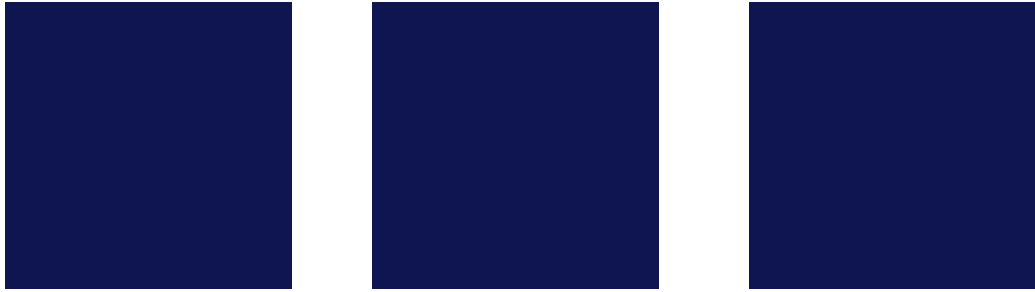
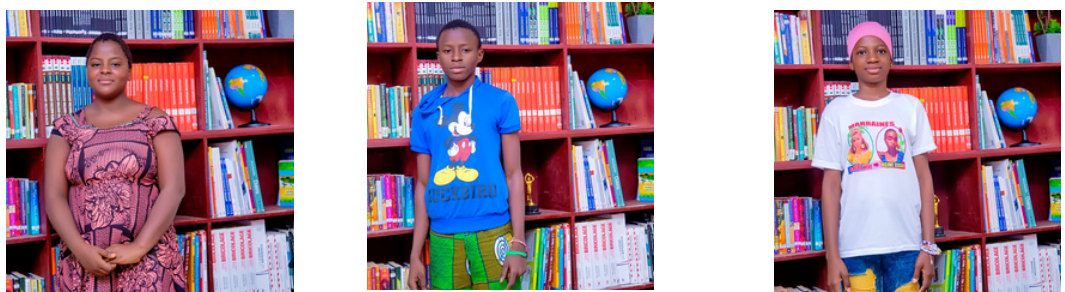




Impactful Education Summer Program 2024



OUR MISSION



“Empowering our communities to transform”

Impactful Education collaborates with educational institutions in rural communities in Ivory Coast to create **libraries** that serve as **educational hubs**. Our **mission** is to create **transformative effects** in communities, engaging young people as **leaders** and influencing positive change through the **power** of **education**.



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OUR HISTORY



Impactful Education (IE) was born from the personal experiences of our founder, Katy Ballo, in Anyama, an impoverished city with very limited access to educational infrastructure. Katy had never seen a library or used a computer before immigrating to New York in 2013. This experience motivated her to provide a different future for the youth of her community by giving them access to the resources she lacked during her childhood.

In 2021, as a winner of the Davis Project for Peace competition, Katy secured a grant that allowed her to open the library at Collège Saint Michel, equipped with over 2,500 books and 15 computers.

The following year, Impactful Education was officially founded, building on the lessons learned from the Davis Project for Peace. In 2023, IE established an educational hub at Lycée Moderne d'Anyama, reaffirming its commitment to training a generation of educated youth, peacebuilders, and leaders.



MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER



As we close another enriching summer program, I am filled with gratitude. Your dedication, support, and belief in our mission have been pivotal to our success and the impactful experiences we have provided. To our participants, your enthusiasm and growth inspire us daily. You are the heart of our program, and your achievements are our greatest reward.

To our staff members and board members, your tireless efforts and commitment have shaped an environment where learning thrives. To our partners, your generosity and collaboration have expanded our reach and deepened our impact. Together, we are making a significant difference in the lives of our students and our community.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the future. With your ongoing support, we will continue to grow, innovate, and empower our students. Here's to the next chapter of our journey together. Thank you for being part of our story. Your involvement is the cornerstone of our success, and I look forward to what we will achieve together.

