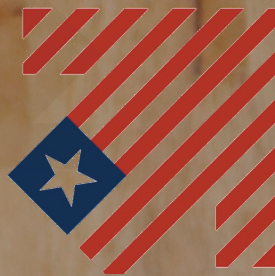


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# ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

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# DISMANTLING

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## THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

The world is dramatically changing before our eyes. The World Bank estimates that globally 10 billion United States Dollars in lifetime earnings could be lost by virtue of this interruption. At the height of the pandemic, 1.6 billion children were affected by school closures. Locally, all schools were closed in Liberia. While many have functioning devices and stable electricity, unfortunately, the majority of Liberians can only dream about this kind of access. We envision a day when our fellows and administrators have the means to deliver instruction in virtual formats in the event of any interruption, possess tools to assist in measuring student progress, and have the ability to share reports regarding updates in their respective teaching communities.

Teach For Liberia has launched an ambitious campaign to raise funds for 100 laptop computers equipped with antivirus software, a computer case, and a charging device for those driving our organization's mission forward. Local vendors who are able to provide packages with the aforementioned items at \$1,000 USD per computer have already been identified. As a result of having this technology, our fellows will be able to do even more for our students and their communities. The gap between rich and poor students has been exacerbated worldwide, but with your partnership, we can narrow that divide and improve the situation for those that are as passionate about education as we are!

Interested in contributing to the movement in any way? Reach out to us at [info@teachforliberia.org](mailto:info@teachforliberia.org) for more information.



# WE HAVE CREATED A PATHWAY TO SUSTAINABLY PROVIDE LAPTOPS FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT COHORT



Purchases a LAPTOP with antivirus software, Microsoft Office suite, and a water-resistant case



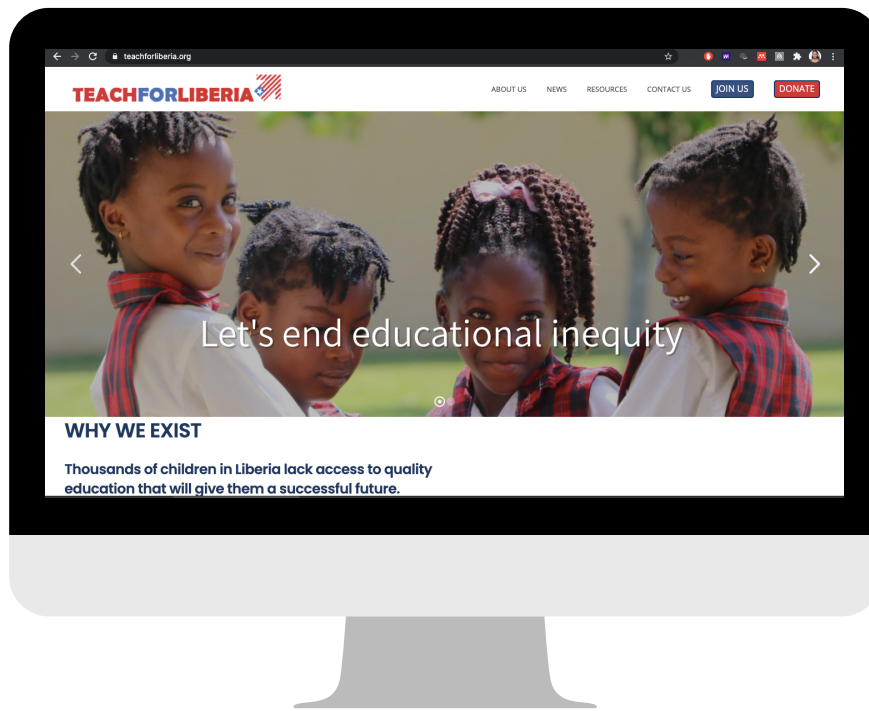
Each fellow receives a laptop allowing them to both teach and learn themselves without interruption



Monthly deduction from fellows stipend over two year period to "buy back" the laptop



Additional laptops will be given to the following cohort of fellows



## WEBSITE REVAMP

We have just been given a facelift! TFL's website ([www.teachforliberia.org](http://www.teachforliberia.org)) has been revamped with exciting new features and upgraded classics. The why, how, and what of the work we do is still available, and we have now added a Resource Page where partners can learn more about us and download the forms needed to explore a placement partnership with TFL. We have also made it very easy to donate or be an integral part of our work. Check out our brand new website today!

## TURING FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP

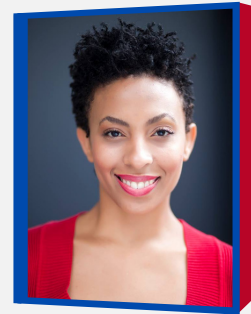
Are you familiar with the Turing Foundation? We are happy to welcome them into the Teach For Liberia partner family. The Turing Foundation is a Dutch charitable organization based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Their impact however, has been felt all over the world in nature, education, art, and the health sector as they seek to make the world a better place in the honor of esteemed scientist, Alan Turing.

The Foundation has supported numerous projects in Liberia from vocational and entrepreneurial training for rural communities to ensuring sustainable mangrove conservation. Thanks to their passion and generosity, Teach For Liberia will be able to place 8 additional fellows in partner schools who will lead the way in providing dynamic, creative, innovative, and entrepreneurial leadership to children who need it most. Through this venture, our fellows will directly impact 800 students! In addition, they will also train community teachers in digital skills, classroom management, and pedagogical skills. This is the powerful, proven cycle that drives us to continue this work and spread impact!



