



Our Participants are *Empowered!*

PHOTOS AND TESTIMONIALS FROM BOOT CAMP PARTICIPANTS

Here are what they say ...



Selah Writes: First of, Inwelle Centre is situated away from the center of town, so it gives a bit of a rural feel and invites the youths to

concentrate on the "Inwelle World" during their stay. Also, the size of the compound and the unique construction of the buildings, which resemble a medieval castle, have a great air of age and wisdom to them. Of course, there are constant power interruptions, but this doesn't stop learning...though it may require a quick relocation outside during the day, or candles at night.

The Boot Camp youths are all very energetic, enthusiastic and fun, and generally stay on task very well - of course, Prof never hesitates to bring people back in line! Also, Inwelle Centre has BOOKS! Thousands of them, lining nearly all the rooms. Overall, it's an amazing accomplishment to have set up the Centre from scratch, literally from an empty piece of land, and Prof. Christiana Okechukwu's vision, energy and creativity will continue to drive Inwelle Centre to greater heights - thanks for the opportunity to come and teach and experience Inwelle.

Selah Abrams, CNN Atlanta, USA



Chizoba Ofoegbu writes:

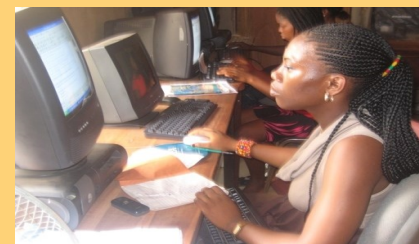
As a former Project Success Participant I had the pleasure to conduct one of the Catch-them-young projects. It was an enhancing experience to apply what I learnt during the project and at the

symposium that followed. I was able to teach the younger children Computer Appreciation and word processing. I was also able to educate them on the "the Right and Responsibility of Children to their parents and society under the Child Right Act of 2003, which was presented by Barrister Margaret Nwagbo, Chairperson of FIDA, Anambra State Branch, during the annual symposium on Youth Education and Democracy. I was able to explain to them the child right act which is a national law that makes provision for the rights of the child and acknowledges that a child has a right to express his/her opinion and have their opinions heard and acted upon. I also told them that a child is a person who has not attained the age of 18years. I read out and explained to them the rights and responsibilities of a child and protection of the child right. And I told them that any child rights that were violated have its own penalty. I told them that every child has the right of survival and development. I told them that in order for them to become active participants in the society and in their future, they should pay attention to their teacher in the class, go through what they have learnt for the day, do their assignment and keep away from bad friends. We all enjoyed the program. **Chizoba has received her Ordinary Diploma in Cheminal Engineering from the Institute of Management and Technology, Enugu.**



I now have an e-mail address. Thanks to boot camp.

Ngozika Ugwoke is now at the Enugu State University of Technology.



Thank You



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for the next boot camp

or to sponsor a participant.



It's really been wonderful participating in the Boot camp. I have learnt to be time conscious. I have learnt to iReport. That has helped me in building self-confidence because now I know that I can speak to the world. Thank you Inwelle Centre for giving me the opportunity to be part of a great programme. **Chioma Obi. Chioma is now at the Enugu State University of Technology.**



I can now speak in public without being shy. I now have the self-esteem to talk to my peers and to speak in public. This boot camp has inspired me. I believe that I can work hard with the help of my mentor to achieve whatever I want to achieve. **Mary**



I will like to extend all the skills I learnt from the boot camp to my brothers and sisters in my village. This one month has really changed me. I made friends with people from many towns I have not visited before. **Ijeoma**



I thank God almighty who make me to know a caring professor like you; I thank God and is my pressure. The first day, I came to register for computer training at inwelle centre I

never dreamt that I will later work as a staff, you know how everything started when I came to you after 2008 symposium day telling you how I lost my parent and I want further my education but no helping hand . You later employed me as a staff; thank you and God bless you. Secondly, after you employed me, everything was very OK for me, even how you took me as your own child teaching me all sources of things I don't know before, my greatest surprise was the day you gave me money to go and register for G.C.E. that was when I realized that you truly took me as your child. Mum, I love you and I will continue taking you as my own mother no matter what happened. **Stella Umeh**

At the boot camp, I learnt how to operate computer i.e opening accounts in yahoo mail and gmail. I also learnt the horticulture practice. I learnt how to write good essay, respecting the use of commas and the rules of concord. I learnt how to arrange books in a library, how to take care of dogs, how to make use of verbs. I enjoyed the telling of tales at evenings, fetching of firewood, fetching water with people that were almost strangers and made friends with them. We cooked together, cracked jokes and read together at nights. In addition to all I have written, I also learnt how to type fast, designing calendars and cards on computer, arranging of receipts and recording data in Microsoft access.



