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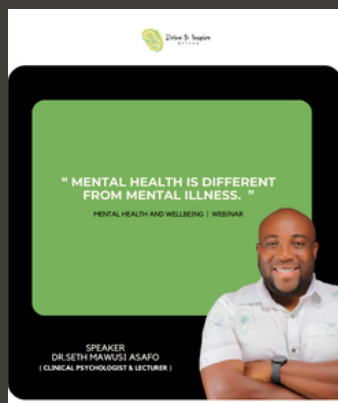
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DRIVE TO INSPIRE — AFRICA STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH KENYA VOLUNTEER GATHERING

Drive to Inspire — Africa (DTI-A) has taken another significant step in deepening its engagement with young people across Africa by convening members of its Kenyan volunteer community for a day of connection, reflection and dialogue on creating greater impact within local communities on 3rd June, 2026.

The event, held in Nairobi, brought together mentors and mentees from across the DTI-A network, providing a platform for participants to connect, share experiences and explore opportunities for expanding the organisation's impact in Kenya beyond its existing mentorship programmes.

The gathering focused on strengthening relationships within the Kenyan volunteer network while creating space for open dialogue between mentors and mentees. Participants reflected on their experiences within the organisation's mentorship programmes and explored innovative ways to address community needs beyond mentorship.

Many participants spoke about improvements in their confidence, career development, leadership skills, and personal growth as a result of the guidance and support they received through the programme.

One mentee, Jane Kareemora, recounted how the mentorship journey helped her overcome low self-esteem and become more confident in herself.

"Before the mentorship programme, I had very low self-esteem. Through the support of my mentor and this mentorship programme, I have become a more outspoken, confident, and outgoing person," she said.

Her testimony was one of several shared during the event, highlighting the profound impact mentorship can have on young people navigating personal and professional challenges. Mentors also reflected on the fulfilment they derive from guiding and supporting the next generation of African leaders, describing the experience as mutually rewarding.

As we continue to expand its reach across the continent, Drive to Inspire-Africa remains committed to fostering meaningful relationships with its volunteers and developing programmes that respond to the unique needs of African communities.



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DTI-A PARTNERS WITH UNIMAC SRC FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP OUTREACH

Drive to Inspire — Africa, in partnership with the University of Media, Arts and Communication (UniMAC) Students' Representative Council (SRC), hosted a Career Development and Leadership Outreach aimed at equipping students with practical insights, leadership skills, and the confidence to make informed career decisions.

The outreach brought together distinguished professionals and industry leaders who shared practical insights and personal experiences to inspire students as they navigate their academic and professional journeys.

The event featured Hon. Godfred Yeboah Dame, Former Attorney General and Minister of Justice, who delivered an engaging session on Public Speaking. He reminded participants that effective public speaking is not only about expressing one's thoughts but also about being an attentive listener. According to him, great communicators listen carefully to others, understand opposing arguments, and continuously expand their knowledge before seeking to persuade others.

Participants also benefited from a thought-provoking presentation by Mr. Kafui Ntow, Director at Devtraco, who spoke on Career Choice and Development. He encouraged students to reject self-imposed limitations, emphasizing that there are no barriers to achieving their aspirations when they are intentional and willing to act. He further challenged students to maximize their time on campus by developing themselves beyond the classroom through extracurricular activities, leadership opportunities, and continuous personal growth.

Completing the lineup was Ms. Anita Solomon, Head of SDI Lending, whose session focused on Developing a Growth Mindset. She emphasized that skills are not fixed but can be learned with dedication and persistence. Encouraging participants to embrace lifelong learning, she noted that setbacks should be viewed as feedback rather than failure, urging students to replace the mindset of "I can't do it" with "I can't do it yet." Her message reinforced the importance of resilience, continuous improvement, and believing in one's ability to grow.

The interactive sessions provided students with valuable perspectives, practical guidance, and renewed motivation to pursue excellence in their leadership and career aspirations. Participants left the programme inspired to communicate more effectively, embrace a growth mindset, and intentionally prepare themselves for future career opportunities.

This partnership with UniMAC SRC reflects Drive to Inspire — Africa's ongoing mission to empower young people through mentorship, leadership development, and career readiness initiatives. By connecting students with accomplished professionals and thought leaders, the organization continues to inspire the next generation of ethical, purpose-driven leaders across Africa.



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Dr. Seth Mawusi Asafo Encourages Young People to Prioritise Their Mental Wellbeing

June is globally recognised as Men's Mental Health Awareness Month, a time dedicated to encouraging conversations around mental wellbeing and breaking the stigma surrounding mental health challenges. To mark the occasion, Drive to Inspire — Africa's June webinar focused on Mental Health and Wellbeing, facilitated by Clinical Psychologist and Lecturer, Seth Mawusi Asafo. The session brought together both male and female participants from across Africa, creating a safe and engaging space for meaningful discussions on mental wellness, resilience, self-care, and emotional wellbeing.

The webinar attracted students, young professionals and aspiring leaders who are eager to learn practical ways to navigate the mental and emotional demands of academic, professional, and personal life. Through engaging discussions and relatable examples, participants gained a deeper understanding of how mental wellbeing influences personal growth, academic success, workplace performance and the overall quality of life.

A key highlight of the session was the distinction between mental health and mental illness. Dr. Asafo explained that everyone has mental health, just as everyone has physical health, while mental illness occurs when an individual's ability to cope with life's challenges becomes significantly impaired. This clarification helped participants better understand mental health as a normal and important aspect of everyday life.

The webinar also addressed the prevalence of stress among students and young professionals. Participants learned that while stress is a natural response to life's demands, recognising it early and managing it effectively is essential to preventing burnout and emotional exhaustion. Practical strategies for stress management and self-care were shared throughout the session.

