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BACKGROUND

Impactful Education (IE) emerged from the founder's transformative experiences in Anyama, a community ravaged by the Ivory Coast civil war. Katy had never entered a library or used a computer until her move to New York in 2013. In the war's aftermath, she saw friends fall victim to child labor and soldiering, while others were forced into child marriages because their parents could no longer afford schooling. Tragically, many young people lost their lives in the Mediterranean while attempting to reach Europe for a better life. Determined to prevent the next generations from facing similar challenges, Katy became an agent of change. In 2021, her vision advanced significantly when she received the Skidmore College Davis Project for Peace Grant, allowing her to establish Anyama's first library, stocked with over 2,500 books and 15 computers. This milestone led to the creation of Impactful Education in 2022, aiming to build educational hubs that offer students free access to literacy and technology resources, as well as a space to develop collaboration skills and support the country's peace efforts. At IE, we strive to elevate the community and empower the leaders of tomorrow. In 2023, Impactful Education inaugurated its first fully equipped educational hub at Lycée Moderne d'Anyama, the largest public school in town. As we grow and look to the future, we are dedicated to broadening our influence and enhancing our impact, nurturing a new generation of educated, resilient, and peace-driven individuals.



OUR FOUNDER STORY



In 2022, Impactful Education was established in the town of Anyama by Korotoumou Katy Ballo, whose personal experiences and aspirations fueled its creation. Growing up amidst the turmoil of Ivory Coast's civil war, Katy witnessed the struggles of her community firsthand, with many young people facing limited opportunities and economic hardships. Determined to make a difference, Katy founded Impactful Education to provide young people with the resources and opportunities they need to thrive while also contributing to peacebuilding efforts in her community.

Despite migrating to the United States, Katy's passion for her community remained steadfast. She believes that education is a fundamental human right and is committed to ensuring that every young person, regardless of their background, has access to education. Today, Impactful Education is impacting thousands of young people in Anyama by providing them with a space to be exposed to literacy and technology resources.

Katy is currently a Financial Risk Consultant at Ernst & Young. Prior to founding Impactful Education, Katy received the Davis Project for Peace Grant, which allowed her to build the first library in her town, and was recognized with the President's Award for Leadership and Service. Additionally, she served as the first Ambassador and intern for the Literate Earth Project, where she traveled to Uganda to support one of the organization's libraries.

Katy's dedication to Impactful Education led her to become one of TheirWorld's Global Ambassadors and to be awarded the Books for Africa Container Captain of Ivory Coast for shipping the most books to the country in 2023. She is also an alumna of the State Department's Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship and a Harlem Y BAI Corporate Recipient. Through her tireless efforts, Katy is making a meaningful impact in her community and beyond, providing educational resources and opportunities for young people that are based on an approach of using "local solutions to solve local problems.

MISSION

Impactful Education is a community-based organization committed to establishing educational hubs that foster intellectual growth among future generations to work towards systemic change in education. Our mission is to create transformative ripple effects across communities, engaging youth as leaders and influencing positive change through the power of education.



ABOUT IMPACTFUL EDUCATION



FIRST PROJECT AT THE LYCEE MODERNE D'ANYAMA

With financial support from Wilton Rotary and Soropotimisy International to purchase books and computers, our organization built and equipped an educational hub to serve over 5,000 students and 60 teachers at Lycee Moderne d'Anyama (LYMA), the largest public high school in Anyama.

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Educational Hub

4000+

Books

24

Computers



ENHANCING LITERACY

TARGET CHALLENGES

- Over 70% of students struggle with reading and comprehension.
- Overcrowded classrooms with 70:1 student-to-teacher ratio in Lycee Moderne d'Anyama
- The lack of basic learning infrastructure in rural areas of most African countries is a significant barrier to enhancing educational learning and access to educational resources.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Guided Reading Sessions: Practice reading aloud, improve fluency and pronunciation.
- Comprehension Workshops: Develop critical thinking and text analysis skills.
- Interactive Storytelling: Engage with stories and books to expand vocabulary and understanding.
- One-on-One Tutoring: Personalized support for school assignments and questions.
- Writing Workshops: Conducting workshops that focus on writing skills, from sentence structure to storytelling, to help students express themselves clearly and creatively.



DIGITAL DIVIDE

TARGET CHALLENGES

- The Digital Divide: Over 90% of students have never used a computer before.
- Absence of Technology Facilities: There were no designated technology spaces or programs available in the community.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Computer Basics: Learn to operate a computer, use a mouse and keyboard, and understand the desktop environment.
- Typing Proficiency: Engage in typing exercises to improve speed and accuracy.
- File Management: Practice creating, saving, and organizing files and folders.
- Microsoft Office Training: Introduction to Word, Excel, and PowerPoint for document creation and data management.
- Online Navigation: Explore educational websites and learn to research effectively online.