My experience has helped me a lot since then. I have been able to teach my younger ones to operate computers. I can now make friends as I did when I was at the camp. I have planted flowers in my home from the horticulture I learnt. I can work in an office now and also in a library. I am now time and security conscious as I learnt while I was at the camp. I can now speak out boldly in public; I have taught my younger siblings how to write essays as I learnt in camp. In fact, there are so many other things that I would have written but to cut the long stories short, the boot camp is truly a place to be. Thank Inwelle Centre.

Kosy Nwajuaku. Kosy is now at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka campus.

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No one can stop me now. I have learnt how to write essays on topics. Before, I used to be afraid of writing essays.

Chisom Jonathan



I learnt a lot at the Boot

Camp. At least now I can type documents in Microsoft Word. I can browse the internet, check my email and discuss on the facebook. I thank God for the opportunity given to me to be part of this boot camp. I pray that the almighty God will grant the sponsors of this boot camp long life and prosperity. **Abumchukwu Ilozor**



I have learnt how to write well in English. I have learnt to use Microsoft Word to write. Thank you Inwelle Centre. It has been a very

fruitful month of learning many science subjects and mathematics too.

Alice Okeke



It is with a heart of joy that I am writing this thank you message to you. If not for the fact that you have made me computer literate, I would not have been able to send this message. The camp really taught me a lot. I got a chance of meeting other people and adapting which is a good thing. One other good thing about the Inwelle Centre boot camp is that I read like I had never read before because

we were almost living in a library. I thank you so much for all this.

Toochukwu Udemezue

goodwill message!

It is an honor to have this moment to express my congratulations to

ISRC on her fifth anniversary celebration. It is only five years but your achievements exceeds five things which I'm one of them. When my uncle, Mr. Ifeanyi Onah, informed me about your academic boot camp, I was marveled because in our present day Nigeria. I never envisaged that such a thing like you existed. You are of a high value to me because it is my belief that the best thing one can do for another is to make him learn; to



make him know. That is what you brought out time to do so well. The skills I acquired from you are so many that I couldn't have sent this mail had I not known you. As we lionize the Centre's five years of existence, I feel so happy to offer my congratulations. If you could do so well in five years, there is no doubt that you are heading for greatness for a great world. I long for the symposium on 16th December.

Valentine Omeje Valentine has secured admission into University of Nigeria, Enugu campus.

The 2009 Academic Boot Camp at Inwelle Study and Resource Centre affected my life in a very good way. I have been applying what I learnt to my everyday school activity. The Academic Youth Boot Camp was a life changing experience. I learnt so many things. We were taught various aspects of subjects like English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, horticulture, and African Studies. Our teachers were great; they had to start from the basic knowledge and led us



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required to pass our exams. They made us to understand the subjects properly and carried everybody along, most especially in the area of African studies. They made us understand the root of Africa, how our forefathers came to be, how they lived & their way of life which is a rare knowledge for us to acquire. Furthermore we were given computer literacy classes like computer Appreciation, Internet Explorer, Microsoft Word processing, digital camera and digital video recording and uploading, iReporting, and social networking. These were not easily affordable services but were made available with the help of Inwelle Study and Resource Centre. We were taught how to plant flowers. The 2009 Academic Youth Boot Camp has affected my life positively as it boosted my self confidence in the way I understand and interact with people. It taught me to be less naïve and to be more confident in my self. Also it made me a better person, helped me in understanding my talents and potentials and how I can affect the society positively. It taught me the need to have a mentor to guide me in my career. I got career counseling. With that all I have learnt from the 2009 Academic Youth Boot Camp at Inwelle Study and Resource Centre, I can now cultivate my own garden, understand and interact more with people, make use of the internet fluently, and more importantly face the future with hope, knowing that I have it in my hands to develop myself.

Obinna Umeh (Obinna is now at Enugu State University of Technology and is also working for Inwelle Centre part time)



MY EXPERIENCE DURING THE 2010 BOOT CAMP OF INWELLE STUDY & RESOURCE CENTER ENUGU WEST AFRICA.

