

IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO KNOW; ONE MUST ACT TO HUMANIZE THE WORLD



"Education makes people easy to govern but impossible to enslave; education makes people easy to lead but difficult to drive" (Lord Brougham)

One must be worthy of one's education. For giving the immense power of education to an unethical person is like giving the Samurai sword to a madman. Both will use their weapon indiscriminately and for collecting

GLANCING BACK AT 2008

The exciting 2008 has come and

gone. We had our successes. We had our setbacks. We are ready to forge on to a more exciting and more successful 2009. First we raised \$3,159.44 during our June 2008 Fundraising Dinner Dance. Also we were able to carry out exciting projects successfully. The first project was the Mass Computer Literacy Campaign that ran successfully from February to December 2008. We were able to train 87 youths. But then our gifts kept on giving to an estimated —number of people.

% March Rabbi Howard Gorin

visited Inwelle Centre and went on Courtesy call with Professor Christiana Okechukwu to discuss his collaboration with Inwelle Centre. In August, we had a participatory session during which 20 secondary school teachers were trained with 13 youths. In November, the Centre employed Miss Chizoba Ofoegbu, one of our volunteers. Miss Ofoegbu was also one of our pioneer Project Success girls of 2007, who were trained in computer Appreciation, MS Windows, MS. Office as means of empowering them to fend for themselves while at school. Miss Ofoegbu developed an interest in

Message From The Founding President | Executive Director Computer Engineering after being exposed to Computer at the Centre through Project Success. She gained admission into a private University, Caritas University, to study Engineering. Because the tuition was beyond her limited resources, she was not able to continue.

She is being encouraged and couched to take the Government's Joint Admission and Matriculation exam in order to secure admission into a more affordable although competitive university. She is also being couched to save a portion of her salary for school tuition and materials. Our annual symposium took place on December 18, 2008 and was well attended. The theme for 2008 was Youth Education and Democracy.

 ${\it We}$ are yet to secure grants for our projects.

In 2008, we were one of the 347 semi-finalists for the prestigious Echoing Green grant in which up to 1,500 organizations worldwide applied. Kudos to Inwelle Centre Programmes. The grant was given to the first 20 organizations. We applied for the third time but received a notification from the Echoing Green in January, 2009 that we were no longer competitive. We have moved beyond the start up stage on which Echoing Green funding focuses. We have applied to other funding institutions and are awaiting the result of these applications. In spite of the economic crunch, we hope that 2009 will bring better news for the Centre. All in all, it has been a wonderful year, a year to look back on and smile at lessons learnt and jubilate for triumphs.

This piece will not be complete without my

acknowledging many people whose support and goodwill made the year what it was. First, I thank my mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Okonkwo; my children, Cassandra, Vanessa, and Elvira; my brother Anthony; and my grandson Jordan. To these people, I say keep on bearing with me. If I do not seem to be paying attention or I am not fulfilling my obligations to you all, it is not for lack of love and appreciation of your patience. It is as our people aptly put it, *Onye na-akwa nka na adi ka o na-adu iru*: the artists's concentration on the art is misconstrued to be indifference. Next are the volunteers both in the U.S. and in Nigeria who gave their time above and beyond: Barbara Mumford,

Marie Roche, Christine Hunt, Sidick Traore, Gloria Baron, Christie Nnamani, Irene Kinyoki Cecilia Sam-Jackson, Dr. Joseph Nwoye, Chizoba Ofoegbu, Mrs. Vera Nwafor, Mrs. Patience Umeubosika, Stella Umeh, Maria and Robinson, Boniface Ofoegbu. To you, I say, thanks immensely. May others bestow the same gift on to you that you have bestowed on Inwelle Centre endeavors.

Next are my great friends and mentors Prof. Dr. Mary Owens, Prof. Dr. Jean Moss, and Mrs. Ifeoma Gbulie. I say to you, don't ever give up on me and the onerous job of Inwelle Centre. I depend on your support like the fish depends on water for survival and like roses depend on rains to blossom. For my supporters in Nigeria and in the U.S., I say keep it up. The journey has been arduous, but we will all reach there to empower our youths to refrain from nefarious activities. To start crying is usually difficult but once the start up stage is transcended, the rest is smooth sailing. So Dr. Josephine Nebedum, Barr. Mrs. Chizoba Chine, Mrs. Ndidi Chukwu, the Hon. Commissioner of Education, Enugu State, and Evelyn Gibson, my steadfast friends, I thank you all for your support.

Wy able advisors both in Nigeria and the U.S., Prof. Dr. Mary Owens, Ms. Miriam Carter, Dr. Christian Okeke, Dr. Charles Ilegbune, Barr. Mrs. Oby Nwankwo, Mrs. Ngozi Okeke, Dr. Laye Abegunrin, Dr. Sulayman Nyang, and Dr. Paul Abudu, thanks for a year of your indefatigable advice



Miss Happiness Nnaji receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Centre during the 2008 Annual symposium. and support, especially during those times it seemed that events were overwhelming me and I even found myself afraid for my life. You were all there with your kind words and encouragement and insightful invaluable advice. I don' know what I would have done without you all.

