Echoes From Ajegunle

Stories of transformed lives...

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PIN’s Social Intervention

"Redirecting the energy of young Nigerians towards positive engagements…"

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The Ajegunle.org Cycle

- Announcement
- Pre-Selection
- Interview
- Entrepreneurship Training
- ICT Training
- Orientation
- Internship / Graduate Loan Scheme
- Relay Training / Reports
- Graduation / Alumni Group / Mentorship
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"It was a great and wonderful experience and my key take-away from the program was new knowledge about entrepreneurship...my parents are very happy that Ajegunle.org has increased my skills in all areas of life, and it's also a stepping stone for my career." – Emmanuel Maduforo
After her own training, Esther extended the knowledge she acquired to 6 other people – two of whom were her siblings... She completed 4 months of internship with UKTI before clinching a full-time job at the privately-run Terminal 2 of the Murtala Mohammed Airport in Lagos.
“I had my first experience of air transportation when I was invited for the [United Kingdom High Commission] interview in Abuja, and I must say that being employed at such an international institution changed my life! I am now a student of Medical Biochemistry at Delta State University.” – Famous Onokurefe
For Funke, tips such as “ideas rule the world” and “you don’t need huge funds to start your business” from the training encouraged her to take a loan (£8) from a friend, to start her small shared public mobile phone (telecentre) business. She paid up after one month and grew the business by 2,800% to one with an asset base of £232.
“The program opened my eyes to opportunities... I never kept my books for the business and was therefore unable to make progress. I have been able to provide employment for young people ... and this show business now grosses an average of £200 every month. I wish that the Ajegunle.org program would be extended to as many people as possible.” – James Onyebuchi Raphael
"I knew computers had monitors and keyboards but that was all... I learnt that there is no excuse in life, and that I must always reach out for more. The internship is an experience I wouldn't have missed for anything... I was able to adapt and, on a lighter note, there was a time I thought the air conditioning unit in my office was going to make me freeze to death. “ – Linda Orajekwe
Ego is quick to describe the practical skills she picked up during the training. Those skills are now responsible for her position as an employee of the Visa Section of the UK Deputy High Commission in Lagos – after her four-month stint at UKTI and the privately-run MMA2. Ego is also now a part-time student at the University of Lagos.
“Whenever I sit to think about the future, I feel relaxed and my thought is always positive because of the skills that I have acquired – and the kind of network I have created... I know that the skills acquired and the experience I have working as an intern with DHL International will put me ahead of others. [B]oldness, courage and improved communication are my major gifts from Ajegunle.org.” – Taiwo Olayinka
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