

# FOURTH QUARTER GHANA YMCA NEWSLETTER 2019

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**TECH SUMMIT HELD IN GHANA YMCA  
TO CREATE SAFE SPACE FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE TO EXPLORE**



**OUR VISION: EMPOWERING  
YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE  
AFRICAN RENAISSANCE.**

*Our Mission: To enhance the  
development of the minds, bodies and  
spirits of young people in Ghana in  
order to make them productive and  
useful citizens.*



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## OCTOBER

### **Western Region Hold Elections**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, the Western Regional Council of YMCA successful held their elections at the Takoradi YMCA center. The outgoing board sincerely expressed gratitude to all branches who came and supported them and made the elections a success. The newly elected officers are as follows:

Regional Chairman: Mr. Emmanuel Koomsoon  
Regional Vice President – Augustina A. Ampedu  
Regional Treasurer – Joseph S. Kwofie  
Regional Youth Chair – Ann Marie Koomson

## NOVEMBER

### **Women's Wing Meeting At Takoradi YMCA**



With the institution of a women's wing in the Ghana YMCA towards a balanced gender participation and involvement, the YMCA in the Western Region held this all women in leadership meeting on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

The purpose of this meeting was to look at the overall intent of the women's wing in YMCA programs and activities. It was also to bring together the young women who have risen to leadership and create a platform where they can work together as a single empowered unit

towards empowering other young women within the YMCA and the immediate community.

Present at this beautiful meeting of young women working their hearts and minds out were;

Augustina Araba Ampedu (Reginal Vice President), Ama Ntsefuwah Josiah (Mrs)- National Youth Vice Chair, Ann Marie Koomson (Regional Youth Chair), Fransica Eshun (Regional Women's Commissioner), Florence Amakye (Takoradi branch President), Lisa Marie Koomson (women's commissioner Tanokrom branch).

Key outcomes of this meeting are the following initiatives for future programs and activities;



**Skills training for local girls**

- +Beads making
- +Petty baking & local drink making.
- +Sewing

**Girl Talk Sessions**

- +Personal hygiene & grooming.
- +Road Safety talk.
- +Sensitive health talks on STD's & the likes
- +Fire Safety
- +Christian principles for your women
- +Outstation session to Junior High Schools and Senior High Schools (Hi Ys and non Hi Y schools)

The meeting closed with a beautiful pose from these young women to say that they are ready to serve and to empower

**Master Class 3**

The “Make A Difference” Master Class 3 for writing for film and film distribution training took place at the Ghana YMCA National Office (Media Hub Education



Centre), from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. The workshop has





been designed to empower young film makers in Ghana, Liberia, The Gambia, Sierra Leone and Togo in the fields of developing screenplay/treatment.



The initiative is sponsored with financial support from Weltfilme.org, Bread for the World and Federal



Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Germany).

### **Premiering of the “Make A Difference” short films**

The premiering of our six short films under “Make A Difference” film project took place at the



Silver Bird Cinema on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. These films which are solely directed by young talented filmmakers from Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia and the Gambia are specifically produced to address societal needs and

challenges while fostering common solutions in the fields of sanitation, human rights and democracy. It is also targeted at individuals who are making significant changes in finding sustainable solutions to the identified challenges in their respective communities.



This initiative is undertaken in partnership with the University of The Gambia, SLADEA (Sierra Leone Adult Education Association), NAEAL (National Adult Education Association of Liberia) and Xchange Perspective with financial support from Weltfilme.org, Bread for the Word and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Germany).

The six short fictional and documentary films which were premiered are “Ride with Me, Ray of Hope, Beyond the Service, Plastic Man, Life on the Road, and Redemption”.



## DECEMBER

### **Film shooting in Togo for a documentary about youth justice**



The film crew set off to Togo on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019, to commence a youth justice film project.

Filming for the documentary started on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2019. The team visited various venues to meet both beneficiaries and stakeholders of the Youth Justice Project that is being implemented by YMCA of Togo. Some of the stakeholders included government

officials from the department of prisons, Human Rights Commission, Matrons and Patrons who are training beneficiaries including people from various walks of life including ex-detainees, youth who have not been detained and detainees.



The team was able to gather all the necessary data needed to film the documentary.



The funding for the project is provided by the SMC Faith in Development (Sweden) and the YWCA/YMCA of Sweden.



## Ghana Tech Summit

Ghana Tech Summit which came off on 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at the Ghana YMCA National Office in Accra is the brought together entrepreneurs, stakeholders and roof. It addressed challenges through



2<sup>nd</sup> annual edition that hundreds of inventors, government industry experts under one humanity's greatest technology and

entrepreneurship. Over 100 speakers and 1000 attendees featuring pioneers from leading companies such as Facebook, Uber, Google, Twitter, IGM, and Microsoft were present at the event.



The World YMCA Secretary General, Carlos Madjri Sanvee graced the occasion. This platform was a huge platform for idea exchanges between world class business leaders and young entrepreneurs in order to promote innovation and entrepreneurship As an organization that is committed to creating safe spaces for young people to explore and build their capacity,

providing space for this summit was another testament to the YMCA's dedication to empowering young people for the African Renaissance.



Summit.

Christine Souffrant Ntim, an award winning Haitian American entrepreneur and Einstein Ntim are the founders of the Global Startup Ecosystem are the initiators of the Tech





## **Mobile Cinema Tour**

Following the premiering at the Sliver Bird Cinema, the six films have been shown across the country in a mobile cinema tour started from 10<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019.

The films have been shown in the Eastern, Western, Ashanti and Central Regions.

We are using the power of the film medium to foster community dialogue and generate community-based solutions about critical development issues.





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