provided an opportunity to highlight the progress made on achieving gender equality in Nigeria 25 years after the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. In addition, it provided a platform to discuss how collective positive actions can be taken towards achieving more quantifiable progress on gender equality and women/girls' empowerment in the near future.



While declaring the event open, the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Embassy, Jan Van Weijen, reiterated that remarkable achievements on gender equality have been made all over the world since the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action. He stated that there is still need to mobilize global action to advance gender equality worldwide. In the same vein, the President of Soroptimist International Nigeria recognized the success of the Beijing to Platform for Action over the years and commended its sister organisations worldwide for championing change initiatives that have led to a progressive gains guiding continuous collective action in alignment with the theme #EachforEqual.

The event also featured various goodwill messages presented by representatives of the Lagos State Government – Mrs Oludara Okelola (TG/PS Education District V; members

of the Diplomatic Corp; private organisations; leading NGOs including DoTheDream Youth Development Initiative, amongst others. Afterwards, a brief interactive session on how we can enhance gender equality and promote an enabled world was held.

The highpoint of the event was the cutting of the IWD 2020 cake provided by the Gender Team of Sterling Bank Nigeria. Everyone present was asked to put their arms out front and Strike the #EachforEqual Pose to show solidarity and motivate others to personalize International Women's Day as their day.



The event was brought to a close with a vote of thanks said by the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Embassy, Jan Van Weijen.

An Equal world is an Enabled world.



#### 2020 WORLD SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY



Every 20th February is World Social Justice Day. The theme adopted for this year is "Closing the Inequalities gap to achieve Social Justice. To commemorate the day, DoTheDream Youth Development Initiative in collaboration with the UN Information Centre, (UNIC) Nigeria and Lagos State Ministry of Education – Education District V held an interactive programme at Awori Ajeromi Grammar School, Agboju, Lagos.

While presenting the UN Secretary General's message, the Director, UN Information Centre (UNIC) Nigeria, Ronald Kayanja ably represented by the Admin/Public Information Assistant, Ms. Adeola Adedeji reiterated that upholding the principles of Social Justice is at the core of the UN's Global mission to promote development and human dignity. He stated further that "to promote prosperous co-existence, it is important to ensure no one is left behind and all inequalities in the area of gender, health, environment and education must be closed."

The Tutor of Lagos State Education Oludara O. Okelola in her "Leveraging on Education to Achieving Social Justice" initiatives embarked on by to close existing inequalities together towards improving and healthcare; rethinking biases and discrimination, students present and said important gift a parent can students to make the best



General/Permanent Secretary District V, Agboju, Mrs. presentation titled Close the Equality Gap in highlighted the laudable the Lagos State Government gap. She urged all to work access to quality education work and skills; addressing She encouraged the etc. "Education is the that give a child. I advise all our opportunities use of

#### available"

Also, The Consul General, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mr. Jan van Weijen, in his presentation highlighted the importance of dreams relating it to the theme of the Day "Closing the Inequalities Gap to Achieve Social Justice". He said, "We all have dreams and dreams feed our imaginations" To enable students realise their dreams, he charged them to take small steps, create teams, put measures in place, focus on SDGs relating to people, prosperity and planet; and be models. He urged them to be bold and brave about their causes.



As part of the event, some students from the Education District held a panel discussion on the challenges and how best to close the inequalities gap in the area of health, environment, education, gender, disability and politics. To promote inclusiveness, some students and teachers of the School for the Deaf and Dumb had a playlet to give a voice to people with special needs.



In his remarks, the Executive Director and Founder of Do the Dream Youth Development Initiative, Adebusuyi Olutayo Olumadewa, emphasized that progressive positive outcomes in closing inequalities gaps can be achieved if all work together and genuinely modify our individual attitudes and values towards humanity. He identified 3 specific pointers that should be embraced for addressing inequalities – Compassion, Care and Concern.



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