

MEET THE 2022 ALUMNI

ALEX CHITUMBO

Alex is an OMLA 2022 Alumnus who is currently employed as a Project Coordinator at Cheshire Homes Society of Zambia, A non-profit making disability service organization whose mission is to enable persons with disabilities to improve their quality of life and to campaign for the removal of barriers which hinder them to fulfill their full potential. He is responsible for the strategic implementation, development, and overall management Corona Response Project, implementing inclusive measures to prevent and control the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on 1500 children, youth with disabilities, and their families within 3 districts of Lusaka Province of Zambia.

His area of expertise includes Youth Empowerment, Volunteer Management, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Community development, Advocacy, and the Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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MUJOKOJI RUWARASHE

Ruwarashe is a 23-year-old OMLA 2022 Fellow who is currently studying at the African Leadership College, Mauritius. She is committed to reducing the number of Drug Abusers in Zimbabwe, Mauritius, and Africa at large. She's a social activist, concerned most about substance abuse in various communities. In order to solve problems in her environment, she had an idea of starting a social organisation in which she would enroll these young children and offer them education and train them with skills that are very essential for starting up their own projects or even being involved in other peoples projects as analyzing data and be partnering with companies.

Her areas of expertise include the Legal/Law industry, Mental Health, and Hospitality.

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ELVIS ROASS JUNIOR

He is an OMLA Alumnus who is the deputy coordinator of the Youth Network for Leadership and Development in Chad (RJDLT in French), an organization promoting leadership and sustainable development. He is also working as an incubator of the organization where he helps startups from different levels to start, grow and expand their ideas.

As a Fellow, he is dedicated to raising an army of sustainable entrepreneurs in Chad and in Africa at large.

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JEAN DE DIEU HAKIZIMANA

Jean de Dieu is a Congolese setting up community activities for young people affected by armed conflicts. He experience in Humanitarian and Development Actions, Leadership, Project Management and Advocacy.

He is using the knowledge gained from the Fellowship to improve and strengthen the policy of sustainable development as well as contributing to the reduction of poverty in Africa and the DRC in particular.

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KENNY RODGERS OMONDI

Omondi, a 27-Year-Old 2022 OMLA Fellow is a Kenyan born Automotive Engineer by profession and have undergone paramilitary training with the Kenya National Youth Service.

He is the Founder of Kenya Environmental Youth for change, he works with Youth on a collective Environmental Measures to mitigate Adverse Effects of climate change which they do by planting trees. He is currently working on intercounty tree planting in schools with the aim of bringing the forest cover to 10% by 2030.

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He is an OMLA 2022 Fellow from Tanzania and a community health Worker who is passionate about educating young people on their civic roles and responsibilities.

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SAMBOLLAH ALBERT

Albert is an OMLA Fellow from Liberia. A teacher who is transforming and preparing youth in Caldwell Samukai, Liberia as well as young leaders in Africa for a better tomorrow. He is using the knowledge and experience gained from the Fellowship to promote Youth development, Education, Employment and skill Acquisition.

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NANTABO MARY JUDITH

Mary Judith is a 2022 OMLA Fellow from Uganda who is committed to helping Teenage girls complete their education regardless of early pregnancy or Sexually Transmitted Infections. She is working with other youth in Uganda to ensure that Girls acquire vocational skills such as tailoring, hair, and dressing so as to promote self-reliance.

Her target audience is teenage girls below the age of 30, her goal is to reduce Teenage Pregnancy in the Eastern region of Uganda and across Africa by organizing sensitization and Mentorship.

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TAIWO OPEOLUWA DANIEL

Taiwo is a Nigerian-born Political Analyst. His area of expertise includes Business Development, Human Resources, and Public Relation. He is a UN SDG goal 3 Advocate committed to the reduction of Drug Abuse by 20% amongst young persons in Lagos, State Nigeria.

