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DTI-A takes outreach to New Juaben & Pentecost SHS in the Eastern Region of Ghana

In October, Drive to Inspire — Africa resumed its outreach activities to senior high schools. As always, it was a joy for the team and volunteers to step out and engage with students, listen to their questions, and share practical lessons to guide their growth.

This round of outreach took the team to New Juaben Senior High School and Pentecost Senior High School in the Eastern Region. The sessions focused on issues that continue to shape the lives of young people both in and outside the classroom. Speakers led discussions on discipline and self-leadership, encouraging students to build habits that foster consistency, respect, and focus in their academic and personal journeys.

Another important topic addressed was the dangers of substance and alcohol abuse, highlighting how such habits can affect decision-making, health, and long-term potential. The sessions encouraged students to make choices that align with their goals and to find strength in saying no to peer pressure.

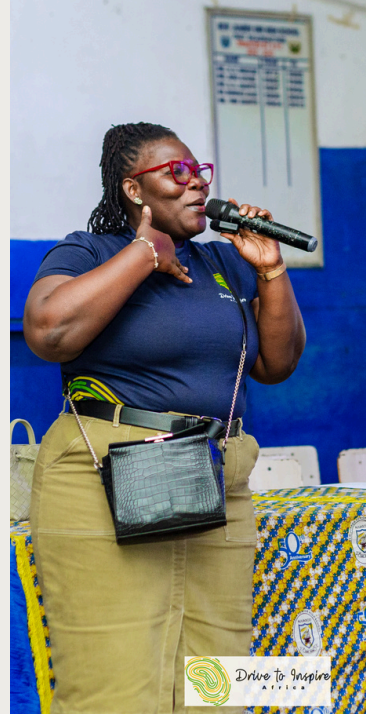
In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, students also learned about the importance of early detection and regular screening. Health professionals emphasized that awareness and early action can save lives, and encouraged students to become advocates for healthy living among their peers and families. The students were also taught how to self-examine for breast cancer.

The team was joined by representatives from the Ghana Armed Forces, along with professionals from healthcare, media, entertainment, agriculture and agribusiness, law, and information technology. They held breakout sessions where students explored different career paths, asked thoughtful questions, and shared their aspirations. There was also a University Life session that gave students a realistic look at tertiary education and how to adjust academically, socially, and emotionally.

As part of the Touched Initiative, some students were recognized and awarded for their confidence, curiosity, and active participation throughout the programme. Their enthusiasm reflected a genuine desire to learn and grow, which deeply impressed the facilitators and volunteers.

The DTI-A team commended all participating students for their discipline, respect, and engagement during the sessions. Their energy and openness made the outreach both impactful and rewarding.

This outreach reaffirmed our commitment to inspiring young people to live intentionally and make informed choices that lead to a brighter future.





