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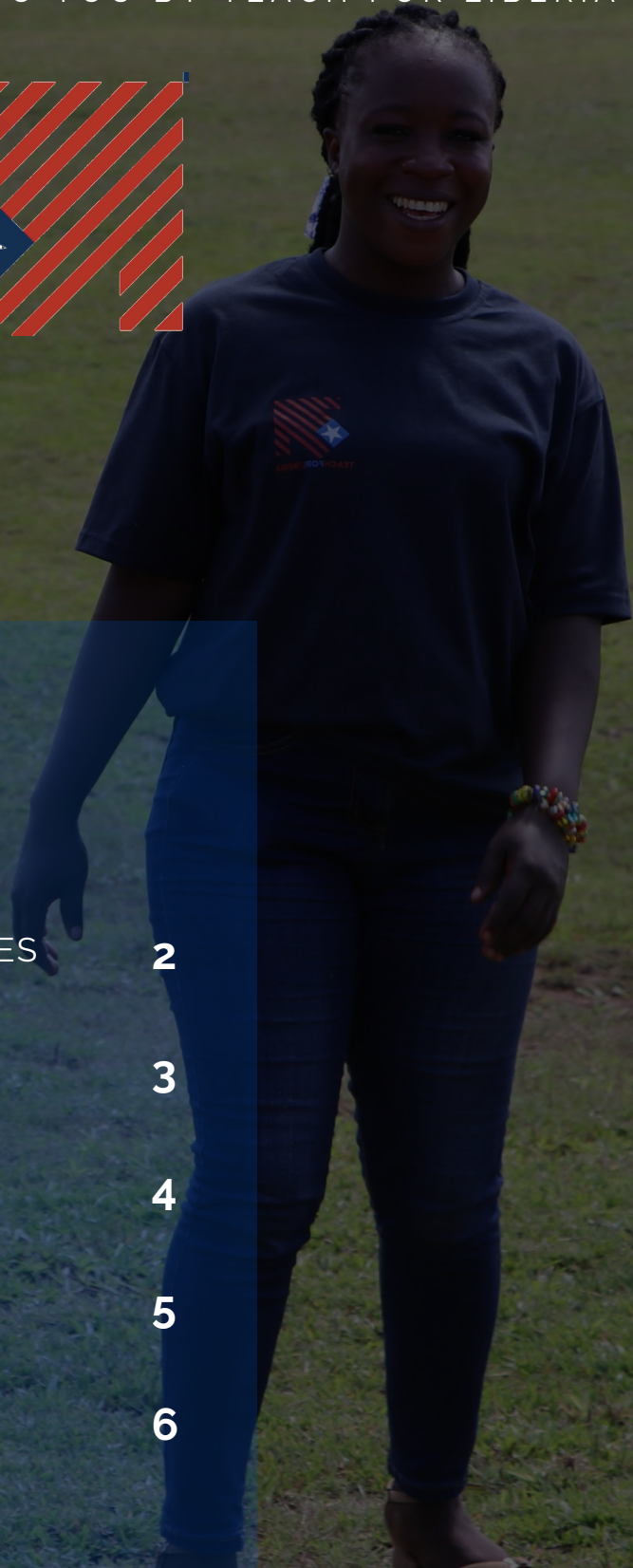
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# NATION BUILDER'S MINDSET LECTURE SERIES



What have you been looking forward to every week? As for TFL, we have been ecstatic about the start of our new Nation Builders Lecture Series. Each week, professionals are invited to speak to our fellows and share insights, salient advice, and career prospects. The conversations are open and honest with the intention of showcasing possible long-term paths for our fellows' wide range of interests. It is of utmost importance they know that there are absolutely no limitations to what they can achieve as young professionals.

Thus far, it has proven to be an uplifting series for both our fellows and team members. Check out our current line up of special guests.



## CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT LINE UP OF SPECIAL GUESTS



**ATTORNEY  
SAIFUAH-MAI GRAY**

*President/CEO National  
Oil Company of Liberia*



**BINTA BEATRICE  
MASSAQUOI**

*Education Specialist -  
World Bank Group*



**NATTY B. DAVIS  
III**

*Business Development  
Manager, Easy Solar*

# OUR PROFUTURO PROGRESS



This year, we have been forced to embrace communicating mainly through digital means, and we are enjoying it a little too much! Our timely partnership with ProFuturo is progressing smoothly. We are pleased to announce that all of our teachers in both Cohorts One and Two have successfully completed their ProFuturo training. Keep in mind that this training not only benefits them but also the community teachers they will all go on to train.