I thank God who made me to become one of the participants of boot camp of Inwelle Study and Resource Center Enugu. By the time I was informed about the boot camp, I thought it was only the youths but when I came in there as a volunteer, it was wonderful. I learnt a lot of things which can help somebody to become something in life. I learnt

- Using computer in Microsoft word.
- Creating and opening an E-mail address.
- Making a lot of research through the internet etc.

I also used the Library freely by going through the textbooks which I was unable to afford during my School days; I enjoyed the lectures that we received through the English, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry teachers. I learnt a lot of things through their teachings.

We made use of the time there properly. For example, there is a time to wake up from the bed, time to do the morning duties, enter the classes, to the computer rooms, lunch and even a time to listening to some evening folk tales.

I thank Prof. Christiana Okechukwu the founder and Executive Director of Inwelle Study and Resources Centre Enugu, who took care of us both in feeding and accommodation freely and even taught us English.

In conclusion Inwelle Centre has come to stay and will be growing from strength to strength.

Rose Okonkwo



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2010 Catch Them Young



Miss Chizoba
Ofoegbu Teaching
Computer Skills to
the Group



The Group Being Given Assistance with
their School Work

2009

HOW MY EXPERIENCE AT INWELLE CENTRE HELPS IN MY UNIVERSITY EDUCATION



There are some organization established by governments, individuals or groups of people in Nigeria, Africa and the whole world with the objective to provide, help, or assist individuals 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 provided Education counseling.



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 researche 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 to, from the internet without assistance.

Chizoba Ofoegbu

Chizoba was a participant in our Project Success. Project Ever since then, she has gone from volunteering at the centre for one year to becoming one of the strong staff of the Centre. She not only ran the Centre as an administrative person, she also taught computer literacy and skills to subsequent participants.

Down Memory Lane: Inwelle Centre Journey

Catch Them Young



Ms. Stella Umeh Registering the Participants

Chief val Onwuegbuzia Counseling the Participats



Miss Ekeke Practicing Her Computer Skills

• Catch-them Young Project
This runs all year long. Every month, 20 youths from primary 6 to JS3 to SS1 are taught the basic use of the computer and are assisted with their school work To sponsor a child costs \$10.00.



Miss Chizoba Ofoegbu Teaching Computer Skill to The participants

Boot Camp Pictures



We Had Science Classes



Global Fund For Women Gave Us A VSAT for Internet Connection



We Worked IN groups



We Taught each Other



Taking Care of the Environment



No Electricity? No problem. Classes Were held Outside

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 Christlana Chinwe Okechukwu, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Inwelle Study and Resource Centre, Enugu, Nigeria



Symposium on Preventing and Coping With Teenage Pregnancy in The 21st Century Nigeria



In His Own Voice

My name is Chika Okonkwo. I am from Enugwu-Agidi in Njikoka Local Government Area, Anambra State. I am one of the Academic Boot Camp participants. I am the seventh child of late Mr. Richard and Mrs. Okonkwo. As my father is late, I only live with my mother and my siblings. The most senior ones are in the city struggling for survival. Some of them are unable to attend school because there was no capable hands to train them. Some managed to stop at senior secondary 3 level and could not go further.

At the camp, I learnt a lot of positive skills that have continued to help me so much up to today. In the years back, I used to be unable to express myself in the presence of my peers. Even to chat with them used to be a hard work for me, but now I always thank the almighty God and Inwelle Centre because they have imparted a lot of courage in me. I can now stand boldly on my feet whenever I am required to do so. Inwelle study and Resource Centre also taught me how to operate a computer system, to open an email address, facebook, etc. The Centre also taught me how to be time and security conscious and taught me horticulture. I can now take care of flowers and even plant them if required to do so.

Before coming to the Boot Camp, I managed to pay my school fees by the little money I got from my mother. And sometimes, I engaged myself in some farm labour work to get a little money to pay my school fees. But since 2009 I attended the boot camp and was recognized as the best participant, Inwelle Centre has been paying my school fees. This is helping me a lot because I can now settle down to study well, which I was unable to do before, due to lack of time. I will like to be a petro-chemical engineer. I hope that Inwelle Centre can support me more and pay my fees up to higher education level.

May the almighty God guide and protect the founder of this wonderful centre, Amen.



Chika Okonkwo

To Participate in Inwelle Centre Participatory Academic Boot camp,
Call 08037519965 before June of every year and Ask for Chibuike or Uchenna. Also visit us on the web at www.inwellecentre.org or join us on the facebook at **Inwelle Centre**