 ${\it Next}$ are my two active donors, Rabbi

Howard Gorin and Dr. John B. Allotey whose donations were immensely useful at a time we had no funds for projects. Thanks immensely for your largesse of heart. The staff of Inwelle Centre, especially Ms. Happiness Nnaji whose consistent and persevering character saw the Centre through a rocky period, I thank you.

Thank you to all of Inwelle supporters

who made our 2008 fundraising campaign a great success. This year we plan to continue to improve and expand our training programs, while continuing to work with youths as they direct their own path of development and work toward a sustainable future. And we hope you will be able to continue with us on this path as friends.

Finally. thanks to my trustees, both in -coming and outgoing. You are the best.

Christiana C. Okechukwu,

Prof. Christiana Chinwe Okechukwu, Ph.D. Founding President and Executive Director

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ABOUT US

- Year of Incorporation: 2005
- Registered Office:

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FACILITIES: LIBRARY, READING, AND COMPUTER ROOMS













CENTRE VISION: We envision a world in

which indigent women and youths can go to a centre and find it equipped to aid them in their academic task as well as equip them with skills to earn livable wages. Thus Inwelle Centre is equipped with a library, reading rooms, and computer rooms. The Centre also engages in activities that will encourage older scholars to return and mentor budding scholars. Inwelle Centre, Enugu, is just a start, for with time, other Centres will be created in other underserved areas of the country. We at the Centre believe that empowering the youths will ensure the youths' ability to compete favorably in the global village and their being equipped to refrain from indulging in nefarious activities that riddle the society.

CENTRE MISSION: The main mission of the

Centre is to empower indigent women and youths to become active participants in defining their future. The Centre seeks to accomplish this by making educational resources such as books, computer networked research rooms, reading rooms furnished with tables and chairs, and word processing facility available to these people at the lowest cost possible.

The Centre also designs skills acquisition projects for youths. The issues we wish to address are lack of educational resources for youths, especially females, and the ability for these youths to lift themselves out of poverty. Our activities are focused on strategies that will change the way these youths view acquisition of educational resources and financing their education, as it eliminates some of the obstacles that stand in their way of acquiring educational resources. it also helps in alleviating poverty by giving these students skills for sustaining themselves while seeking education. The Centre will train these youths to be computer literate—word processing, surfing the net-to give them skills for working part time either on their own or for some businesses and banks, and learning how to search for information on the net for writing their academic papers. As time goes by, the centre will also embark on vocational skills acquisition for these youths. The Centre's top priorities in the next two years are to embark on computer mass literacy campaign and to design skills acquisition projects for the youths, especially indigent females.

FACILITIES: LIBRARY, READING, AND COMPUTER ROOMS













Volunteering & Internship

Volunteers are accepted in our numerous projects.

- Science experts for school children science projects
- Artists for budding artists projects
- Reading and writing teachers for undergraduate participants research projects
- Administrators for training our Centre staff
- Humanities Experts for giving seminars and workshop to youth participants
- Computer expert for helping to train participants
- Counselors for our workshops
- Project supervisors
- Other volunteers in any field of endeavour that will enhance the life of our participants are welcome. Typical areas are painting, gardening, landscaping, driving, renovation, secretarial, teaching, adult literacy, cooking, planting, etc.

We accept interns in all fields.

• Fields:

Agriculture, Communication Technology, Computer Science, Information Technology, Graphic Design, Music, Theatre, Drama, Dance, Creative Writing, Arts and Craft, History, Marketing, Advertisement, Public Relations, etc.

- Qualification: Interest in lending a helping hand.
- **Experience:** None required.
- Provision:

We provide bed and breakfast within the Centre's facility. Interns provide their own lunch and diner. Well-equipped kitchens and toilet facilities are provided at the Centre's quest wing.

Inwelle Centre Volunteers



Dr. Joseph Nwoye



Marie Roche and Barbara Mumford



Christiana Nnamani



Christine Hunt



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Maria

INWELLE CENTRE 2008 WORLD PEACE MESSAGE TO THEUNITED NATIONS



INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY MESSAGE: Give the Youths a chance and Watch them Grow.

Peace is helping indigent youths develop their potentials and break their poverty cycle. Denying indigent youths from developing countries

access to technology heightens their level of poverty. For, not only are they materially poor, but they are also information poor – starved physically and mentally, making them restless and restive. A society that ignores the plight of restless and restive youths is sitting on a keg of gun powder.

Professor Christiana Chinwe Okechukwu, Ph.D. Executive Director, Inwelle Study and Resource Centre Enugu, Nigeria











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January To March Activities



January 2008 Professor Christiana Okechukwu, the Centre Executive Director presented a paper titled Nigerian Women Writers and the Struggle for Visibility at the Chotro Conference, Bhasha Research Centre, Indira Ghandi Centre For Arts, New Delhi, India. From left, Prof. Christiana Okechukwu, Prof Tanure Ojaide, and Prof Michaela Moura-Kocoglu

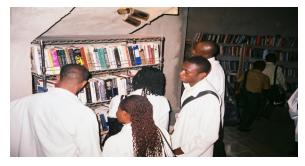




Medical Students of Enugu State University of Tecnology visited the Centre in February. 2008









The Executive Director, Professor Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D. and Rabbi Howard Gorin of Tikvat Israel Synagogue appeared on ETS television programme, "Values" in March 2008. To view photo gallery and ETS Program, "Values" Video, go to www.inwellecentre.org.







