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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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STAFF RETREAT KOFORIDUA

The beginning of this year 2018, brought together again the 5 Regional Directors and key personnel including the Executive Director of the Ghana YMCA, the former National General Secretary of Ghana YMCA (retired), Mr. Samuel Anim, Sarah Heinlin the Communication Officer/Programmes Coordinator and Mr. Eckard Geisler, the Fraternal Secretary between CVJM Westbund and Ghana YMCA to a staff retreat and to review 2017 performance plan on local branches strengthening exercise.

The retreat also was to consider work done on the development of Hi-Y guidelines to facilitate uniformity in the formation and operations of higher institution YMCA (Hi-Ys) mainly to be rolled out in the Senior High Schools across the 5 administrative regions of Ghana where the YMCA operate. (Reflections on 2017 Task).



The staff also looked at how to achieve Africa Alliance of YMCA's directive with regards to the membership charter of each national movement recruiting 2000 minimum of paid up members and regards to the retention by the end of 2018, strategies to be employed to achieve membership recruitment

target, resources and key logistics and administrative support required to implement 2018 work plan including local branch strengthening exercise. Eckard shared some relevant information about the Ghana Kompakt 2018, some Ghanaian local branch partners expected to visit Germany this year and its associated preparations.



The Regional Directors' retreat is becoming an effective platform for sharing best practices and also learning from challenges.

MARCH 2018

INFO DAY AT THE Technical Training Centre (TTC) Accra, on Monday, March 19, 2018 with the Ghanaian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration, Reintegration

The economic situation in Ghana is unstable. Unemployment is high, particularly among the youth. Therefore, the YMCA Technical Training Centre (TTC) prepares and equips its students as best as possible to find a job after their graduation. In keeping with such effort, the TTC invited the Ghanaian-German Centre, implemented by the German Cooperation GIZ that provides information about openings in the Ghanaian labour market and also offers individual counselling for visitors on existing services and measures for occupational and social integration and qualification in Ghana to interact with our students. Ghanaians in search of vocational training and employment opportunities can also visit the Centre for assistance and for further information.

On March 19th the advisors of the Ghanaian-German Center came to the TTC to hold an information session for the students, in which they showed them possible job opportunities, their career perspectives and their chance to establish their own business in Ghana. All students of the TTC and their teachers, more than 80 in number, attended the info day at which the Director David Tette, and advisors



Kwaku Yeboah and his colleague Angela spoke to them about their options to have a full field and successful life within the country. This session also dealt with the challenges of illegal migration, in



particular to Europe. The presentations also gave more insight as to how the students can take advantage of the resource center at the Ghanaian-German Center and on some of the possible scholarship opportunities for them to further their education both within and outside the country. The students listened attentively and posed questions that showed their interest in the presentations.

The Principal appreciated their service very much. After the presentations the Principal and the Director of the Ghanaian-German Centre came to the conclusion that there will be the need to have more events like that in the future at the YMCA TTC.



A colorful picture of info day at Technical Training Centre (TTC)

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The German based NGO WELTFILME.org’s goal is to train and educate people in countries of development cooperation in visual media production and to upgrade the skills of up-coming media producers. All this is meant to broaden media production and to support the access to audiovisual media together with partner organizations on the spot.

The Film Production Workshop “Training for the Trainers” started on Monday 19th March to 23rd March, 2018 at Ghana YMCA auditorium. The 5 day workshop brought 12 filmmakers (participants) from Ghana, Sierra Leone and Liberia to be trained to strengthen the network of media producers in West Africa to develop and produce short films on crucial social issues in their respective countries,

namely the question on how one can work against discrimination and how to respect and include all marginalized groups in society.



A follow up project will come off in July, 2018 where the participants will put their new educational knowledge into practice by training aspiring filmmakers to create movies on crucial social issues in their respective countries.



ENSTOOLMENT OF A CHIEF

After the death of Mr. Fritz Pawelzik Nana Kofi Marfo II the Nkɔsohene (Development Chief), of Konongo, Dr. Bernhard Bertlmann has been chosen by the people and chief of Konongo to replace him.

Dr. Bernhard Bertlmann who is a member of, Büschgrund CVJM, per his contribution and hard work, has been enstooled as the Nkɔsohene (Development Chief) with the stool name Nana Kofi Marfo III on Wednesday 28th March, 2018.



The Executive Director, the National Treasurer and the Ashanti Regional Director was there to support this memorable occasion. There was a group of 12 members from Germany, including the wife, daughter, son-in-law and friends of Nana Kofi Morfo III who came to witness this historic installation.

Pictures of Dr. Bernhard Bertlmann during his enstoolment at the palace of Konongo [here](#)



MPRAESO CAUCUS QUIZ FOR EIGHT JHS SCHOOLS

Mpraeso is the capital of Kwahu South District, in the Eastern Region of Ghana, located at an altitude of 367m on the Kwahu Plateau. The Ghana YMCA Junior High School (JHS) at Mpraeso was inaugurated on the 1st October, 1996 with the aim of developing the mind of young people as a way of making them productive and useful citizens.



During the Easter break a quiz competition was organized for all the eight Junior High Schools at Mpraeso. Three pupils namely Sampong Boateng, Gyan Odei Dorcas and Asante Emmanuel who took part in the competition for the Junior High School did marvelously well by coming first with 55 points. As part of their awards for their success, they were given 3 Bicycles, 3 Dictionaries, 3 Wrist Watch, 1 wall clock, 1,300 Exercise Books, First Aid Box, a set of Football Jerseys for both boys and girls, and last but not least a Projector and Laptop and a Trophy for being the best school for the competition.



Picture of the three pupils who contested for the quiz competition with their prizes

THIRD PHASE OF YIEDIE PROJECT AT GHANA YMCA TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTRE IN COLLABORATION WITH GLOBAL COMMUNITIES

The Youth Inclusive Entrepreneurial Development Initiative for Employment (YIEDIE) Project is still ongoing. This collaboration has helped many youth by giving training to acquire skills to grow and start small businesses on their own. 370 young people will be trained for the third phase in 2018.



The African Aurna Business Network (AABN) had a talk with them on how to handle their business, how to save and how to write business proposals and plans. The HFC Bank also introduced HFC Bofo Saving to the participants on how they can access funds to start a business.



These are some of the work by the first and second phase of the beneficiaries of the YIEDIE Project.