We had our first meeting with Cohort Two as they collected their teaching aid workbooks. Currently, 900 community teachers have been identified for participation in the training, and each of them will also receive a workbook. At the end of the training, they will be encouraged to share the knowledge they have been afforded with other members of their communities. Through intentionally passing on the mentality of sharing knowledge, we hope that the *Each One Teach One* concept comes into fruition with many more teachers being impacted beyond our expectations.

Our innovation prize is also gaining traction as the Ministry of Education officials have been briefed and are eager to learn from the experiences of everyday teachers! **We are all on the same page: now is the time to deliver on the promise of a high-quality education for ALL Liberian pupils.**



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

- *ProFuturo is a Spanish education program whose mission is to narrow the education gap in the world by providing quality digital education for children in vulnerable environments in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia.*
- *Participating teachers are eligible for micro-grant support coined "The Innovation Prize" where they will be given the chance to pilot their ideas and showcase the opportunity for community-led continuous learning initiatives.*

PROFUTURO IS A PROGRAMME OF:

*Telefónica*  
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"la Caixa" Foundation



# LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A multitude of unforeseen factors have forced us to shift our thinking and reimagine education. Teach For Liberia has decided to go full speed ahead and make the bold move from traditional to online education by investing our energy and resources into a Learning Management System (LMS). An LMS is a software application for the administration, documentation, tracking, and reporting of training programs, classroom and online events, e-learning programs, and training content.

We are proposing a solution that will keep educators abreast of professional standards and allow anyone to engage in self-paced professional development and best practices. The pilot will be built to accommodate 500 teachers, giving TFL sufficient space for all of our fellows to participate in addition to community teachers. This endeavor will strengthen our relationship with the Ministry of Education as we streamline efforts to support the professionalization of teachers in accordance with the “Getting to Best Strategy.”



# MEET OUR FELLOWS



**Name:** Mustapha C.

**Cohort:** 1

**Age:** 40 years old

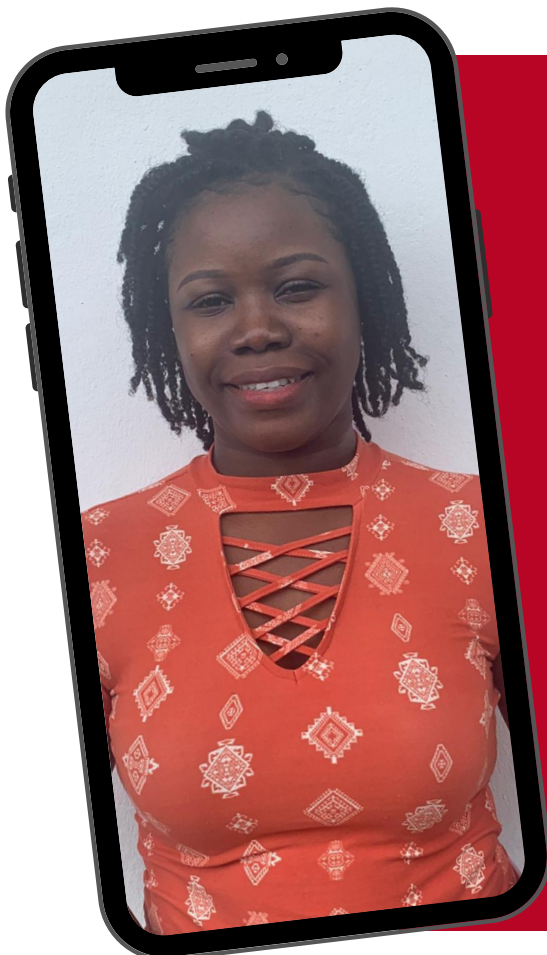
**Credentials:** Bachelor of Business Administration

**Field of Interest:** Education

**Hobbies:** Reading & Teaching

**I chose to become a TFL fellow because** I want to see a better Liberia by building and developing future leaders first hand.

**The Liberia I believe in is** on a path towards exponential growth, better education, and more respect for human rights.



**Name:** Grace M.

**Cohort:** 2

**Age:** 27 years old

**Credentials:** Bachelor of General Agriculture

**Field of Interest:** Science & Agriculture

**Hobbies:** Reading & Singing

**I chose to become a TFL fellow because** because I am now more passionate than ever about contributing to our country's educational sector as the need for high quality teachers is growing.

**The Liberia I believe in is** a place where all children have equal rights to quality education, health care, and protection against harm regardless of their age or gender.



## HAPPY FLAG DAY!

The design of the Liberian flag first unfurled on August 24th, 1847 and has remained the same throughout the decades. It was created by seven seamstresses. Some were born free and others were former slaves who came together to design and create the flag for their new country.

Let us all be proud of the strides that we have made as a nation and commit to democratization of opportunity, growth, and sustainability in the country we call home!



**WE HAVE A RICH  
HISTORY AND A  
BRIGHT FUTURE**