FOSTERING COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

TARGET CHALLENGES

- Country experience with a decade long of war.
- Lack of space for young students to work in collaborative settings.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Research & Presentation Projects: Students work together on research projects, creating PowerPoint presentations to showcase their findings to classmates.
- Debates: Students engage in debates over important local and national issues, which promotes civic awareness and enhances public speaking abilities.
- Roundtable Book Discussions: Group reading sessions where they exchange insights with peers about the books they have read, improving their understanding and analytical thinking.



SUMMER PROGRAM

CHALLENGES IN THE SUMMER MONTHS

During the summer, students in Anyama often face a void in educational activities, which can lead to decreased school retention as they resort to street vending or other unsanctioned activities. To combat this, we launched the community's inaugural summer program, offering dynamic learning experiences to enhance literacy and tech skills, thereby keeping students engaged in their education year-round and improving retention.

SUMMER PROGRAM IMPACT

- Bridges Educational Gap: Addresses the void in educational activities during the summer
- Prevents Learning Loss: Keeps students academically engaged throughout the year
- Enhances Skills: Offers programs to improve literacy and technology skills during the critical out-of-school period.
- Year-Round Engagement: Ensures continuous educational involvement, maintaining student interest and momentum.

[Click here to learn access our Summer 2023 Newsletter](#)



SUMMER PROGRAM

LEARNING AT THE HUB

- Literacy: The students participated in workshops to enhance their basic reading and writing skills, addressing the literacy gaps. The curriculum was designed to improve participants' literacy skills.
- Technology: Hands-on technology workshops where students engaged with the latest digital devices and software, bridging the technology gap by enhancing their practical skills.
- Field Trip: Took a trip to the zoo to have their first experience in taking a field trip and to be exposed to people outside the community, where they could interact and ask questions.

50
Participants

200+
Books

Workshops
+
Learning

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFFS

Impactful Education is legally registered and incorporated in the United States, and is currently awaiting approval for its 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Our governing board, based in Sub-Saharan Africa, consists predominantly of experienced African leaders who have worked on projects related to Africa. Additionally, we have two staff members based in Ivory Coast overseeing the daily operations of the hub and implementing all on-the-ground activities.



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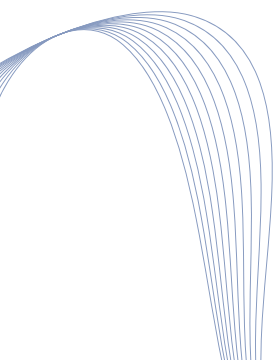
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THE FIRST HUB LAUNCH NEWSLETTERS

Explore the newsletters featuring the launch of our first educational hub. This special edition, presented in French, captures the opening ceremonies with guest speakers, student performances, and the unveiling of the hub. It highlights the significance of providing educational resources in the economically marginalized rural town of Anyama. **Click on the links to access the articles and immerse yourself in the stories of impact and inspiration.**



Côte d'Ivoire : Action sociale/ l'ong Impactful Education équipe le Lycée Moderne d'Anyama d'une bibliothèque...

Le lycée moderne d'Anyama dispose désormais d'une bibliothèque moderne, entièrement équipée par l'Ong Impactful Education...

➤ Nouvelles Du Continent / Mar 30, 2023

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Education : Le lycée moderne d'Anyama inaugure sa bibliothèque

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TROUPEAU B NI

à rompre avec les vaniteux

Les chrétiens Céléstes ont célébré ce dimanche 02 avril 2023 le fête des Rameaux dans l'atmosphère, notamment à travers des processions dans les rues de la commune de Port-Bouët. Chantant et dansant, rameaux en main, les fidèles Céléstes ont renoué avec les grandes processions de ce dimanche des rameaux, en se dirigeant vers la Cathédrale Céléste « Troupeau Béni », site à Port-Bouët Akassa lieu de Culte.