The Executive Director, Professor Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D. and Rabbi Howard Gorin of Tikvat Israel Synagogue paid a courtesy call on the Zonal Director, Nigerian Television Authority, Enugu. To view photo gallery and the NTA news item Video, go to www.inwellecentre.org.









THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PROFESSOR CHRISTIANA OKECHUKWU, Ph.D. AND RABBI HOWARD GORIN OF TIKVAT ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE ENUGU STATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, MRS. NDIDI CHUKWU IN MARCH, 2008.



PROF. CHRISTIANA OKECHUKWU AND MRS. NDIDI CHUKWU, THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION,



RABBI HOWARD GORIN, PROF. CHRISTIANA OKECHUKWU, MRS. NDIDI CHUKWU, THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, AND ABDUSALAM IBRAHIM AHMED, A BBC CORRESPONDENT



LEFT: RABBI GORIN, PROF. OKECHUKWU, MRS. NDIDI CHUKWU, THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, AND THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ENUGU, DURING A VISIT TO THE MINISTRY.



PROF. CHRISTIANA OKECHUKWU, BBC CORRESPONDENT, RABBI HOWARD GORIN, AND A VISITOR AT INWELLE CENTRE AFTER THE VISIT TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ENUGU

PROJECT SUCCESS FUNDRAISING DINNER DANCE

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Kitenge N'Gambwa

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Mr Damian Uzoukwu

Joseph Ankra

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Uche Eyisi

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Anyi Eluomogo

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Ms. Vanessa Okechukwu

Brenda Braham

Gail Wright

Gail's sister

Marjorie's daughter

Marjorie's husband

Mathias (Joseph's guest)

Christie Nnamani

Irene Kinyoki

Sidik Traore

Toun Olumide

Toun's Guest

Jim



FUNDRAISING DINNER DANCE EXPENDITURE **FOOD AND DRINKS and Hall Decorations** Giant 5/22/08 30.12 26.46 Target, Pitcher etc 5/19/08 Las America Plantains 5/24/08 50.80 Tropical Food 5/23/08 193.08 Bloom 5/18/08 6.52 Bloom 5/22/08 69.84Bloom 5/17/08 13.95 Bloom 5/15/08 SAM'S Club 5/24/08 178.17 Bloom 5/13/08 42.14 5/14/08 29.08 Giant Bloom 5/25/08 18.81 COSTCO 5/16/08 439.11 Las Americas 5/22/08 29.72 **HALL** A.C. Moore 5/17/08 4.05 Staples 5/17/08 26.44 Office Depot 5/17/08 14.82 City of Rockville (Hall Rental) 1,460.00 City of Rock Ppt. rental and set up 445.00 **Invitation Cards** A.C. Moore 4/28/08 26,49 A.C. Moore 4/9/08 79,47 **SERVICES** D.J. 350.00 Mailing P.O. 5/5/08 16.25 P.O. 4/18/08 11.00 P.O. 4/24/08 5.05 P.O. 5/01/08 0.90 P.O. 4/21/08 16.40 P.O. 4/28/08 2.84 Promotional National Pens (Pens) 3/31/08 64.62 National Pens (Mugs) 3/26/08 114.27 **Total** 3715.56

FUNDRAISING DINNER DANCE DONATIONS

Prof. Christiana Okechukwu	1000.00
Mr. & Mrs Kirk Greenlun	100.00
Emily & Eugene Jeffers	250.00
Gloria Baron	200.00
Dr. John Allotey	500.00
Prof. Christian Okeke	
Joseph Okonkwo	200.00
Dr. Bill and Mrs. Soderberg	100.00
John Linnemeire	100.00
Dr. Toyin Falola	100.00
Dr. A. Jones-Petlane	50.00
Ray Gonzales	30.00
Nancy Abudu	130.00
Anthony Okonkwo	100.00
Alan and Paula Vincent	100.00
Janet Hammer	50.00
Nutrition & VIT Serv.	150.00
Gail Schmitt	25.00
Total	3,685.00
Generated from Tickets	2,485.00
Total	6,170

2008 Fundraising Dinner Dance Pictures Held at FitzGerald Theatre Social Hall, Glenview Mansion, Rockville Civic Center Park, Rockville Maryland, USA

























Pictures From 2008 Fundraising Dinner Dance Held at FitzGerald Theatre Social Hall, Glenview Mansion, Rockville Civic Center Park, Rockville Maryland, USA



















FRIENDS OF INWELLE CENTRE PROGRAMME

WHY BECOME A FRIEND OF MAYELLE CENTRE?

- To give a gift that keeps on giving to students and lecturers in Nigeria.
- To immortalize your name among the recipients.
- To be conspicuously acknowledged in the Centre as all donors' names and photos will be placed on the gift of friendship plaque displayed at the Centre entrance.

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- You can adopt an indigent student and pay for him/her to become a friend.
- You can pay for a family member to become a friend
- You can give a gift of friendship to a lecturer
- You can establish a gift of friendship to be competed for in your name among final year secondary students, undergraduates, or even graduates.

Inwelle Centre Friends Categories:

• Silver Friends: \$100.00

This level gives the participants three months limited access to the Centre's online free academic research sites and library facilities.

• Gold Friends: \$250.00

This level gives the participants six months full access to the Centre's online free academic research sites, and library facilities.