# NATION BUILDER'S MINDSET LECTURE SERIES

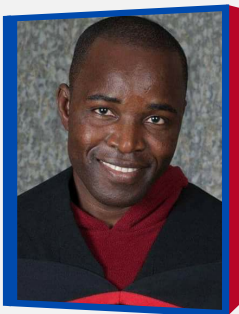
TFL Fellows are well rounded professionals who are cultivating the skills, network and community needed to achieve our mission of addressing education inequity. One of the pathways in which this is done is via our Nation Builder's Lecture Series. In this series, we invite high performing professionals from different sectors to talk to our Fellows about their journeys and give them advice on the path to success. Here are a few of our upcoming speakers!



**LAURIE M. TAYLOR**  
*Creative Director & CEO  
Soul Movement Global*



**MARVIN TARAWALLY**  
*Executive Director  
SMART Liberia*



**ALTON KESSELY**  
*Deputy Minister for Planning,  
Research & Development  
Ministry of Education*



**ORA BARCLAY**  
*Executive Director  
The Girls for Change  
Organization*



**DR. TANYA GARNETT-MURCY**  
*Chief Of Party  
USAID Social Impact*

# MEET OUR FELLOWS



**Name:** Samson D.

**Cohort:** 1

**Age:** 40 years old

**Credentials:** Bachelor of Arts - Sociology

**Field of Interest:** Public Health

**Hobbies:** Reading & Making Friends

**I chose to become a TFL fellow because** I want to help transform lives.

**The Liberia I believe in is** on a continual path of progression.

**Name:** Onekia D.

**Cohort:** 2

**Age:** 26 years old

**Credentials:** Bachelor of Science - Biology

**Field of Interest:** Community Health

**Hobbies:** Singing & Teaching

**I chose to become a TFL fellow because** I want to contribute to improving Liberia's education sector for all.

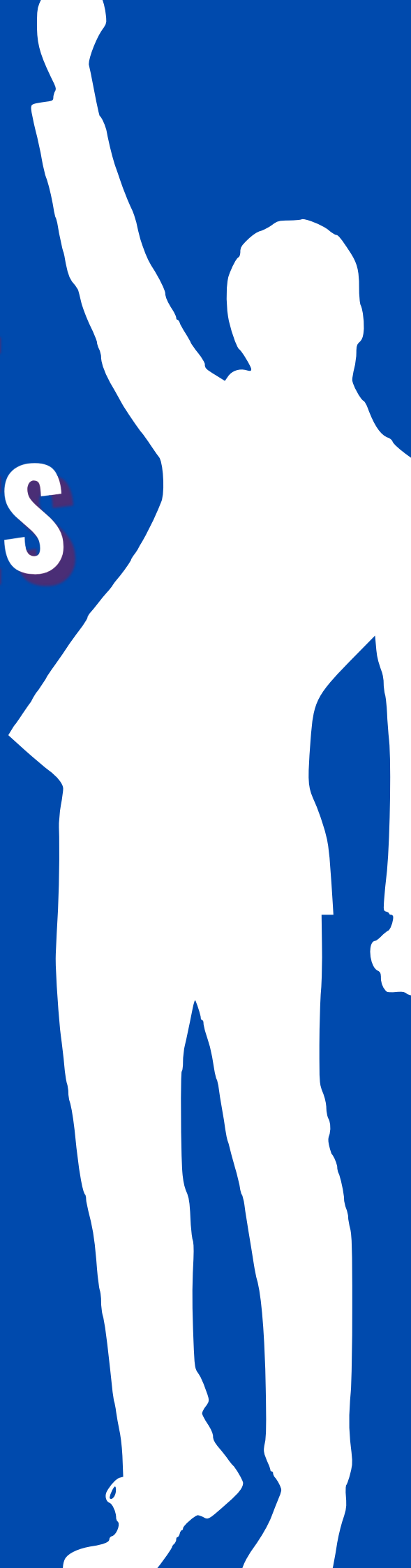
**The Liberia I believe in is** a place that provides quality education to all children regardless of their age, background, or culture.



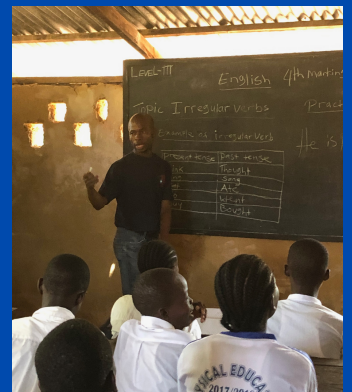
# SEASON OF MILESTONES

Teach For Liberia was registered as an NGO in 2012 and has since been working towards addressing the educational inequity that undermines our education sector. We are happy that over the last several years we have cultivated our relationship with the Ministry of Education and signed an MOU in July 2019. Our first Fellows were placed shortly thereafter. On the heels of these successful placements in Bomi and Montserrado, we were thrilled to join the Teach For All network on September 24th, 2019. Amidst a challenging and dynamic year with COVID-19, we are happy to celebrate our support of 70+ fellows and a growing team of 11 full time employees.

We have had countless thought partnership sessions with our Teach For All partners and our work and stories have been featured in various forms of media. This work has ranged from our Emergency Feeding Program to our partnership with Profuturo on training 1800+ teachers. We have also been endorsed by inspiring professionals who believe in the work we do, and created a YouTube channel that will broaden our impact.



# HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:



As we say here at Teach For Liberia, Onwards and Upwards!