Au terme de leur procession, les paroissiens ont eu droit, dans l'église, précisément à la Cathédrale « Troupeau Béni » de à Port-Bouët Akassa, à la lecture des 11 lettres spirituelles du Christ à Jérusalem. Le Vénérable Suprême Évangéliste Achah Justin, chargé de ladite Église et par ailleurs,



Président du Conseil d'Administration du Diocèse des Côte d'Ivoire, a révisé les fidèles à méditer sur la « Passion » de Jésus-Christ, en l'occurrence toute la souffrance qu'il a endurée pour le salut des hommes. C'est à l'issue de lectures de Esaie 52 versets 10-12 et de Luc 19 versets 3-44 de ce dimanche de rameaux, les messages ont porté sur l'accomplissement de Jésus-Christ à Jérusalem. L'objectif du jour a été de faire savoir que le Rameau est un symbole de la Victoire, du Triomphe, de la gloire de l'Éducation à cause des miracles qu'il a opérés sur le peuple. Poursuivant, il a ajouté que cette joie qui entraîne les populations de Jérusalem en voyant le Christ, doit nous interpeller car c'est le Salut, la Bénédiction, l'abondance. Le Vénérable Suprême Évangéliste

Samah Zehi

ANYAMA/ SENSIBILISATION A LA LECTURE La Bibliothèque du Lycée moderne réhabilitée et équipée par une Ong



L'ONG «IMPACTFUL EDUCATION» a doté le Lycée Moderne d'Anyama d'une bibliothèque moderne, qui a été inaugurée le mercredi 29 mars 2023 par le M. Koukou Kouakou Michel, Sous-Prefet d'Anyama, en présence du corps enseignant et les élèves du lycée. L'objectif principal est de faciliter et d'accroître la promotion de la lecture chez les élèves, à améliorer leur niveau de langue et de culture, pour améliorer leur avenir scolaire. Dans son allocution, le procureur du Lycée Moderne d'Anyama, M. Djedy Yao, qui a remercié le directeur du Sous-prefet pour son appui institutionnel, a été réuni de l'ouverture de

bien-être de mes élèves, tout particulièrement et en faveur générale de mes collaborateurs. J'ai constaté également notamment auprès de mes élèves quelques difficultés dans la lecture en français, ainsi que pour créer les conditions pour un apprentissage personnalisé. J'ai noué des contacts avec l'Ong, « Impactful Education » pour venir à mon secours en équipant et réhabilitant la bibliothèque avec 75 cartons de livres dans tous les domaines de la connaissance de la culture et des outils encyclopédiques. Je voudrais inviter les apprenants à la fréquentation, à développer en eux le goût de la lecture susceptible de parfaire leur connaissance à plusieurs égards. » a-t-il conclu. Selon la présidente de l'ONG



Les effets néfastes de la drogue en milieu scolaire préoccupent tout le monde. C'est dans cette optique que Mme Fatima Bamba, Présidente de la Fondation «LUMÈRE», ministre d'honneur de la direction départementale du ministère de la promotion de la jeunesse de l'emploi des jeunes et du service civique, était au Groupe scolaire «BUTOMAN» d'Anyama le mardi 27 mars dernier pour y passer un message sur les dangers liés à la consommation de la drogue, sous l'égide de son directeur d'Établissement et en présence de ses collaborateurs. Elle a souligné que la consommation de la drogue peut modifier le comportement des élèves. « Vous seriez incapables de contrôler vos actes si cela vous conduisait sur la voie de l'écueil et cette consommation peut vous amener à être de véritables dangers pour la société. La drogue détruit, elle peut vous amener en prison, vous rendre fou ou même vous conduire à la mort. C'est pourquoi, nous vous conseillons de ne pas consommer ni vendre la drogue car vous risquez de compromettre votre avenir scolaire, car vous

Prunes Mies. Avant d'ajouter que la drogue peut agir aussi sur le santé physique et psychique des consommateurs. Elle a souligné que la consommation de la drogue peut modifier le comportement des élèves. « Vous seriez incapables de contrôler vos actes si cela vous conduisait sur la voie de l'écueil et cette consommation peut vous amener à être de véritables dangers pour la société. La drogue détruit, elle peut vous amener en prison, vous rendre fou ou même vous conduire à la mort. C'est pourquoi, nous vous conseillons de ne pas consommer ni vendre la drogue car vous risquez de compromettre votre avenir scolaire, car vous

RELEVANT VIDEO LINKS

Explore our feature on a national television channel showcasing the grand opening of Impactful Education's first educational hub and our work in revolutionizing learning. **Click on the links to access the videos.**



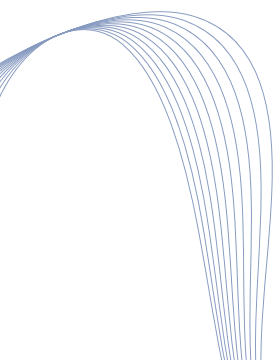
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Dive into our video from last summer, crafted to highlight the diverse learning components of Impactful Education's summer program.

Witness the innovative activities and educational experiences that shaped our students' summer of discovery. From hands-on projects to collaborative learning sessions, this video is a testament to the vibrant and enriching educational opportunities we provided. **Click on the links to access the videos.**



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