Platinum Friends: \$500.00

This level gives the participants one year full access to the Centre's free internet academic research sites, library facilities, and one free work shop.

• Diamond Friends: \$1000.00+

This level gives the participants one year full access to the Centre's online subscribed/restricted academic research sites, free internet academic research sites, library facilities, and one free workshop.



Star Diamond Friend of the year 2008: Rabbi Howard Gorin of Tikvat Israel Synagogue, Rockville, Maryland, USA

August To December

Inwelle Study and Resource Centre ICT Training for Selected Secondary School Teachers in Enugu, Nigeria August 1 – August 15, 2008

This group was taught Computer Appreciation, MS Windows, MS Word, MS Excel, and MS Power Point

RESPONSES FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

GENERAL EXPERIENCE

The teachers who were drawn from Queens school Enugu, Described their experiences as wonderful, interesting, challenging, highly packed I.T skill sessions. The describe the Centre as marvelous, conducive for training, user friendly, welcoming. They described the instructors as knowledgeable, friendly, respectful, humble, skilled, and pleasant.

ENTRY LEVEL

Eighty percent of the participants described themselves as novices in the computer. Some said that they used to fear coming near the computer and never knew the extent of the resource capacity of the computer.

EXIT LEVEL

On exiting the training. most of the participants feel comfortable using the computer for simple tasks such as word processing using the Microsoft word and excel. In their own words, the following represent their exit level.

1. I can boldly approach a computer set and work with it without thinking that it will break or bite me. The computer has been demystified for me.

I am now aware of computer terms. I have skills in managing files.

CHALLENGES:

Some express the need for acquiring personal computers in order to be able to practice the skills they were taught. Some decried their prior inexperience in the computer as an impediment to maximizing the opportunity the training accorded them The training therefore, was tasking and demanding for novices.

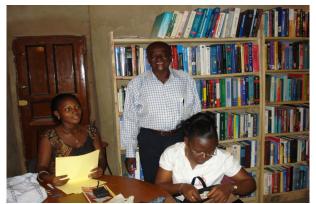
- 1 REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS
- 2 All the participants stressed the need to extend the training to more teachers who will then teach youths under their care and also be able to use the skill for grading and for generating educational materials. They all decried the absence of internet at the Centre. They stressed that to build their capacity and be in a positing to guide the youths to successful future they need to have access to the global village through the internet.

BELOW: Participants At The First Day Orientation





August To December

















It is not enough to know; one must act To humanize the world

Teachers and Youth Participants ina Computer training Session

















SOME VOICES OF THE PARTICIPANTS









This training was exciting, interesting, and highly packed with I.C.T. skills. I hope the Centre will have satellite sites to enable people living far away to benefit from the Centre resources and skills acquisition workshops. **Veronica Nwafor – Independence Layout Junior Secondary School, Enugu.**

I am very happy to learn computer in this well-equipped and organized place and under a teacher that is knowledgeable. I wish to request that the duration of the workshop be extended. Onwuzulume Caroline – Girls' Secondary School, Abakpa Nike, Enugu.

Although I was a novice when I came to the Centre, I am now able to boast of having computer skill. I wish that the Centre will install fast internet connection and also advertise its good work by using radio jingles and television so that other people can benefit from the Centre. I request that more teachers be sent to this Centre for training. Ugwu Patience – NGS Nike Enugu.

The training was quite interesting and all the instructors were up and doing. I wish that more teachers would be sent to the Centre for training so that they will be computer literate and in future be able to give assignments and grade students using the computer. Okoye, Anselm Obodoeze -- Queen's School, Enugu.

My experience here has been very interesting, the environment very conducive, the proprietor very friendly, and our instructor very knowledgeable. I have been able to learn some computer skills that will enable me teach effectively. I now face the challenge of improving myself in the use of the computer and being able to apply computer skills in teaching the youths at my school. I hope that the Centre will be connected to the internet soon to enable me learn more skills that will be useful to my students. **ketaku Ifeoma – G.S.S. Abakpa Nike, Enugu.**

A VOICE FROM 2007 PROJECT SUCCESS: MISS CHIZOBA OFOEGBU



There are some organizations established by governments, individuals or groups of people in Nigeria, Africa and the whole world with the objective to provide, help, or assist young people academically, physically or otherwise.

One of the non-governmental organizations in Enugu, Nigeria named INWELLE STUDY AND RESOURCE CENTRE" organized a programme called August Project Success 2007 for young girls who have just completed their secondary school education. I was one of the participants. The programme is set with the motive to teach young girls computer skills, research and health Education, and to provide Educational counseling.



TEACHERS AND THE STAFF OF THE CENTRE

The experience I gained from Inwelle center improved me tremendously in my university education in the sense that I now have the ability to comprehend computer science lectures very well, I have the ability to research for information in the internet adequately, I learnt health education and how to use the library.

The computer knowledge I gained from Inwelle centre enables me to understand computer science lecture in school. During the theoretical and practical teaching of computer science, I stand out among the other students. I appear to be the one teaching my fellow students. I am able to start, shut down, type, arrange organise, save, delete, copy, cut paste my work in the computer and create a file or folder.

Most of the assignments, projects and term papers given to me in school are based on research in the internet to get appropriate details needed. I have the ability to log in to any research sites for information. I can research and get whatsoever information I want, from the internet without assistance.