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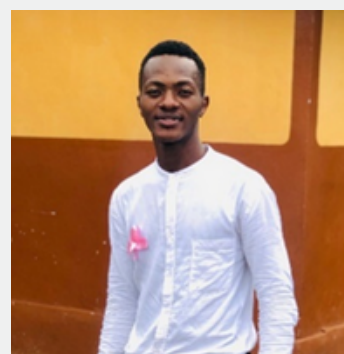
KOROMA TIMOTHY IMRAN

He is the convener of VISION INTERNATIONAL, a non-profit organization that seeks to impact positivity and hope in individuals for community services.

The OMLA 2022 Sierra Leonean mantra is "As African youth, we are limited because of resources, but if we fight to gain positive knowledge, we will achieve great things and bring changes to the next generation as Knowledge is power"

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ALUMNI IN ACTION

Through the OMLA Community Development Project grant, Ejolle has been able to equip and empower single women and Youth in Beau with basic vocational skills



Ejolle Lovert is a young leader who is empowering Youth residing in Beau in to reduce the unemployment rate which is prevalent among young persons in Africa. He is a Master's Holder in International Environmental Law, working towards UN SDG Goal 8.

Since 2018, he has worked as an outreach officer in AFRINET, PEACE CORP. He is engaged in the implementation of projects on Gender-Based Violence and has also attended international and local seminar workshops in waste management, computer, food security, sustainability, and leadership.

Through the OMLA Community Development Project grant, Ejolle has been able to equip and empower single women and Youth in Beau with basic vocational skills such as hairdressing, fashion designing, and makeup which have promoted self-reliance and the reduced the unemployment rate among the youth in Cameroon and Africa.

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OMLA 2022 Fellows is presently working on Reforestation of Janneh Kundah community forest located in Kiang Janneh kunda



Bakary J Janneh, is a pan-Africanist, and an Environmental and Human Right Activist. The 21 years old Gambian won UNESCO and National Center for Arts and Culture. He is the Founder of the Young Poets Association and also the president of Youths Against Environmental Degradation (YAED) as part of efforts to combat climate change and its impacts on the African continent.

Bakary J Janneh, OMLA 2022 Fellow is presently working on the Reforestation of the Janneh Kundah community forest located in Kiang Janneh Kunda, Gambia. With his supervision, his OMLA Stars and Starlets planted over 2,000 trees under the OMLA community development project scheme in order to strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in Africa.

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MEET ETHEL ANNE AMA KOMLAGA



My name is Anne Ethel, I am a Ghanaian who grew up in Rural Area and presently live in Accra, the country capital.

I am currently the Executive Director of Quantum Ideas Ghana, a Youth group drawn across borders focused on community development in the areas of SDG3,4, 5, 8 and 17

What job do you currently do?

I am a Programs Lead at Centre for Transformational Leadership in Africa.

What is your expectation for applying for the Fellowship and has it been met?

Having over 10years cumulative experience in the field education, leadership, training and NGO Management, I understand the issues youth in Africa experience. I applied for the Fellowship to expand my skillset on Employment Skills Training, Girlchild Education and UN SDG Goals.

My expectation for applying has been met. OMLA has provided me huge platform to discover who I am and also inspire young girls around.

Why did you choose to skill the youth with basic vocational skills?

In Ghana, like in many African countries, there is a clear connection between societal instability, poverty, and youth unemployment. In 2020, the unemployment rate in Ghana was at approximately 4.53 percent of the total labor force. The unemployment rate in Ghana is expected to reach 4.60 percent by the end of 2022, according to Trading Economics Global Macro Models and Analysts Expectations. The current incidences of drug and substance abuse, increased youth radicalization, and terror activities all point to a state where most youths are unable to secure gainful employment and thus become easy targets to terror groups recruiting young people to be used in executing deadly attacks including suicide bombing. In addition, young people end up engaging in drugs and substance abuse, which further increases the cost to society in terms of rehabilitation, and being social misfits.

These are some of the skills training and Empowerment executed during the OMLA Community Development Project.



IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH IN NATION BUILDING

TOULACK KINGSLEY, 2022 OMLA FELLOW.