Another major focus was resilience, which was described as the ability to recover from setbacks, adapt to challenges, and continue moving forward despite difficulties. Participants were encouraged to view resilience as a skill that can be developed over time through intentional practice and positive coping mechanisms.

The discussion further highlighted the importance of healthy lifestyle habits in supporting mental wellbeing. Regular physical activity, adequate sleep, meaningful social connections and reducing excessive screen time were identified as simple yet powerful ways to maintain good mental health.

Recognising the value of support systems, Dr. Asafo encouraged participants to speak openly about their challenges and seek help from trusted friends, family members, mentors, counsellors or mental health professionals when necessary. He noted that sharing burdens can significantly improve emotional wellbeing and strengthen one's ability to cope with difficult situations.



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DTI-A'S BUILT FOR MORE INSTITUTE TO HOLD MAIDEN TRAINING PROGRAMME

Drive to Inspire — Africa (DTI-A), through its Built For More Institute, is set to host its maiden training programme dubbed “Command the Room”, a premier communication, personal branding, and leadership training designed to equip participants with the skills needed to excel in today’s professional landscape.

With the tagline “Speak with Authority. Lead with Presence. Own Your Narrative.”, the programme seeks to help participants communicate with confidence, build strong personal brands, and develop the professional presence required to thrive in leadership roles.

The maiden edition will feature three distinguished Ghanaian professionals whose expertise spans media, branding, law, and corporate governance.

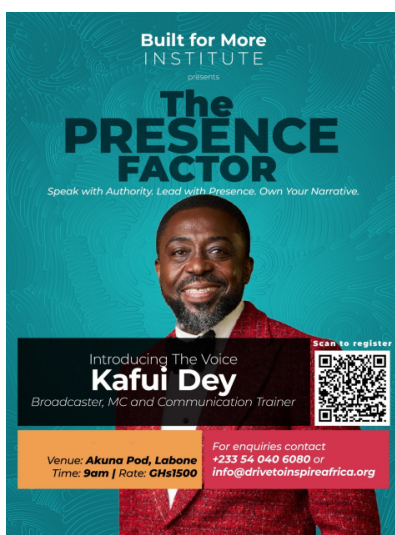
Renowned broadcaster, communication trainer and author Kafui Dey will lead a session titled “**The Voice: Public Speaking A-Z**,” focusing on public speaking, storytelling, presentation skills, media engagement, confidence building, and effective audience communication.

Founder and CEO of Glitz Africa, Claudia Lumor, will facilitate “**The Image: Personal Brand, Style and Visual Authority**,” where participants will learn how to intentionally shape their personal brand, build influence, strengthen professional networks, and align their image with their career aspirations.

Completing the lineup is respected corporate governance expert and former Bank of Ghana General Counsel, Sandra Thompson, who will lead “**A Seat at the Table**.” Her session will focus on professional presence, workplace etiquette, leadership readiness, strategic networking and navigating formal corporate environments with confidence.

The programme is designed for corporate professionals, entrepreneurs, executives, students, emerging professionals and individuals seeking to strengthen their communication and leadership capabilities. Participants will gain practical skills to speak with clarity, communicate with authority, build compelling personal brands, and effectively navigate high-pressure professional situations.

Interested participants are encouraged to secure their spots via www.drivetoinspireafrica.org and take advantage of what promises to be a transformative learning experience led by some of Ghana’s most respected professionals.



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EDWARD ASARE APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Drive to Inspire — Africa has appointed Edward Asare to its Board of Directors, reinforcing our organisations commitment to strengthening its leadership and expanding its impact across the African continent.

Edward Asare brings over nine years of experience in marketing and communications, with a distinguished career spanning Media General, UBA Ghana Ltd and Enterprise Insurance. He has earned widespread recognition for his contributions to the communications and digital media landscape.

Among his achievements are the Most Influential Change Maker Award at the Humanitarian Awards Global in 2022, Digital Marketing Personality of the Year at the National Communications Awards in 2021 and Digital Media Influencer of the Year at the Youth Excellence Awards in 2020. He was also named among Avance Media's Top 50 Bloggers in Ghana in 2021 and received the Outstanding Achievement for Professional Conduct Award from Yen.com.gh Media in 2020. In addition, he was nominated for LinkedIn Influencer of the Year by Pulse Ghana in 2021 and Blogger of the Year at the Youth Excellence Awards in 2020.

Mr. Asare's appointment reflects our commitment to empowering young people, strengthening our leadership and expanding our impact across the African continent.



PROF. RICHARD FRIMPONG OPPONG APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF DRIVE TO INSPIRE — AFRICA'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

Drive to Inspire — Africa has appointed Professor Richard Frimpong Oppong to Advisory Council

Professor Oppong is a Professor of Law at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto. An internationally recognised legal scholar, arbitrator, and author, he was called to the Ghana Bar in 2003 and has taught at leading academic institutions across Canada, Ghana, the United Kingdom, and the United States. He is also a Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences and an Associate Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law.

Throughout his distinguished career, Professor Oppong has made significant contributions to legal scholarship and international arbitration. He is the author of eleven books and more than 55 scholarly publications, many of which have received international recognition and are widely cited in academic literature and judicial decisions.

His appointment marks an important milestone in the organisation's ongoing efforts to strengthen its governance and leadership as it continues to expand its reach and deepen its impact across Africa and beyond.

Supporting the education of young people across Africa has never been easier following the launch of DTI-A's Built for More campaign, which is aimed at raising funds to support our scholarship programme through the sale of souvenirs.



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