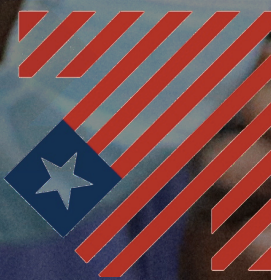


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THE PROFUTURO TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

We have spent the past week celebrating our unique partnership with ProFuturo, as well as Teach For All Network Partners, Teach For Nigeria, Teach For Tanzania, and Teach For Spain! Our CEO, Desmond Diggs, and a Profuturo Coordinator, Shari Raji, visited Tanzania with the other partners to celebrate the training of thousands of teachers this year across Liberia, Tanzania and Nigeria!

Collectively, we have trained approximately 15,000 teachers and can hardly wait to reach next year's target of 30,000!



What makes this partnership even more unique and amazing is the fact that the reach of our impact has been quadrupled many times over. Before this partnership, our projected impact was 11,250 students and now, with an additional 1,875 teachers trained, it is 97,500 students! This fact is the same in the other partner countries and it underscores how immensely valuable this extraordinary partnership is.





WE REACHED OUR TARGET!

We did it! Despite the uncertainties and roadblocks of this year, we have met our goal of training 1,875 teachers across Liberia in pedagogical and digital skills.

As with every other goal set this year, COVID-19 threw a wrench into our plans and took away six months of training time. Virtual training was our first tried alternative, but we soon found out that most of the teachers we needed to train did not have the facilities or capabilities to partake in a virtual training. Thus, by the time lockdown measures lightened up in mid-October and we were able to start training, we were only 10 weeks away from our deadline.

In order to meet our goal, our entire team had to put all hands and minds on deck to innovate and facilitate multiple trainings at various venues across the country.

We fully understood the magnitude of impact this training would have in the lives of thousands of teachers, and even more students, so failing was never an option.



OUR INGENIOUS TRAINING TEAM

If you are interested in being trained or have signed up already, we will resume equipping you, and teachers like you, with invaluable skills in early 2021!



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WE ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL TO THE FIRST LADY OF LIBERIA, MADAM CLAR WEAH, FOR LAUNCHING THE PROJECT AND HER CONTINUOUS SUPPORT THROUGHOUT. WITH SUCH A STRONG SUPPORT SYSTEM, THIS PROJECT'S SUCCESS WAS A GUARANTEE FROM THE BEGINNING.

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INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS

Our 2020 Pre-Service Institute kicked off last month and here are some highlights:



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CANVA STORIES

"I never fully understood how much there was to learn in Google Suite. This kind of training is something you would pay hundreds of United States Dollars for, and here Teach For Liberia is giving it to us for free. I am so grateful." - A 2020 incoming TFL Fellow



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CANVA STORIES

This first week started off with insightful interactions amongst Teach For Liberia's training staff and our fellows. Sheku, one of our fellows, dropped this jewel in one of our interactive sessions. #reachtoteach



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CANVA STORIES

My profound gratitude to the staff of TFL for providing such a unique opportunity for us. I have had a wonderful time with my training teammates during the week. It was an excellent opportunity for me to interact with educators at different stages of the profession. I will remain committed to working with TFL to the end. Together we can positively transform Liberia.

MEET OUR INCOMING FELLOWS



Jimmy F. is a 2019 graduate of the University of Liberia with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He presently serves as an English and Literature teacher at Abundant Life Chapel Academy in his spare time. He also served as a Field Supervisor for the Municipal Department of Schieffelin Township in Lower Margibi County, Liberia. In addition to his service in the different fields mentioned, Jimmy has an affinity for being productive while simultaneously helping others. He is a volunteer at Just A Initiatives, a Liberian non-profit organization.

We are looking forward to his accomplishments as a Teach For Liberia Fellow.



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service

PARTNERSHIP PROFILES: THE LINKS, INC

Simple introductions that grow into lasting partnerships which have a continuous impact is certainly an inspiration to us all. The Links, Incorporated was founded in 1946 by two young female visionaries. Their intent was to grow a network both empowered by women and capable of philanthropy on a large scale with a three-fold aim - civic, educational, and cultural. From 2018 to 2020 The Links, Incorporated has served 965,000 people, given out over \$3 million dollars in scholarships, and contributed \$678,350 dollars to historically black colleges and universities.

This month our fellows were privileged to have workshops with three esteemed educators of their South Suburban Chicago Chapter: Dr. Karen Washington, Joan Crisler, and Octavia Matthews. The workshops covered a range of topics from understanding how to be a well-rounded teacher to the importance of instilling critical thinking skills within students. Our fellows were engaged, challenged, and responsive from start to finish. We cannot wait to see the knowledge gained and utilized in our fellows' respective classrooms. Thank you! We appreciate you for inspiring the future nation builders of Liberia.



CONTEXTUALIZING OUR STUDENT VISION

A few days ago, The West African Examination Council (WAEC) released the results for the 2020 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) in Liberia. Out of all the students who took the exam across the country, the best-performing students were three young ladies, Blessing Jalieba, Alicia A. Wright and Lela P. Wapoe, from St. Teresa's Convent Catholic High School and Light International School System. We extended a big congratulations to these ladies and welcomed them to talk to our fellows with the intention of contextualizing our "Student Vision."

As with all partners in the Teach For All network, it is important for Teach For Liberia to continually update and adapt our Vision. Therefore, we believe that having top-performing students give us their opinions on how teachers support them and other students be successful is one of the ways we continue to groom the most qualified teachers who reach their students by forming relationships with them.



HAPPY WILLIAM V. S. TUBMAN DAY!

This holiday honors William V. S. Tubman, the longest-serving President in Liberia's history, on the anniversary of his birthday. Regarded as the "father of modern Liberia," he was responsible for enacting many reforms and social policies such as the enactment of suffrage and property rights for all adult females and the establishment of a nationwide public school system. Tubman also pushed a policy of national unification by improving the rights of all tribesmen and contributed to the emancipation of African colonial territories into statehood.

Tubman's legacy also includes his economic "Open Door" policy which increased foreign investment in Liberia. By the time of his death, Liberia could boast the largest mercantile fleet in the world and the world's largest rubber industry, making the country the envy of many other African nations. We honor him and other great Liberian leaders for their vision and patriotism.

ELECTION SEASON!

December 8, 2020 marks the Senatorial Election and Referendum Day. Go out there, exercise your democratic right, and vote for the direction you want to see Liberia move! We also advise that you wear your mask, socially distance as much as possible, and sanitize your hands as often as you can as COVID-19 is still here.

