

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT THE FUTURE AWARDS/THE FUTURE PROJECT

This is a brief on highlights from the activities, engagements and impact of The Future Project (TFP) and The Future Awards (TFA) since the last edition of The Future Awards, which held in Port-Harcourt, Nigeria on August 30, 2012.

THE FUTURE AWARDS 2012.

The Season 7 of Nigeria's premier youth awards event, The Future Awards, held on the 26th of August 2012 in the Garden City of Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital. The Future Awards which was tagged "Tear Down these Walls" brought together very important personalities including former World Bank Vice President, Obiageli Ezekwesili, Rivers State Deputy Governor, Tele Ikuru, Commissioner for Information, Ibim Seminatari, Commissioner for Agriculture, Emmanuel Chinda, Chairman of Heirs Holdings, Tony Elumelu, and many others.

THE FUTURE AWARDS SUPPORTS THE DOWN SYNDROME FOUNDATION OF NIGERIA.

Providing care for children with Down Syndrome some of which have been abandoned by their parents and society on the basis of culture and myths that tend to stigmatize them, The Future Awards supports the foundation with donations from kindhearted individuals and nominees to help in their unique way to augment the efforts which the DSFN is undertaking to make life more meaningful to the children.

THE FUTURE AWARDS TOWN HALL MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH TARUWA.

The Entertainment and Creative Town Hall Meeting held on Tuesday June 26 at the Bogobiri House, Ikoyi. It featured performances around the theme "Hope and Courage," which tallies with the Future Awards Season 7 theme because it is impossible to tear down the wall without hope and courage.

THE FUTURE AWARDS TOWN HALL MEETINGS HELD IN ABUJA, YOLA, IMO AND PORTHARCOURT.

Town hall meetings were held in these states in the month of June to promote the vision of The Future Awards which is to impact the most respected leadership & enterprise development platform in Africa by 2025.

THE FUTURE AWARDS PARTNERS WITH CONVERSATION FOR CHANGE AND CC HUB FOR TOWN HALL MEETINGS.

The Creative Nigeria Project in conjunction with The Future Awards, Bellanaija and Rise Networks on Sunday, June 24th, 2012 brought young upwardly mobile professionals from diverse sectors, rubbing minds on how they can participate in social development initiatives and contribute to change. It is themed: Conversations For Change-‘Making the World Beautiful’.

Another town hall meeting held at the Co-Creation Hub and in partnership with the Future Awards, gave opportunity to connect young people and engage in fruitful discussions on the growth and impact of technology in Nigeria.

THE ONLINE MEDIA BUSINESS MASTERCLASS.

Themed ‘So you think you can blog?’, The Master Class was organized for young people who want to run online media businesses in Nigeria and are looking for practical steps and guidelines. The training held July 25 in at Terra kulture, Lagos.

TFA PARTNERS WITH MICROSOFT TO TRAIN TFA NOMINEES ON NEW TOOLS.

In the bid to foster innovation and competitive advantage in science and technology; The Future Awards organized a post-The Future Awards collaboration with Microsoft Company to train nominees with work in science and technology. This provided a platform through which acquisition of skills and knowledge was engineered to promote technology and economical empowerment that could compete with global trends, as Microsoft Company exposed them to their latest technologies and capacities to enhance and scale their work.

THE FUTURE PROJECT SCHOOL SEMINARS IN LAGOS AND OGUN STATE

As part of the post-awards activities for its 7th Season, The Future Awards Central Working Committee organized seminars across secondary schools and universities around the country. The seminars kicked off November to January 2013. Schools visited included Premier College, Ronik International School, International School Lagos, Aunty Ayo Secondary School, Mayflower School Ikenne, and others.

THE FUTURE NATIONAL ENTERPRISE CONFERENCE 2013

The National enterprise held in January 2013 at the Main Auditorium of the University of Lagos, Yaba themed, ‘Our Generation Needs to Get to Work’. The conference is targeted at high school,

undergraduate, graduate students, current National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) members; as well as young adults currently in the job market. The conference had over 900 attendees.