In addition, the knowledge I got about health issues at Inwelle Centre helps me a lot. I reside inside the school campus and students litter things around and mess up the hostel environment, leaving others to get contaminated. But due to what I learnt about the benefit of personal cleanliness, I keep my belonging , my body and my corner neat, making me one of the neatest girls in my hostel.

The use of library is one of the first year courses in Nigerian universities. However, I have already gotten the knowledge of how to use the library at Inwelle centre before entering into the university and this has improved how I use the library in school. In other words, my experience at Inwelle Centre is a dream come true because it enables me to discover my potentials. It has also bolstered my confidence and made me a fulfilled and better person in life. Volunteering at the centre has enhanced my life a lot. Ms. Chizoba Ofoegbu, Caritas University, Enugu, Nigeria.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING -- FOR-EVER. PARTICIPANTS FOR AUGUST 2008.















SOME VOICES OF THE **PARTICIPANTS**

STELLA UMEH

I have learnt a lot in this workshop. I hope the Centre will be connected to the internet so that I will learn how to use the internet.



This is a good place where everybody will like to stay and study and use the computer. I like the place.. It is



cool. I wish I can learn to use the internet.

November, 2008, the Centre employed Miss Chizoba Ofoegbu who was one of our volunteers. Mis Ofoegbu was also one of our pioneer Project Success girls who were trained in computer Appreciation, MS Windows, MS. Office as means of empowering them to fend for themselves while at school. Miss Ofoebgu developed the interest in Computer Engineering after being exposed to Computer at the Centre through this project Success. She gained admission into a private University, Caritas University, to study Engineering. Because the tuition was beyond her limited resources, she was not able to continue. Right now she is the Centre's Administrative Assistant. She is being encouraged and couched to take the Government's Joint Admission and Matriculation exam in order to secure admission into a more affordable although competitive university. She is also being couched to save a portion of her salary for school tuition and materials. Hopefully, Inwelle Centre would be able to augment her school tuition and necessities while she works with the Centre and goes to a higher institution. In January 2009, the Centre also employed Miss Stella Umeh, an orphan who excelled in our computer Mass Literacy Campaign training in August, 2008. She too is being couched to secure admission into a higher institution and would be assisted to pay for tuition and other necessities as she attends school. The two girls are so far the core of our proposed participatory learning project. We plan to teach them other aspects of computer skills that would equip them to lead that project when it starts by August, 2009.



CHIDINMA UBESIE

I really enjoy coming here for computer training. But I need to learn the

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Inwelle Second Annual Symposium Theme: Youth Education and Democracy, December 18, 2008

Ou December 18, 2008, we held a symposium on

Youths Education and Democracy. The attendance was 80% young girls. Two males presented on youths in general while three females, Mrs. Ifeoma Gbulie, a seasoned retired educationist, Dr. Mrs. Josephine Nebedum, a university professor, and Barrister Mrs. Margaret Nwagbo, the Chairperson FIDA in Anambra State presented papers focused on female issues. Mrs. Gbulie's paper focused on the predicament of girls who fail to get education. Dr. Mrs. Nnebedum, in her paper, urged young girls to dream dreams in other to have direction and to be achievers. Barrister Mrs. Nwagbo educated the audience on the rights of girls and the law prohibiting the exploitation of girls, especially for those contracting marriages with under aged girls.

The Centre president, Professor Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D., capturing the theme for the symposium in her opening statement, remarks: "The cost of youth crime is immense. For a democracy to be meaningful, indigent youths' plight must be addressed. Indigent youths in the rural areas roam about and are exposed to robbery, gangs, or sexual exploitation. Parents in these rural communities watch helplessly as their children go to prison or even die as a result of trying to procure abortion. The cost of youth crime is immense. A society that ignores the plight of restless and restive youths is sitting on a keg of gun powder. The poor youths' nefarious activities are costly for the youths, their victims, and the system. The earlier youth poverty is tackled, the better to avoid their growing up not only as unemployable adults but adults that will sometimes impede the democratic process.

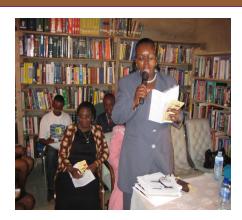
For democracy to be effective, therefore, as potential leaders and voters, youths must be given meaningful education that will ensure that they earn livable wages as well as be positioned to make the right choices and to lead effectively. I hope our symposium today will engage all of us vigorously enough to be participants in youth education for our democracy to be meaningful. I hope we have a fruitful symposium and discussion session."

The symposium attracted 140 people and five presenters. Mr. Ifeanyi Onah from the Ministry of Education Enugu presented on "The Youth and The Youthed: Towards a Literate Democratic Nigeria. According to Mr. Onah, " Some Nigerian Youths are the sharpening tools which made the blades that cut their destiny. Barr. Mrs. Magaret Nwagbo presented on "Duties and Responsibilities of a Child Under The Child's Right Act. She defines a child as "a person below the age of 18. The new act seeks to protect the rights of s child but the child has to respect his/her parents, the state, and the nation." She educated the audience on the rights of girls and the law prohibiting the exploitation of girls, especially for those contracting marriages with under aged girls.'