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SUMMER PROGRAM OVERVIEW



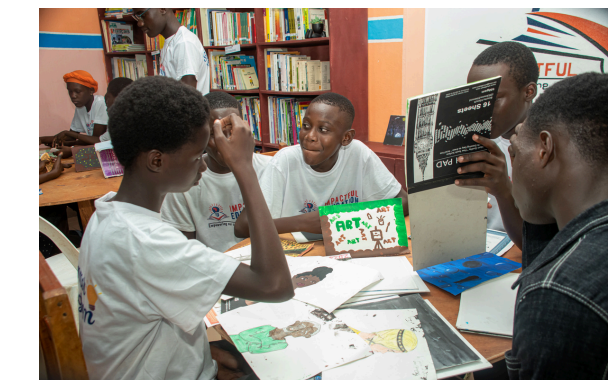
Our program offered a free and enriching experience to **50 young people** from Anyama, aged **13 to 19**. The **8-week** program combined **literacy and technology**, featuring **English** learning classes, **creative writing**, **fundamental reading skills**, as well as group **discussions** and **debates** centered around collective **readings**. On the technology side, participants started with basic **computer skills** and progressed to using tools such as **Scratch**, **Microsoft Office**, and **GIMP**. Participants met with a local author and engaged in meaningful discussions with four **emerging young leaders** from their own communities. The program also included games, arts, and two excursions: one to the **Adama Toungara Museum** and **Banco National Park**, and another to **Grand-Bassam**, the former colonial capital.



IMPACT AND OUTCOMES



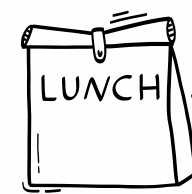
This summer, we enabled **50 young people** from Anyama to acquire the necessary skills to improve their **literacy and technology** capabilities. These young people are now better prepared to meet the challenges of their community and become the leaders of tomorrow, driving positive change.



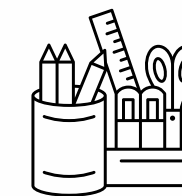
50 youth (12-19) in enhancing their English, literacy, and technology skills.



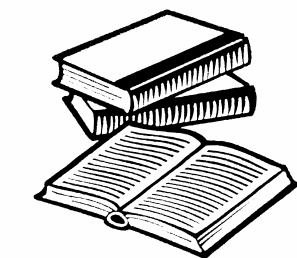
3 visits to historical landmarks, fostering experiential learning.



50 daily nutritious lunches to support participants' well-being and learning retention.



Equipped **50 participants** with **school supplies** to alleviate educational barriers

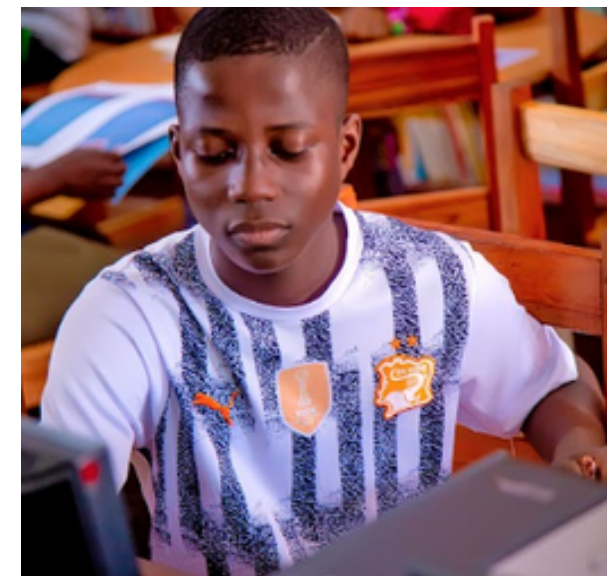
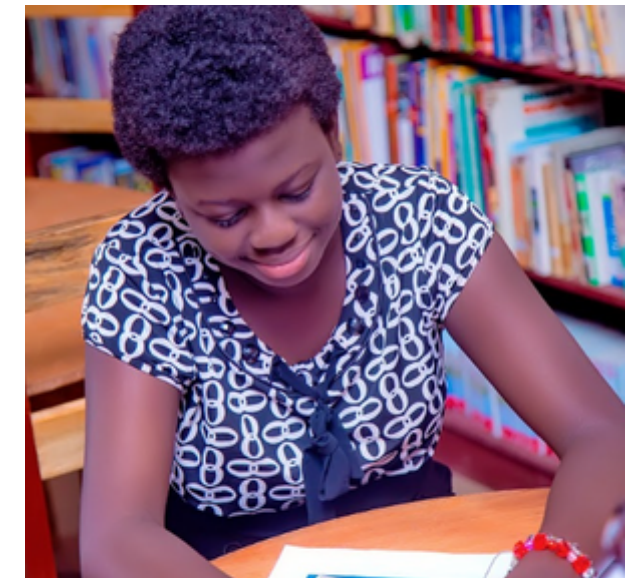


Added **340 additional books** by **African authors** to the library collection.