The diversity of mentors spanned several key growth sectors in Nigeria; from the chief executive of television production company Inspire Africa, Mo Abudu, to an executive director with Nestlé, Iquo Ukoh, Kola Oyenyin from Venia Hub; Otto Orondaam of SLUM2School Project; actresses Stephanie Linus and Rita Dominic; cinematic director Kunle Afolayan; Ugochukwu Nwosu of Microsoft; Ola Orekunrin of Flying Doctors; Jason Njoku of Iroko TV, photographer Bayo Omoboriowo, Akintunde Oyebode who is Head of SME banking at Stanbic IBTC, Idiare Itimomo of Etisalat, TV journalist Adaure Achumba, writer and PR professional Toni Kan, advertising wiz Steve Babaeko, designer Bridget Awosika and investigative journalist Idris Akinbajo, The Future Awards Young Person of the Year 2012.

THE LAUNCH OF THE FUTURE ENTERPRISE SUPPORT SCHEME (TFESS.COM) - AN ONLINE JOB APP FOR YOUNG AFRICANS.

The launch of The Future Enterprise Support Scheme (TFESS) website, www.tfess.com, a jobs and opportunities app/online community designed and predicated on assisting young Africans as they enter the workforce; providing information, skills enhancement, a community platform on the internet. With video tutorials, inspiring content, job-skill acquisition assistance and more, the website anchors The Future Project's mission to build enterprise. The online app was launched January 2013.

TFESS.COM PARTNERS WITH MICROSOFT YOUTH SPARK TO CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRESH GRADUATES

TFESS partners with Microsoft YouthSpark- Nigeria, which is a global initiative that aims to create opportunities for 300 million youth in more than 100 countries over the next three years. empowering youth to imagine and realize their full potential by connecting them with greater opportunities for education, employment and entrepreneurship. This event held in the Nigeria Youth Service Corp (NYSC) camp Iyana Ipaja, Lagos on Saturday, 16th of March, 2013.

THE FUTURE AWARDS SYMPOSIUM 2013

The Future Awards symposium for young and emerging leaders held April 5-7 2013 at the Ikogosi Springs Ekiti state, Nigeria - Themed Project 2015, The character of our Involvement.

It's essence is to deepen its engagement of the next generation of leaders – especially with an acknowledged youth bulge across the continent and the continued prominence of young people in all areas of life especially culture and governance. The objectives of the symposium are to:

1. Influence national leadership outcomes in the immediate;
2. Determine leadership needs for national development; and

3. Create a networking platform to drive leadership projects, forcefully injecting fresh and effective components in governance.

The symposium had as headline speaker Dr Ngozi Okonjo Iweala with other speakers including Governor Rotimi Amaechi, Governor, Kayode Fayemi, CEO, Sahara group Tonye Cole amongst others. it had over 600 participants present.

THE FUTURE NATIONAL CONFERENCE , BENIN - POWERED BY MTN.

The Future National Enterprise Conference Benin, tagged “Edo Youths needs to get to work” held in Benin had in attendance 1,216 which include a mixture of students from Ambrose Alli University, Benson Idahosa University, University of Benin, Youth Developmental Platforms like YEDEC, Bethsam, Congress of NGO’s Edo State and selected Secondary Schools. The event was convened to facilitate practical and direct knowledge for young people in the science and technology field, for young Entrepreneurs, innovators, and creative Youths.

THE FUTURE PROJECT (TFP) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EIE ON EIE PRESS CONFERENCE ON 2015 ELECTION

The press conference held on Monday, April 29, 2013 at NECA House, Plot A2, Hakeen Balogun Street, CBD, Alausa, Ikeja . The event is aimed at:

- Formally launch our countdown to the April 2015 elections.
- Unveiling the R|S|V|P campaign and the tech tools to support it.
- Highlighting the projects of Eie partners - reclaim naija, budgit, sleeves up & channels (debate).