Dr. Levi Chinaka Nwodu from
Anambra State University, Igbariam, presented
on "The Role of the Media in Political Education, Youth Empowerment and Sustainable
Democracy." He asserted "Contemporary
Nigerian youths no doubt, are faced with lots of
economic, cultural, political and sundry problems. On the political front, the youths are far
from the mainstream politics. At best, the
youths are used to accomplish nefarious political agenda by greedy adult politicians who pay
the youths peanuts and dump them afterward.







Dr. Levi Chinaka Nwodu: Anambra state University Igbariam, presented on The Role of the Media in Political Education, Youth Empowerment and Sustainable Democracy.

Mr. Ifeanyi Onah: The Ministry of Education Enugu presented on "The Youth and The Youthed: Towards a Literate Democratic Nigeria.

Barr. Mrs. Magaret Nwagbo: Chairperson, International Federation of Women Lawyers, Anambra State Branch, Awka, presented on "Duties and Responsibilities of a Child Under The Child's Right Act.

Dr. Levi Nwodu's paper explores, through critical analysis, the place of youths in Nigeria's democratic governance and posits that the youths are used to execute anti democratic acts by the older generation of Nigerians. It further advocates for the inculcation of sound education (with emphasis on political education) on the youths as a potent way of empowering them to fathom and resist attempts to manipulate them for personal aggrandizement. The paper concludes with a number of recommendations on what the mass media organs in the country could do to help in empowering and mobilizing the youths for active participation in the democratic processes as well as democratic sustenance."

Responding to the presenters, Mrs. Gbulie, a seasoned educationist, focused on the predicament of girls who fail to get education while Dr. Mrs. Nnebedum, urged young girls to dream dreams in order to have direction and to be achievers.

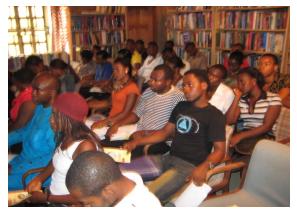
The following were presented with certificates of recognition: Enugu State Honorable Comm. For Education, Mrs. Ndidi Chukwu, Chief Anthony Mogbo (SAN), Prince Emeka Anazodo, Mr. Ifeanyi Onah, Dr. Chinaka Nwodu, Barrister Mrs. Nwagbo, and Ms. Happiness Nnaji, Inwelle Centre Financial Assistant.







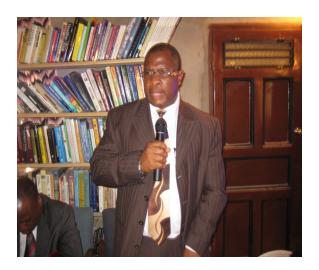
Dr. Mrs. Josephine Nnebedum, Centre Executive in charge of Conferences, Symposia, and I.T. training



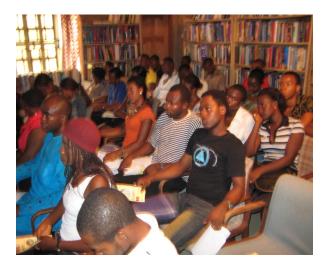


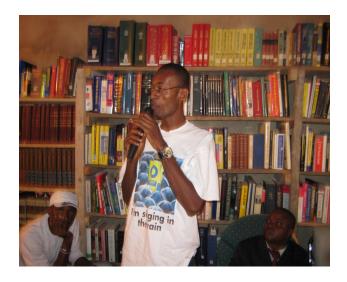


Prof. Christiana Chinwe Okechukwu, Founding President and Executive Director of Inwelle Centre







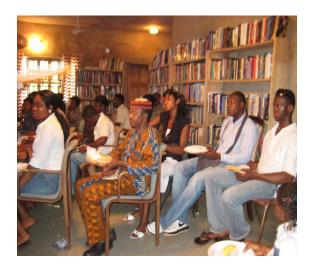


















Symposium Pictures





















SYMPOSIUM PICTURES

Inwelle Centre Planned Activities For 2009

PROGRAMME:

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING -- FOREVER.

PROJECT SUCCESS AND CATCH-THEM YOUNG Why? To impart skills Who? Indigent female ages 17 - 20 When? August 2007 -August 2009 Result -- Empowered to succeed.

MASS COMPUTER LITERACY CAMPAIGN

Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Word, Internet Research, Microsoft Excel Microsoft Access, Microsoft Publisher Powerpoint, Microsoft Project, etc.

REMEDIAL CLASSES:

GCE AND JAMB Preparatory Classes
Participatory Learning

COUNSELING SESSIONS:

Discovering one's potentials

Utilizing one's endowments

Bolstering one's self-confidence and selfesteem

Recognizing and utilizing opportunities

Realistic self-assessment and selfexpectations

Assessing Assumptions

ADVANCED I.T. TRAINING

Computer Programming Language Web Design: Dreamweaver CS3, Cascading Style Sheet, Photoshop, Graphics Design.

JOB ATTACHMENT

Teaching of I.T. Skills in Inwelle Satellite Centres.

Attachment in NGO set ups and local small businesses, corporations, government offices, and schools.