Digital Awareness campaign



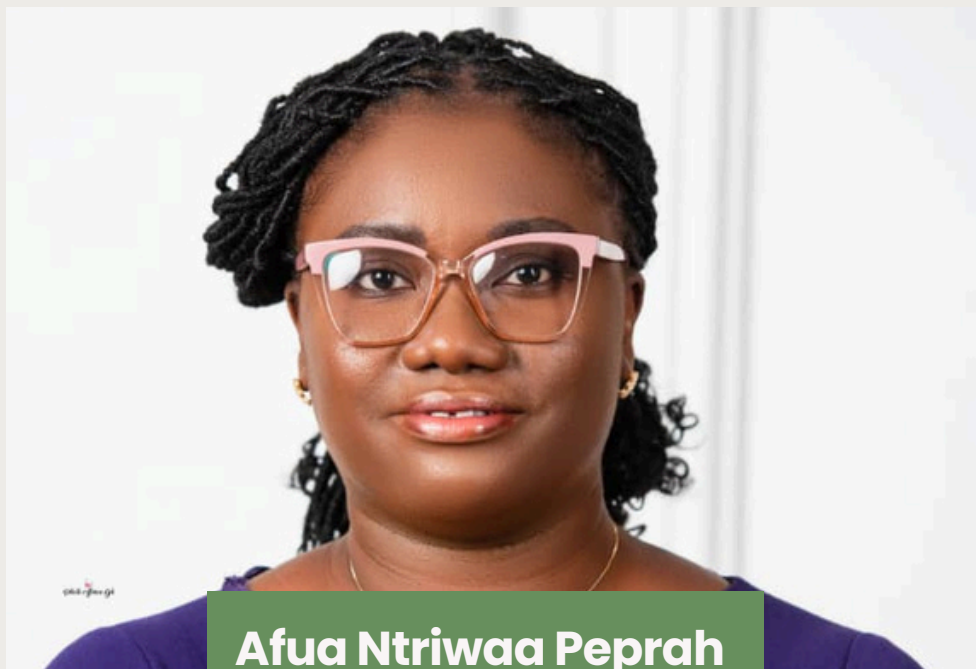
Drive to Inspire — Africa is set to launch a new Digital Awareness Campaign aimed at educating young people on the power, potential, and pitfalls of the digital world. The initiative comes at a time when the internet continues to shape how young people learn, connect, and express themselves, for better or for worse.

The campaign seeks to help students and youth across the continent understand that digital spaces are not just tools for entertainment, but platforms for opportunity and personal growth. With social media now influencing opinions, reputations, and even careers, DTI-A believes it is essential for young people to learn how to use the internet responsibly and meaningfully.

Speaking on the importance of the campaign, the team noted that digital awareness goes beyond knowing how to use technology. It is about understanding online safety, digital footprints, cyberbullying, misinformation, and the long-term consequences of online behavior. Many young people post, share, and engage online without realizing that the internet never forgets, and that what they do today can affect their education, career, and personal image tomorrow.

For DTI-A, this initiative represents a major step toward empowering young Africans to become responsible digital citizens who use technology to create, not destroy. It also reinforces the organization's belief that awareness and intentionality must guide how young people navigate an increasingly digital world. With this rollout, DTI-A continues its mission to inspire, educate, and equip the next generation to make informed choices both online and offline.

Volunteer Spotlight



Afua Ntriwaa Peprah

Afua Ntriwaa Peprah is a dynamic social impact leader, entrepreneur, remote instructor, educationist, cloud practitioner, and proud mother of three.

Her professional journey began with six years in the tours, sales, and marketing fields within the hospitality industry, before transitioning into the technology and education sectors, a space she has actively contributed to for over a decade. During this time, she founded the Trinity Christian School in Nsoatre, a rural town in Ghana's Bono Region, demonstrating her commitment to expanding educational access in underserved communities.

Afua currently volunteers with several nonprofit organisations that champion young people, women, and technology, one of which is Drive to Inspire — Africa. She is deeply passionate about mentorship, education, and technology as tools for empowerment.

A lifelong learner, Afua's academic path began at St. Roses Secondary School,

Akwatia, after which she earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Lakeland University in Sheboygan, Wisconsin (2010). She later completed a Master of Arts in Advanced Teaching (MAT) from the University of the People, an American-accredited online university, in 2023.

Her time at Tech4Girls and her volunteer role as a Technology Career Advisor with Drive to Inspire — Africa have been pivotal in merging her advocacy for education with technological fluency. These experiences have allowed her to facilitate innovative learning opportunities that integrate technology into education, preparing the next generation of tech-savvy professionals.

Since February 2025, Afua has served as a Mentor and Career Advisor with DTI-A. Through various outreach and workshops across secondary and tertiary institutions, she has helped countless young people navigate career decisions

Webinar: Building Fitness and Balance in a busy world with Ogechik'nma Akinola



On Thursday, 9th October 2025, DTI-A hosted another insightful session in our Monthly Webinar Series. The discussion, led by Oge Akinola, MA, EMBA, CPT, NASM, focused on the theme “Thriving in the hustle: Building fitness, wellness, and balance in a busy world.” It shed light on one of the most pressing issues facing young professionals across Africa today: work-related stress, and how balance, faith, and intentional living can help overcome it.