WEEK 1



During the first week, the program introduced participants to **basic computer skills**, ensuring they became familiar with computer functions and essential software, such as **Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Typing**. Simultaneously, participants worked on improving their **spelling and grammar in French**, which is crucial for strengthening their **literacy and communication skills**. This combination of **technological and linguistic skills** aimed to provide a solid balance at the start of the program.



WEEK 2



This week's activities were designed to equip participants with essential skills for both academic and personal growth. Participants focused on enhancing their **writing skills**, helping them articulate their thoughts more clearly and effectively. Additionally, we continued lessons on the **fundamentals** of computer use, including **key functions** and **shortcuts**. This week aimed to strengthen both their communication skills and their foundational knowledge in technology.



WEEK 3



This week, the participants focused on learning basic **English vocabulary** and **presentations**, which helped improve their **language proficiency**. In addition, they were introduced to **coding** with the Scratch language, providing them a fundamental understanding of **coding** and **logical thinking**. This week aimed to develop both their **communication** skills and **foundational** knowledge in **coding**.



WEEK 4



This week, participants explored the culture and history of **Ivory Coast** since it was the week of **independence**, gaining a deeper understanding of their **heritage** and the **nation's** journey to independence. In addition, they were introduced to **GIMP**, a graphics design software, which allowed them to work on **visual projects** and **develop** basic design skills. This combination of **cultural education** and **practical design training** aimed to broaden their **knowledge** and enhance their **creativity**.



This week, the participants began **researching influential people in Ivory Coast**, especially those who contributed to its **independence**, as it was Independence Week. They discussed among themselves in groups different **historical events** in the country, particularly the **decade-long civil war**, as well as its path to gaining **freedom** as a **French colonized country**. Additionally, they visited **Banco National Park** and the **Adama Toungara Museum of Contemporary Cultures**, giving them the opportunity to directly explore the country's **natural and cultural heritage**. These activities helped deepen their understanding of their **nation's history** and foster a sense of **pride** in their **cultural identity**.



WEEK 6



During this week, participants took part in games like **Monopoly**, **Puzzles**, **Jenga**, which helped foster entrepreneurial thinking, critical thinking, and teamwork. They also participated in general knowledge competitions covering topics related to Ivory Coast, Africa, and the world.

They collaborated in groups by conducting **research** and using **PowerPoint** to create presentations on these social phenomena that impact their daily lives. This combination of **discussions** and **presentation creation** aimed to enhance their **analytical skills** and their proficiency in **Microsoft tools**.



WEEK 7



This week, participants immersed themselves in **creative projects**, exploring various forms of **art** as a means to express their **ideas**. They also engaged in in-depth learning of programming with **Scratch**, which provided them with a solid foundation in coding. This experience included an introduction to creating their own projects using Scratch, fostering hands-on learning and enhancing their creativity.



Finally, a panel discussion with **four young leaders** was organized to share their thoughts and experiences, encouraging participants to continue their **studies** and become the **leaders** of their community.



WEEK 8



This week, participants had the exciting opportunity to engage in a panel discussion with the writer **Mahoua S. Bakagnoko**. During this session, they learned about her books, explored her sources of inspiration, and received valuable advice on how to pursue a writing career.

We spent the entire day in **Grand-Bassam** discovering the history and culture of the **first capital of Ivory Coast**, which enriched our understanding of Ivorian heritage. We visited the *National Museum of Costume*, The *Palace of Justice*, *Royal Palace*, *Grand-Bassam Beach*, *Arts and Crafts Village*, the *Victory Bridge*. Additionally, they created projects using Scratch to produce animations, games, and storytelling, thereby enhancing their programming skills and creativity.



CLOSING CEREMONY



The closing ceremony of the summer program was a joyful occasion, bringing together **students, parents, teachers, and local officials**.

Participants showcased their **work** through engaging **presentations** that highlighted what they learned during the **eight weeks** with us and the skills they developed, including **English** proficiency, **digital literacy**, the **arts**, as well as their experiences with **games** and **excursions**. They also presented projects created with **Scratch**, **Microsoft**, and **GIMP**. At the end, each student received a **certificate** and a **school kit** to encourage them to prepare for the upcoming **school year**. We were honored to have the presence of the representative of the **Governor, Mr. El Haj Mory Sylla**, the presence of Deputy **Mr. Falikou Soumahoro**, representative of the Deputy **Diakité Ibrahime**, and the Principal **Mr. Yao Djatty**. This event marked not only the culmination of a **successful summer program** but also a celebration of the students' **growth** and **readiness** for the upcoming **academic year**.



PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIES



Cissé Daouda

I am really happy I got to participate in the summer program because it taught me a lot about computers and how to create games with Scratch. This experience not only helped me improve my tech skills but also made me excited about my future.



Sanhou Samuel

The program improved my reading skills, taught me writing techniques, expanded my English vocabulary, and made me more proficient with technology.



Kakagne Emanuella

This summer was a game-changer. I discovered a passion for technology, explored my writing skills, and formed amazing friendships. Meeting Ms. Ballo was a highlight, and I see her as a role model for us. I am excited to apply what I have learned during the school year.

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Gnanaman Ziao

During the program, I learned English, computers, and played fun general knowledge games that really expanded my mind. It was an amazing experience that I want to keep participating until my senior year. I know it will help me grow and prepare for my future!



Sanogo Mariam

The Summer Program was very important to me because I had difficulties with reading and didn't know how to use a computer. The program helped me improve my learning skills and made me excited to learn even more!



Coulibaly Dotana

The program helped me improve my English and broaden my general knowledge about my country, especially through the trips we took. I can't wait to participate in the next edition! Thank you for organizing such a fantastic program!

PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIES



Diomande Mariam

The program helped me develop a love for English and general culture, which strengthened my skills in literature. It was inspiring to meet an author in real life, as this experience fueled my aspiration to become a writer.



Toutou Medard

It was an honor for me to interact with young leaders from my community and hear about their experiences and involvement in becoming leaders. They provided valuable advice on how we can strive to do our best.



Prunelle Assamoi

I visited the Banco national park, the Adama Tounkara museum, and the cultural and historical sites of Grand-Bassam. These field trips allowed me to learn more about the culture and history of my country.

VISIT OF MRS. BAKAGNOKO



Mahoua S. Bakayoko, renowned writer known for her captivating titles "**La Rébellion de Zantigui**", "**Sous le joug d'un Dangadeh**" and "**On me l'a ôté**" graced our program with her presence. Her **storytelling and discussions** on the themes of her works captivated our students. She shared her **journey as a writer**, the **challenges she faced**, and how she **overcame** them, thus inspiring our students to pursue their passions with **determination**. Mahoua S. Bakayoko left a profound message for the students: "**She encouraged the students to read, for those who do not read become slaves to those who do.**" This powerful statement highlighted the importance of **reading and critical thinking**, key themes that resonated throughout her visit.

YOUTH LEADERS IN ACTION



The visit of **four young leaders** in various fields such as **marketing communication, law, finance, and social work** offered a diverse range of perspectives on success and the essential role of **education** in achieving one's goals. Their stories of **perseverance, innovation, and leadership** sparked lively discussions among the students about their future aspirations and the impact they wish to have on the world. These **interactions** not only **broadened** the students' **horizons** but also instilled a **sense of responsibility** and **excitement** about how to find their own path. The emphasis placed by the **leaders** on the importance of **resilience** and **adaptability** in the face of challenges left a lasting impression, encouraging the students to embrace their journeys with **confidence** and **determination**.

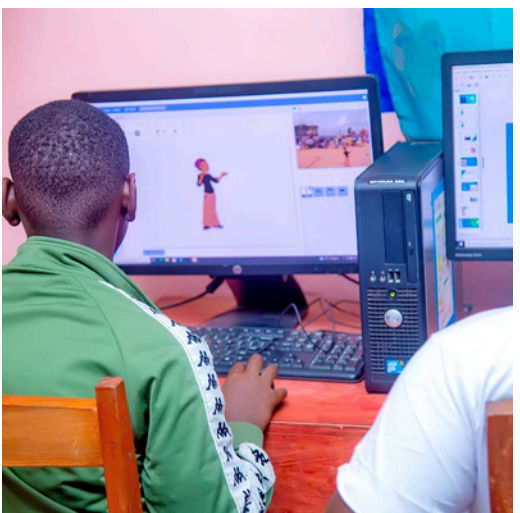
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We extend our deepest gratitude to **Rotary Saratoga Springs** and **Presbyterian United Church of Christ** for their generous financial support, as well as to the individuals who contributed to our **Amazon wishlist**, enriching our program with **Jenga games, Monopoly, Puzzles** and various **arts and decor**. These contributions have not only enhanced the educational experience and opportunities for the youth of Anyama but have also fostered an environment of creativity and engagement. Thanks to the financial and game contributions, we were able to offer a diverse array of activities, field trips, and resources that fostered a vibrant learning environment. This not only enhanced the educational journey of our participants but also instilled in them a sense of joy, curiosity, and discovery. The impact of these donations is immeasurable, and we are deeply appreciative of the trust and commitment shown in our mission. The generosity has truly made a difference, and we look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership.



