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TWO WEEKS TRAINING ORGANIZED FOR 24 ASPIRING FILMMAKERS



**OUR VISION: EMPOWERING
YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE
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*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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Management of Ghana YMCA Pre-Chartering Exercise Meeting

Management of Ghana YMCA Pre- assessment of Africa Alliance of YMCAs Chartering Exercise held on the 8th April, 2019 at the Ghana YMCA Guest House. The management staff met to discuss all the areas of the tools for the assessment. This was to help in providing the necessary information to the AAY team that was to undertake the assessment. All outstanding areas that required addressing was mapped out and responsibilities assigned to each management staff to work on before the AAY team undertook the Chartering Exercise.



Development Chief Donates Walkie-Talkies to Fire Service at Konongo-Odumasi

A short ceremony was held at the Fire Service Department at Konongo – Odumasi on the 9th of May, 2019.

Nana Kofi Marfo III , a German, who is the chief of development of Konongo Traditional Council, on behalf of CVJM Bïüschergrund and mayor of Freudenberg, made a donation of slightly used nine walkie-talkies and accessories to the Asante Akim Central Municipal Fire Department.

Membership Chartering Process

YMCA Ghana was assessed by the Africa Alliance of YMCAs on 30th April, 2019 as part of the Membership Chartering process. It was led by the President of YMCA Togo, Bento Kossi Adetola Guillot and the National General Secretary of Sierra Leone YMCA, Christian Kamara, who is also the Western Zonal Coordinator. They took participants through a number of tools in the form of questionnaires from Africa Alliance in



connection with the chartering of Ghana

YMCA to qualify to be either a full member, an associate member or an affiliate member of Africa Alliance of YMCAs.

Training for Board of Directors

On the 1st of May, the Board of Ghana YMCA had a training by the Africa Alliance of YMCA's, facilitated by Western Zonal Coordinator, Mr. Christian Kamara. As the board was elected in 2018, it was important that they were trained in their roles and responsibilities as new members joined. It helped to clarify the role of the Board as well as the management staff that they work with especially in the Regions.



Wawase Daycare receives new uniforms



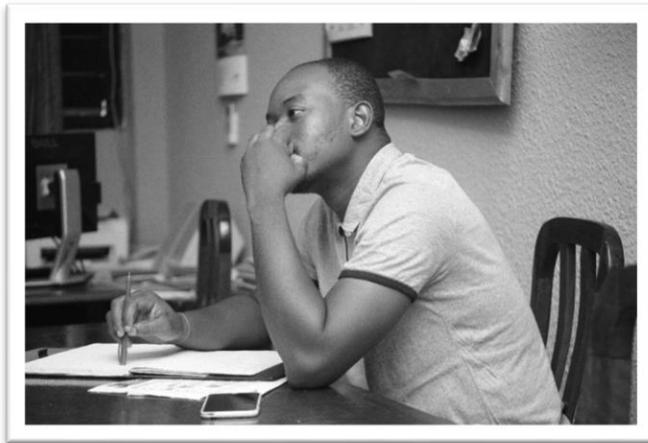
On the 10th May, 2019, Wawase Daycare Centre received a new set of uniforms from the regional office. The new uniform which is supposed to be used as their Friday wear was sponsored by Mr. Thomas Boansi-Sarpong, the YMCA National Treasurer. The new uniform comes to add up with the old one, making two official uniforms for the Day Care Centre.

Mr. Gabriel Ofori Appiah, the Ash/BA Regional Director, made it clear the plans and vision the YMCA has for education and training in the Ashanti, Brong Ahafo and the Northern sectors of

the country. He encouraged the management of the school to show more commitment and discipline towards their work.

Help for Red Project

The National Youth Chairman, George Dela Coffie held a meeting with on 15th May 2019 with Mrs. Victoria Mensah a lecturer at Christian Service University College and founder of Oval Square Ghana. The meeting included Miss Comfort Tutuwaa Mensah outgoing SRC Vice President of Christian Service University College on a project named **HELP-FOR-RED**. 1 out of 10 Ghanaian girls drop out of school because of menstrual issues. This project is to educate young girls about menstrual hygiene and also raise funds for young girls in rural and peri-urban areas who are in need of sanitary wear. This project is in line with SDGs goals 3,4 and 5 = Health, Education and Gender.