According to the World Health Organisation, work-related stress among young professionals in Africa continues to rise, impacting both productivity and well-being. Oge emphasized that while ambition and drive are important, true success comes from balance, wisdom, and grace, not exhaustion.

She introduced what she calls the “Four Non-Negotiable Blocks,” core areas every young person must prioritize to maintain balance and thrive in today’s demanding world. Through real-life examples and practical insights, she reminded participants that God never called us to burnout; He called us to breakthrough.

One of the most powerful takeaways from the session came from Isaiah 40:31, which speaks to the renewal of strength through hope in God. Oge used this scripture to illustrate what she described as “The Isaiah Pace Principle,” teaching that every season of life comes with its own pace. She reminded participants that every pace matters and that wisdom lies in embracing the season you are in, not rushing through it.

The session ended with a renewed sense of purpose among attendees. For many, it was a timely reminder to pursue their goals with discipline and faith while honoring their need for rest and balance.

SPOTLIGHT AFRICA



Adaeze Akpagbula –Agric Engineer

Adaeze Akpagbula is an award-winning Nigerian agricultural engineer, entrepreneur, and co-founder of Farmspeak Technology Limited, an innovative agritech company committed to transforming smallholder farming in Africa through technology.

Adaeze's dedication to agricultural innovation is deeply personal, stemming from her experience growing up in a poultry farming family and witnessing the financial devastation caused by unpredictable climate conditions and high bird mortality.

She founded Farmspeak Technology to leverage IoT, AI, and remote sensing to transition African agriculture from manual, high-risk practices to data-driven, climate-resilient operations. Her mission is to empower farmers, promote sustainability, and eliminate extreme poverty among

African farmers by increasing productivity and enhancing farm profitability.

While Farmspeak's flagship product, PenKeep, began with poultry, Adaeze and her team are actively working to extend the technology to aquaculture and greenhouse environments, showcasing a commitment to scalable, multi-sector agricultural solutions across the continent. She stands as a prominent voice in the movement to use green technology and local innovation to combat climate change and food insecurity in Africa.

She was named the Global Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 by Youth Business International (YBI) and also received the Climate Entrepreneurship Award from the same organization

NEW AGE CAREER OPTIONS



WHO IS AN AGRITECH INNOVATOR?

An AgriTech Innovator is a professional who uses technology, data, and innovative solutions to transform agriculture. They develop tools, systems, and strategies that improve farming productivity, sustainability, and market access. In Africa, where agriculture employs a majority of the population and is vital for food security and economic growth, this role is increasingly important for modernizing the sector and creating opportunities for young people.

Why It Matters?

- Agriculture is central to Africa's economy, and technology can make it more efficient, profitable, and sustainable.
- Young Africans bring digital skills, creativity, and entrepreneurial energy that are essential for modern farming solutions.
- With challenges like climate change, low productivity, and market inefficiencies, AgriTech innovators are key to ensuring food security and economic empowerment.
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What to study and learn

Those interested in this career can study fields such as agriculture, agricultural engineering, agribusiness, environmental science, computer science, or data analytics. Beyond formal education, it is important to develop skills in:

- Technology application (drones, IoT, mobile apps, GIS)
- Data analysis and problem-solving

- Entrepreneurship and business development
- Climate-smart and sustainable farming practices
- Online courses, workshops, and certifications in AgriTech, precision farming, and digital agriculture are also increasingly accessible across Africa.

Potential roles and opportunities

AgriTech Innovators can work in a variety of settings, including:

- Startups – creating digital platforms, smart tools, and farm management solutions.
- Farms – managing smart farms that use IoT, automation, and precision agriculture.
- Consulting firms – advising agricultural businesses on technology adoption and sustainability.
- Research institutions – developing innovative solutions in crop science, soil health, and climate-smart agriculture.
- Government and NGOs – implementing programs that improve agricultural productivity and rural livelihoods.

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