Nation Building is the responsibility of every citizen irrespective of age, religion, gender or background. Because youth make up the greater part of the population in almost every Nation (especially in Africa), the strength of the Nation depends on how involved the youths are in its building and running. Youth is that period in which revolutionary thoughts that shape the world spring to mind. While most youth do not even know that they have a key role to play in Nation building, those that know still question how to achieve it while the older people question why youth should be involved in Nation building. Youth are important in Nation Building due to the following reasons;

Firstly, Youth are gifted with natural intelligence, they are enthusiastic and energetic to work and move the country forward. They have the ability to learn, adapt very fast and have great ambitions to contribute to the development of their country. They therefore constitute the backbone on which every nation should build because they represent the nation at every level and are the present and future of the nation.



Furthermore, Youthful is a source of social reform and improvement in society, hence their active participation is required to achieve goals and take the country towards progress. Young people are essential stakeholders for the promotion of human rights, democracy, peace and cooperation, therefore, should be actively involved in all decision-making processes irrespective of gender and background, since they are most affected by these decisions. Young people are the ones mostly affected by poverty, unemployment and forced displacement and as victims of violence and social exclusion, which are threats to peace. It is important to promote their rights and involve them in community decision-making for National stability, growth and development. Iso, Youths have dreams, hopes and passions. They yearn to achieve something great in life

They have gushing enthusiasm which has to be harnessed, regulated and utilized in the right way. The bitter fact is unless we are using the physical power of Youths, no country can go ahead. It is high time, we exported services than to be imported, and for this purpose, all Youths must join hand in gloves to make a joint effort for a positive impact.

Finally, Youth can take up the position left by their elders and put in efforts to grow and develop. They can produce innovative initiatives which will lead to actions that contribute in moving the society forward and also the Nation. They protect their culture and tradition while at the same time, acknowledge and embrace changes. This way, the heritage sites can be well maintained and promoted. Also, the development of the country, in all the spheres like social, political and economics, depends largely on youth and their actions. Hence, Youth are ultimately the building blocks of the Nation and the stronger and better they are involved in Nation building, the more developed and powerful the Nation becomes.

ALUMNI MAKING WAVES

For the past year, OMLA Fellows (now OMLA Alumni) have been shattering glass ceilings and standing above the status quo. These are young persons in African youth who are changing the native of the continent.



AJUADEM NIXON ATEM FORJIA

Ajuadem Nixon, an Alumnus from Cameroon. In October 2022, Nixon was selected to attend the largest gathering of Africa's young people "Youth Connekt Africa Summit22" in Kigali, Rwanda..

He was also invited by the British Embassy in Cameroon to discuss One Million Leaders Africa as a result of the incredible work and impact made in his home Country. Ajuadem has also bagged various certificates, Awards, and Nominations. Congratulations Dear Alumnus!

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ERNEST MUKETE

Ernest is an Alumnus who is transforming the Agricultural system in Africa from theory to practical, from chemical to organic. He is the founder of Global Youth Transformative Aid (GYTA) and possesses innovative Agricultural skills in creating self-sustainable jobs in the agricultural sector in Cameroon. He received his first award as a result of the projects executed during the OMLA Fellowship which is Youth with distinct impact to the society handed to him by the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Cameroon.

He was also elected as the 1st adviser to the sub-divisional president in the executive Bureau at the National Youth Council. According to Mukete, his greatest achievement so far are the new skills and networks he has made during the OMLA Fellowship.

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ROSEMARY ADEJOH-ADAJI

Rosemary is another Alumnus who is making waves and shattering the glass ceilings in the area of Civic Engagement, Leadership and Strategic Management, Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

She was promoted to the position of a program Manager in her workplace within the Fellowship year as a result of the application of the Knowledge gained from the Fellowship.

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NEWLY SELECTED FELLOWS 2023

THE GREAT MINDS BEHIND THE SUCCESS OF OMLA FELLOWSHIP 2022



OMLA fellows '23



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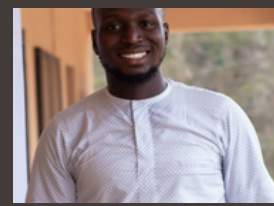
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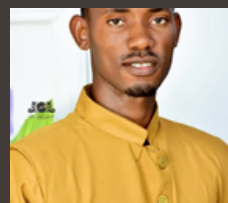
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