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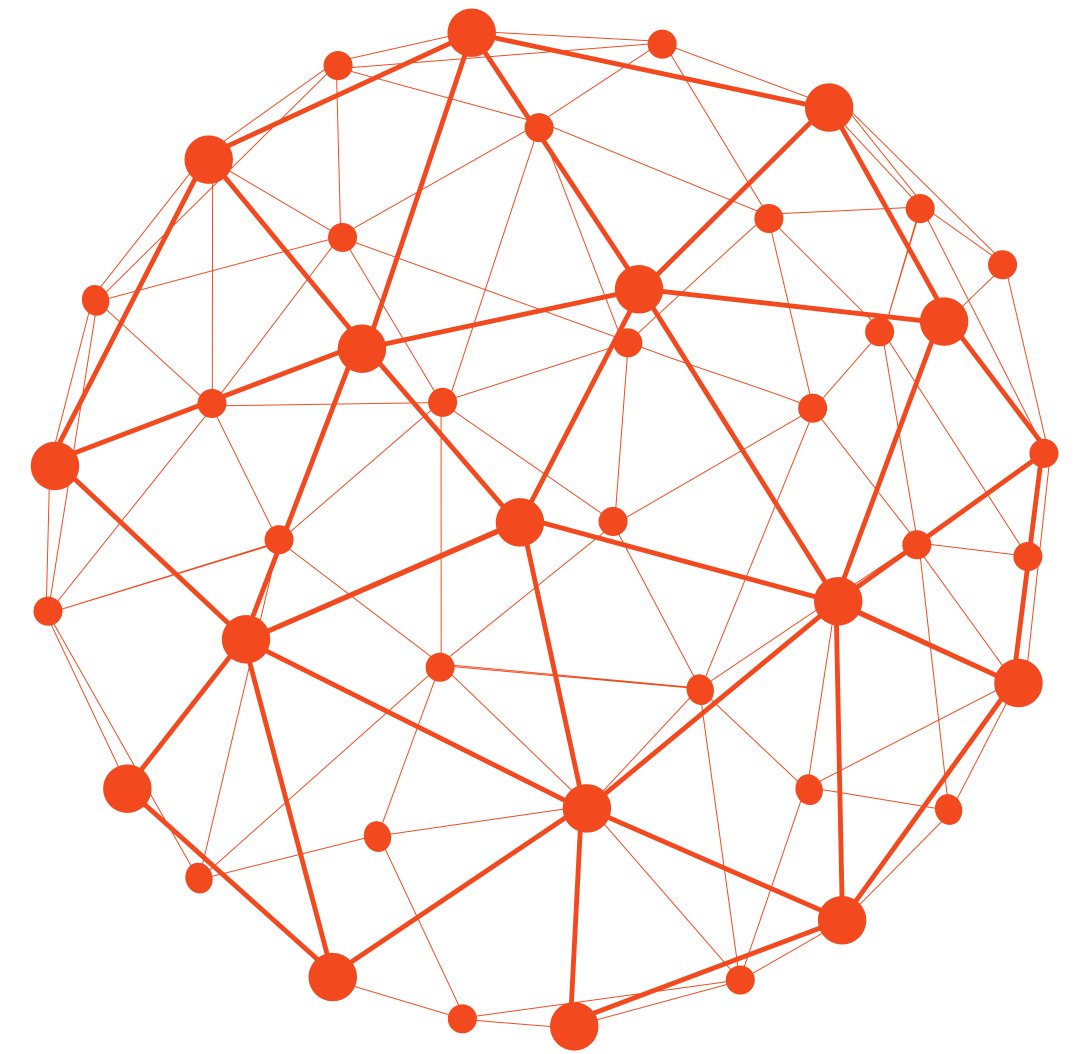


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