Local Branch Strengthening Workshop Exercise

Selected participants from all the five Regions arrived in Koforidua for YMCA Local Branch Strengthening workshop exercise which came off 16th to 19th May, 2019. Programme's Director of Togo YMCA, Mr. Frank Gafan gave a presentation on how Togo YMCA organize their programmes and how they attract youth to the YMCA. Thorben an intern from Germany also took participants



through programmes organized at his branch in Germany. Obaa Akua Konadu from Youth



Empowerment Synergy (YES Ghana) presented to the participants on Civic Actions with focus on the SDGs, Gabriel Ofori Appiah the Ashanti/BA Regional Director, took participants through creating your own Online Presence, Safety and security and Cyber bullying. The Change Agents from Cohort 3, Nana Peperah Antwi and Linda Adzeoda introduced to the house the Change

Agents Model.

This Workshop was organized for all the five Regions to be able to develop and implement programmes to attract and increase their membership.



YMCA Ghana Launches Filmmakers Chat

Accra, May 24, the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Ghana launched the maiden edition of the YMCA Ghana-Weltfilme.Org Filmmakers Chat to create a platform for direct interactions between experienced filmmakers and trainees of the organization.

The platform offered the trainees elaborate ideas, advice, recommendations and mentorship to script writers, film editors and actors to enable them excel in film production.

Mr Kwadwo Kissiedu, the National President of the Ghana YMCA, said the Filmmakers Chat was an opportunity for young filmmakers to make an impact and excel from the collective knowledge presented to them from the experts on board.

This platform will help build the trainees into mobilizing their profession into a greater goal in the society. Equipment are expensive nowadays, but YMCA with our partners Bread For The World and WeltFilme.Org, provide sophisticated equipment for the young ones to make the environment conducive for them.

The platform provided direct learning, apprenticeship, sharing of creative ideas, reviewing of movies and criticism as well.



Western Regional Branch Strengthening

On Saturday, the 25th May 2019, a debrief meeting was held at the YMCA center in Takoradi following the impact of the YMCA branch strengthening training held in Koforidua. The meeting brought together 10 representatives from three local branches - Sekondi, Tanokrom and Takoradi (including 1 Hi Y rep).



New Interns for Ashanti Region



The Ashanti Brong Ahafo Regional Secretariat of YMCA has recruited four new interns for this long vacation to share their unique ideas to help in youth empowerment and also impacting lives and the community as a whole.

Greater Accra Breakfast Meeting

Ghana YMCA Breakfast Meeting in celebration of YMCA 175 years of existence was on the theme, "Creating Ambassadors and Change Agents" took place on the 1st June, 2019 at the Accra City Hotel.



YMCA World Challenge 2019

YMCA Ghana joined forces with YMCAs worldwide for the 2019 World Challenge.

YMCA Ghana called on the local community to come together and support it to volunteer 175 minutes of their



time as part of the



challenge on Saturday 8 June, to celebrate the movement's 175th anniversary.

All the five regions of YMCA joined the YMCA World Challenge of volunteering 175 minutes to serve a community need. That is why vibrant youth volunteers came together to undertake a

cleanup exercise along the coasts of Sekondi, Ga Nshorna near the castle in Accra and Ada beach. The Ashanti Brong Ahafo was not left out of the challenge and Volta Region also cleaned the Civic Center at Ho. Last but not the least, the Eastern Regional YMCAs did clear the Central Market and Car Park areas of Koforidua. These young YMCA volunteers, staff and officers cleaned up and sensitized the community on the need to keep the environment clean and to stop open defecation. They shared flyers and stickers as well as used a megaphone to pass on the word. For the young volunteers who participated, it was more than just volunteering to serve the community but a celebration of 175 years of shaping young lives and letting the community know that the spirit and joy of volunteerism lives on with the YMCA.



Make A Difference Project



During a 10-day workshop in Koforidua, the project ‘**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**’ brought together 12 filmmakers (trainers) and 24 aspiring filmmakers (trainees) from Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone and The Gambia to develop and produce films revolving around questions of

how an individual can make a difference in society as a whole.

The aspiring filmmakers acquired skills in Media for Peace and in writing, directing and producing fictional and documentary films. Participation in the workshop and in the film production was free. Accommodation and meals were provided during the workshop in Koforidua.

In Accra, the participants will create 6 movies on the theme ‘**Make A Difference**’ from June 24 - July 5, 2019. The films will be distributed nationally and internationally to support dialogue among Ghanaians, Liberians, Sierra Leoneans and Gambians and to strengthen the voice of single individuals in their respective societies.



Make A Difference is a project by WELTFILME.org, YMCA Ghana, SLADEA, NAEAL, the University of The Gambia and Xchange Perspective with financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Bread for the World.







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