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THE DRIVE REPORT

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OVERVIEW

Welcome to the **NOVEMBER edition** of our monthly newsletter, where we give you a recap of our activities for the month.

This month, we had the wonderful opportunity to visit **Methodist Girls' SHS & Okuapeman SHS**. We also hosted a training programme for GES Guidance & Counseling Officers in the Greater Accra Region and our volunteers.



EXPOSING YOUNG PEOPLE TO MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly outreach: Visit to MEGHIS & OKUAS

Our journey to empower Ghana's youth took us to Methodist Girls' High School, Mamfe, and Okuapemman School in the Eastern Region. From the moment we arrived, the excitement in the air was clear. The students' bright smiles and eager participation set the stage for a day of inspiration and learning.

A Keynote on Overcoming Failure

The day's highlight was a keynote address by Mr. Agya Yaw Nsiah, Director at the Youth Employment Agency. He shared his story of resilience, reflecting on times when he faced setbacks but found strength through discipline and persistence. His message encouraged the students to see challenges as opportunities to grow.

New Voices, Fresh Lessons

This outreach welcomed new resource persons, each sharing important lessons:

Mr. Ernest Brakohiapa, from the Minerals Commission Ghana, spoke about careers in the mining sector and emphasised the need for sustainable environmental practices.

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Dr. Gameli Aheto, a doctor from Lister Hospital, highlighted the importance of personal hygiene, the risks of drug misuse, and specific health concerns for young women.

Obaa-yaa Amponsah, an entrepreneur and event consultant, inspired students with her journey to success and shared practical tips on personal growth and entrepreneurship.

Support from Trusted Partners

The Ghana Armed Forces and Ghana Maritime Authority continued to support our efforts, guiding students with insights into their fields and offering advice on how to pursue careers in their organisations.

Learning Through Interaction

In smaller breakout sessions, students had the chance to ask questions and share their concerns. These sessions gave them personalised advice and practical tools to help them succeed.

We are grateful to the management, teachers, and students of Methodist Girls' High School and Okuapemman School for their warm hospitality. We also thank our dedicated volunteers and partners for their commitment to this mission.

Outreach Details

School	No. of volunteers	No. of Students Engaged	Breakout sessions	Level of students
Methodist Girls' SHS	18	1400	10	Form 1 & 2
Okuapeman SHS	18	400	10	Form 1

Professions of Volunteers	No. volunteers
Media	1
Human Resource & Admin	2
Business & Finance	3
Mining	1
Law	3
Healthcare	1
Education	1
Information Technology	1
Ghana Armed Forces	2
Ghana Maritime	2
Youth Employment Agency, Ghana	1





















Training for GES Guidance & Counseling Officers & DTI-A Volunteers

On Friday, 22nd November 2024, we held a one-day training workshop to equip GES Guidance & counselling officers from the Greater Accra Region's Ghana Education Service (GES) and volunteers from Drive to Inspire Africa (DTI-A) with the skills needed to support young people effectively.

In today's rapidly changing world, young people face increasing pressures from constant exposure to new experiences and expectations. Recognising the growing need for up-to-date approaches to counselling and education, we partnered with key stakeholders to deliver a workshop that addressed these challenges and equipped participants with practical tools for their work.

The event featured four key sessions, each tailored to address specific needs:

Managing Adolescent Life, Overcoming Fear of Failure, and Bridging the Gap Between Authorities and Students

- Facilitator: *Karrielle Dansoh* (Sociology and Linguistics Student)
This session delved into the challenges of adolescence, offering strategies to help students overcome the fear of failure and approaches for effective discipline. A panel discussion with students provided real-life insights into bridging the gap between school authorities and learners.

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Understanding Mental Health - Facilitator: *Dr. Gladys Setordzie* (Clinical Psychologist and Psychometrist)

Participants explored strategies to support students' mental well-being, learning how to address critical mental health challenges faced by young people today.

Career Guidance Strategies - Facilitator: *Mr. Kafui Ntow* (Group HR and Admin Director, Devtraco Group)

This session offered actionable techniques for guiding students towards informed decisions about their career paths, empowering them to plan effectively for the future.

Financial Literacy for Counsellors and Volunteers - Facilitator: *Henry Nii Dottey, APR* (Head of Marketing & Corporate Communications, UBA Ghana)

Focusing on personal and professional financial management, this session provided tools to enhance financial stability for counsellors and volunteers.

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Recognising Commitment

After the workshop, participants received certificates of participation, symbolising their dedication to improving their skills and supporting the youth in their care.

This workshop marks another step in our commitment to preparing educators and volunteers with the resources they need to create positive and lasting impacts on the lives of young people.











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Join our drive to support more students!

As we prepare for the year ahead, Drive to Inspire Africa is excited to expand its network of partners to deliver meaningful initiatives in 2025. We invite organisations and passionate individuals dedicated to youth empowerment to join us on this transformative mission.

Ways to Partner

There are several ways to collaborate and contribute to this impactful cause:

Partnering with us: Work with us to provide scholarships and internship opportunities, ensuring deserving young individuals gain access to education and practical career experiences.

Volunteering: Inspire and mentor the next generation of leaders by sharing your time and expertise.

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