Incoming Inwelle Centre Staff For 2009

Library Assistant Miss Stella Umeh



Office Manager: Ajie Val Onwuegbuzia



Program Officer: Mr. Nwannebuike Okeke



CENTRE STAFF FOR 2008



MANAGER: MR. JUDE NNAMANI



PROJECT SUPERVISOR:
MISS HAPPINESS NNAJI



LIBRARIAN:
MR. DAVID BANKOLE



LIBRARY ASSISTANT: MR. OLISA MENKITI



I.T. PERSONNEL:
IKENNA CHIME AND
IDONEGSIT SAMUEL



LIBRARIAN: MISS REGINA UDEOGU



Administrative Assistant: Miss Chizoba Ofoegbu



SECURITY:MR. CALISTUS OPARA

Featuring Mrs. Ifeoma Gbulie: The Star Advisor of the year 2008

Mrs. Ifeoma Nkeiruka Gbulie, BA (Hons), PGDE, a retired Educator, Anambra State Education Commission. Awka, Nigeria is an administrator, and a public servant. She was the principal of G.S.S Abagana, Anambra State from 1974 to 1980, Queens' School, Enugu, Enugu State, from 1984 to 1991. As an administrator, she was the Chairperson of Board of Anambra State Commission for Women, from 1991 to 1992, the Executive Secretary of Anambra State Commission for Women, from 1994 to 1997, Director of Administration, Anambra State Education Commission from 1997 to 1999, and Member, Anambra State Education Commission, 1999 -2003.

 \mathcal{I}_{α} her presentation during the Inwelle annual symposium held on December 18, 2008, Mrs. Gbulie pleaded with commissioners of Education in the eastern states to pay serious attention to youths' education because education is the bedrock of every society that hopes to thrive. According to her, education in the 21st century is a whole new ball game. She empathized with the youths and their plights given what had happened to education in the eastern states. Mrs. Gbulie insisted that parents in her generation focused strongly on the education of their children because of the power of education to mould better human beings. She attributed the loss of zeal in learning among the youths in eastern states to the fact that schools are collapsing. "If you put children in a rough environment," she said, "the children become rough."

Wre. Gbulie enjoined the government to do everything in its power to ensure that those children who, against all odds, were able to get a university education must get a job to prevent their being restless and restive and become tools for thug recruiters. She further stated that as a result of poor conditions in public schools parents have resorted to sending their children to private schools. The fall out then becomes a beautiful result from some institutions that have embraced cheating as their value for achieving results. As for the teachers,



she emphasized that because the society had stuck to the idea that the teachers' reward was in heaven, the classrooms were filled with teachers devoid of motivation and that basing promotion of such teachers on results of students had given rise to organized cheating. In a system where values had gone this haywire, she lamented, educated people were relegated to

the background while illiterate money bags were given the pride of place to address audiences on many occasions. She wondered how useful such people would be, given that they have money but have nothing useful to say to the society. However, she implored the teachers to be dedicated as those who work in the Lord's vineyard God waters their garden for them.

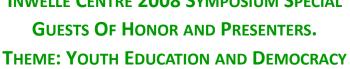
She further emphasized the need for the society to help the children find their ways and become useful members of the society. According to Mrs. Gbulie, the United Nations observes the International Day of the African Child precisely for that reason. "If we do nothing at the growing period of the youths," she warned, "we are digging a grave for the society." She advised the youths in these words: "Parents feel sad when youths are used as thugs. A real educated youth that has found himself and is properly engaged would shun nefarious activities. A simple test to be employed is any time politicians offers you money for thuggery, check if their children are among you people. If you indulge in killing, even if you are not caught, it will smear your hand and will follow you for life. In order to be part of sustainable development for the society, if you know that something is bad, do not do it."

Wirs. Gbulie also warned of the danger imminent in the society in which more girls are becoming more educated that the boys in the following words: "This is a dangerous situation because if the boys are not educated, the girls will be forced to marry semi-illiterates who become a danger to marriages because they will seek to control and this will bring instability in the homes."

INWELLE CENTRE 2008 SYMPOSIUM SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOR AND PRESENTERS.

Inwelle Special Friends

ONE OF THE FOUNDING TRUSTEES DR. **CASSANDRA OKECHUKWU RECEIVED HER DOCTORATE DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION FROM HARVARD** University in June, 2008.





The Hon. Comm. Of **Educ. Enugu State,** Mrs. Ndidi Chukwu



Prince Emeka Anazodo





Prof. Chris Okeke



Barr. Mrs. Margaret Nwagbo



Prof. Drs. Laye Abegunrin, Christiana okechukwu, Christiana Ohale, & Gloria Chuku at African Studies Association Conference, Chicago Nov. 2008





Mr. Ifeanyi Onah



Chief Anthony Mogbo, SAN.



Oby, Christie & Kate

INWELLE SPECIAL FRIENDS

Akunne Dr. Patrick Aniemeka Okechukwu performing at an ozo ceremony in Onitsha in December, 2008.



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Pastor Mrs. Kate Uchenna Mkparu is the visionary of Hers & Kiddies Panorama International (The Helping Hands), a non-governmental organization with a vision to equip women and children as worthy ambassadors of Christ, their families and their nations. She is also an advertising guru, representing Rocana Nigeria Limited—an outdoor advertising company in Lagos, Nigeria, the Executive publisher of Hers Extra and Kiddies Panorama magazines whose ministry has affected many widows, orphans, lepers, and the hurting society positively.

Barrister Mrs. Elizabeth Obiageli Nwamkpo is the resource person for seminars and workshops in areas of Communication, women empowerment, leadership skills and child development for International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Abuja Branch, Nigeria.





Prof Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D., the Vice President of Nigerian Studies Association and an Inwelle special friend, Professor Gloria Chuku, Ph.D., The president of Nigerian Studies Association, at Nigerian Studies Association meeting during the African Studies Association Conference, Chicago, November 2008.

Some Incoming Trustees



Dr. Mrs. Josephine

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Ever

month, 20 young girls from primary 6 to JS3 or even up to SS2 will be taught the basic use of the computer.

*Picture above shows
Prof. Okechukwu and
prospective Catchthem-Young
participants.



MISS VANESSA OKECHUKWU

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Dr. Anthony Okonkwo

INWELLE STUDY AND RESOURCE CENTRE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2008.

	2008 N	2007 N
Donations	2,157,900	1,587,500
Income from centre	44,200	45,460
Fund Raising	1,045,050	800,000
	3,247,150	2,432,960
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and Wages	426,600	401,300
Services	2,789,901	1,963,505
	3,216,501	2,364,805
Surplus of Income	30,649	<u>68,155</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2008

	20	008	20	07
	N	N	N	N
Fixed Assets		3,482,682		3,058,033
Current Assets:				
Stock - Stationery	106,127	*	42,500	
Bank balance	34,834		80,675	
	140,961		123,175	
Creditors	-	120,961	50,000	73,175
Accrued Charges	(20,000)	3,603,643		3,131,208
FINANCED BY:				
Capital (Accumulated Fund)		3,572,994		3,063,053
Add surplus for the year		30,649		68,155
		3,603,643		3,131,208

SUNDAY MERENWANNE EKECHUKWU & CO. (CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS) NO. 70 AGBANI ROAD, ENUGU

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF INWELLE STUDY AND RESOURCE CENTRE

We have sudited the Financial Statements of Invelle Study and Resource Centre for the year ended 31° December 2008 which have been pregared under the historical cost convention and on the banks of accounting policies chosen by the sentre.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors. In accordance with section 334 of the Companies and Aliced Matters Act 1950, the Centres' Directors are responsible for the presentation of the Financial Statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion on the Financial Statements based on our audit, and to express our opinion thereon to you.

Basis of Opinion

We gandiered our endit in accordance with international standards on Auditing Issued by the International Federation of Accountants. An audit includes examination on a test bases, of evidence relevant to the accounts and disabisate in the Financial Statements, it also includes an assessment of significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation and presentations of the Financial Statements and of whether the recounting policies are appropriate to the centres' circumstances, consistently applied and disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as a to obtain all the information and explanation that we consider necessary for the purpose of our audit and to provide us with sufficient evidence to give a reasonable assurances that the financial statements are froe from missiatement whether caused by errors or other irregularities. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adjected of the presentation of financial information in the financial statements are in agreement with the books of accounts which have been properly kept.

Opinion

In our opinion, the centre has kept proper books of excounts. The assets had been properly valued and adequate provision made for losses and cincinnium in value of such assets. The financial statements which have been crawn up in conferently with relevant statements of accounting standards issued by the Nigerian Accounting Standards Beend give a true and fair view of the state of affinirs of the optic as at 315 December 2008 and of the loss for the year ended on that date, and have been properly progrand in accordance with the companies and Allied natters Act 1990.

INVELLE STUDY AND RESOURCE CENTRE

	NOTES ON THE ACC	2008 N	2007 N
(0)	FIXED ASSETS		
	Library Books	1,590,397	1,665,241
	Security Equipment	430,560	320,009
	Computers and Accessories	1,361,225	1,072,792
		3,482,682	3,058,033
(2)	DONATIONS		
	Prof. (Mrs.) Okechukwu	2,157,900	1,507,500
	Indome from centre	44,200	45,460
	Fund Raising	1,045,050	200,000
		3,247,150	2,432,960
(3)	SERVICES		
	Salaries	425,500	
	Security utilities	110,560	
	Transportation	1,065,002	409,830
	Hotel Accommodation	431,550	
	Bank Charges	20,883	27.1
	Communication Expenses	120,217	0.00
	Cleaning Services	17,560	8
	Audit fee	20,300	
	Office Supplies and Fundame.	-	584,275
	Shipping costs		70,400
	Cemputer Accessories	288,433	141
	Clearing of goods and land		
	neasport		990,000
	General Expenses	13,180	77.
	Stat onery	25,656	~
	Purchase of Gas	42,260	4
	Electricity Payment	29,500	
	Rent	600,000	-
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CENTRE VISION:

Inwelle Centre seeks to create a world in which indigent women and youths can acquire the necessary skill that will enable them to take charge of their future. This we do by combining life skills, job skills and remedial education as a tool for making them employable and self-employable.

Center Mission:

The Centre's mission is to alleviate the difficulty faced by indigent women and youths, who want to improve their lot, by assisting them to get the remedial education needed to enter a higher institution and by helping them acquire computer and job skills that will enable them work and earn money to be able to go to school at the same time.

INWELLE CENTRE PROJECT
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GIVING

- IMPARTING SKILLS
- INSPIRING SELF-CONFIDENCE
- BOLSTERING SELF-ESTEEM
- ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE