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PROFESSOR TSITSI CHATAIKA

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Professor Tsitsi Chataika is a disability studies and inclusive education Associate Professor and consultant. She is the current Chairperson of the Educational Foundations Department, University of Zimbabwe. She published extensively, including the 2019 Outstanding Taylor and Francis (Routledge) Handbook Award Winner in the Social Sciences, 'The Routledge Handbook of Disability Activism'. Prof Chataika is part of the United Nations Disability Expert Panel Team under the Division for Inclusive Social Development. Her international expertise in inclusive education and disability inclusion has seen her been invited to several African countries and beyond.



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Adelola Edema is certified as an Autism Specialist by the International Board on Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). A graduate of Biology Education, with about 10 years experience working with children with autism and related disorders. In the last 5 years, she has been supporting students with autism and related disorders in mainstream classrooms.

Adelola Edema is involved in Special Needs advocacy. Through her annual conference, the Special Needs Conference, she educates members of the society on inclusion and engagement of people with special needs in schools, churches and the workplace. She consults for churches (helping them include children with autism in their children's churches) and organisations seeking to host individuals with autism at events.

Adelola is a passionate speaker on the subject of special needs and has spoken on several stages on the subject, including TedX Yaba, COME Conference in Ghana, the Special Educators Summer Camp in Nigeria and as a panelist at the annual Autism Conference organised by GTB Orange Initiative.



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Adewunmi Payne-Akinhanmi is an award winning Special Needs Coordinator currently serving as the SENCO Whole School at the Grange School, founded in 1958.

Her credentials include a Master’s degree from the Institute of Education, University College London, United Kingdom, a Post graduate diploma (PGDE) in Education from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, a Bachelor’s of Science degree from the Premier University, University of Ibadan, various Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Programmes (in 5 continents of the world) and 14 years of instructional experience.

Adewunmi works with pupils with (Specific Learning Difficulties) SpLD, ADHD, Autism, and SEBD(Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties) between the ages of 4 to 16 across various learning environments. She's a seasoned teacher trainer, using her daily experience in the classroom in her sessions. In 14 years of being a Special Needs Educator, Adewunmi has contributed to international conferences and delivered training courses for SENCOs, teachers, parents and learning support assistants in different countries of the world including Nigeria, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Dubai, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Adewunmi is a member of the National Association for Special Education Needs (NASEN) UK and the Council for Exceptional Children USA, DISES Division. She is also one of the Directors at



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Virginia Spencer, M.Ed. Special Education Advocate and ADHD Coach. Principal, Lumen Advocacy LLC, Austin, Texas, United States. Virginia helps parents secure a free appropriate public education for their children with disabilities. She also works with parents, adults and youth on creating attainable life goals with personal reinvention in mind and, provides assistance to families nationwide in the United States, as their children with Angelman Syndrome enter the school system.



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Ashley Sullivan Roberts, Co-Founder/Executive Director, The Dyslexia Initiative, Texas, United States. She is also a Director at Large at the Houston Branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

Ashley is a wife, a mother and a parent advocate. Her only child was diagnosed with dyslexia and dysgraphia at the age of 7 and it was then that she embraced the dyslexia journey for all it was worth. She knows that her child needs her to stand up for him and be his voice, he needs her to make sure she fights for his legal right to FAPE, and, at all costs, he needs her to protect his right to be learning different yet be himself and thrive so he can be all he can possibly imagine himself to be.

In beginning her fight for her child, Ashley felt terribly alone and did not want anyone else to feel the same way. She also felt compelled to pay it forward, meaning, as she learned new things, developed skills, made connections, etc., that she wanted to share that information with others. It is those desires that has brought her full circle to being a founding member for The Dyslexia Initiative.

Ashley also hosts her own blog, “A Mom’s Journey – My Dyslexic Life” which may be found at: www.amomsjourney-mydyslexiclife.com as well as on Facebook, where she chronicles her journey through school and life, advocating for her child. She spends most of her time strategizing, working, planning, etc., for not just her son, but all dyslexic children.



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Dominique Blue, M.Ed. International Educator, Special Needs Parent, AIELOC Advisory Council, Future Educational Diagnostician. Dominique has over six years hanging tough with zany middle schoolers and is the Middle School Dean at BASIS International School Guangzhou, China. Prior to China, she taught middle school science at the American International School Abuja (Nigeria). She has also been a special education teacher at the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools and a Lead Special Education Teacher at Jackson Madison County School System in Tennessee, United States.

She is a certified Special Education Teacher working on completing a second master’s degree in Educational Diagnostics. She is also on the Advisory Council of the Association of International Educators and Leaders of Color (AIELOC). Dominique is mom to a 10-year-old with Special Needs. Nowadays, you’ll find her sharing her love of Southern cooking and tinkering around with VR/AR to support students with special learning needs. Feel free to talk shop and solutions by reaching out on social media.



Beauty Kumesine is the founding Director of Blazing Heart Autism Center(BHAC) and Azbekum Foundation. She has over 13 years of experience in managing children living with childhood developmental disorders and in particular has specialized her skills and knowledge on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related disorders.

Beauty is a public advocate for the identification and rehabilitation of children with ASD and other related developmental disorders within the Nigerian society and has organized annual, walks, road shows, free breakfast dialogues, seminars and workshops for this cause. Through her effort several schools in Port Harcourt and its environs have setup Special Needs Units to provide inclusive educational settings for children with ASD and other additional needs.

She is passionate about children under the spectrum of Autism and children living with childhood developmental disorders in general and aims to give hope and help to as many as the number of persons she can access living with autism and related disorders in the south-south region and Nigeria at large. For Beauty, every child counts and there is hope and help for every child.

Beauty has successfully single handedly managed the affairs and run Blazing Heart Autism Center for 11 years now and is willing and ready to do more for parents and children she come across. She consults for hospitals and schools on special needs and how to handle special needs cases and has archived many certifications and recognitions locally and internationally.

Beauty is a fellow and an alum of LEAP Africa and has competencies and certifications from various international credentialing bodies.

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Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Femi Gbadebo, an Officer of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (OFR), Qualified Instructor Pilot on Fast Military Jet Aircraft, Qualified Aircraft Accident Investigator and Disaster Management Expert, is a graduate of United States Air Force Pilot Instructor Training School, Texas, USA (Jan 1980), German Command and Staff College, Hamburg, Germany (Jun 1989), Indian National Defence College, New Delhi, India (Dec 1999) and Lagos Business School (LBS), Lagos Nigeria (Aug 2011).

During his distinguished military career, the AVM served at various times as Chief Instructor Pilot at NAF Basic Flying Training School and Commanding Officer NAF Instructor Pilot School, both in Kano; Directing Staff at Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji and Facilitator at National Defence College, Abuja. He also commanded NAF Bases in Kano and Yola, serving simultaneously in both instances on the Kano (1992 -1994) and Adamawa (1998) State Security Councils respectively. After holding command appointments at the highest levels in the Nigerian Armed Forces as Director of Operations, Defence Headquarters, Abuja; Air Officer Commanding Training Command, Nigerian Air Force, Kaduna and Air Officer Commanding Tactical Command, Nigerian Air Force, Makurdi, the AVM voluntarily retired from active military service on 30th June 2008 on the completion of 35 years meritorious service.

After retirement, experience gained over years of managing a fully dependent, non-verbal child living with Cerebral palsy and a desire to fill the widening gap between developed and developing countries as regards the way disability is perceived and managed led the AVM to start, in February 2013, an initiative on Cerebral Palsy, and it is to his credit that the AVM, who is now widely respected as an authority on Cerebral Palsy has, in less than seven years, nurtured Benola Cerebral Palsy Initiative, to become a major player in the field of disability management in Africa.

AVM Femi Gbadebo, is currently; • Founder/CEO, Benola – A Cerebral Palsy Initiative, an NGO working to change the face of Cerebral Palsy and Disability Management in Africa. • Initiator, FG Talks - A platform through which he encourages, inspires and motivates others to discover and maximize their potentials. • Member, Executive Council, Lagos Business School Alumni Association, June 2016 – June 2020 • Member, International Planning Committee for World CP Day 2016 – 2019 • Member Steering Committee, ALEPH Educational & Empowerment Foundation. • Member, Board of Governors, Chestercross Schools, Gbagada, Lagos A commentator on Aviation, Disability, Security and Current Affairs. The retired AVM is happily married with three male children and the last one is living with Cerebral Palsy.

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Basirat Razaq-Shuaib is an Inclusive Education Consultant and the Founder of The Winford Centre for Children and Women – a charity supporting children with autism and other developmental disabilities in Nigeria, and registered as a United Nations Global Compact partner organisation. She is also the CEO of The Winford Centre International- the premier provider of developmental and learning aids for children with special needs in Nigeria.

An author, a speaker, a trainer, a social entrepreneur and a Board Certified Cognitive Specialist (BCCS), Basirat holds multiple degrees and certifications including an M.Sc. in Finance and Investment from University of Exeter, United Kingdom, and a Diploma in Advanced Special Education Needs. She is the first Mansion House Scholar in Nigeria.

Over the past 4 years, she has continued to actively promote the inclusion of children with developmental disabilities and their families in economic development, so that they have a chance to achieve positive outcomes and fulfil their life's potential. She is the pioneer of "Inclusion starts with me children series" as well as the author of 'I am not naughty- I really really mean it!' and 'Dragons can sing' both targeted at educating children, parents and teachers on empathy, kindness and inclusiveness. Her book 'I am not naughty- I really really mean it!' is a 2020 British Council ELTons Innovation Awards (in association with Cambridge Assessment) Finalist.

Basirat remains passionate about helping people and strongly believes that through inclusion, we can create a better society and achieve sustainable development.

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Bolanle Adewole, an Advanced Certified Autism Specialist and Behaviour Analyst, is the founder and executive director of TLP Centre, the first full day school for children with Autism and other related developmental disorders on Lagos Island. She is also a certified Primary and Elementary Montessori practitioner and the Executive Director at The Learning Place Montessori School, Lekki, Lagos.

She is passionate about Autism awareness and advocacy, and continually engages in the empowerment and fluent integration of the differently able into communities and mainstream schools. To date, she has influenced the education of over 1,000 children and continually attends various enriching national and international education courses and conferences.

A renowned speaker and teacher, Bolanle, belongs to several Professional bodies including American Montessori Society and Association of Autism Parents International. She was recently appointed the chair person of Association of Private Educators in Nigeria (APEN)'s Training Team.

She is happily married, with two sons.



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Blessing Ingyape is an International certified special needs teacher and Dyslexia coach. She is the founder of Dyslexia Help Africa, and is currently living in the city of Abuja, Nigeria.

Blessing's certification covers the 13 disabilities mentioned in the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) but her passion lies within kids with specific learning difficulties. Over the years she has recorded amazing progress working with these kids.

Blessing is also certified by the IBCCES (International Board for Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards.) This certification gives her the leverage to offer intervention services to children with special needs in any part of the world.

Currently, she is running a dyslexia course with the University College London.

Blessing is a Scholarship beneficiary of the LDA (Learning Disability Association of America) 55th annual conference.

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Dotun Akande, a behaviour Analyst, is the Founder and Director of Patrick Speech and Languages Centre, (Patricks) Ikeja, Lagos.

It can rightly be said that she revolutionized the Autism awareness campaign in Nigeria. Today, Patricks stands tall as the pioneer Special Needs Centre for the education of children with Autism, offering services such as speech, occupational, music and behaviour therapy. The Centre also offers social skills building and play therapy using best practices. Mrs. Dotun Akande, with her cerebral team, have successfully worked with and integrated over 50 children into mainstream school system and has given employment to 4 adults with Autism even as she plans a new school facility that can accommodate and help more children and adults.

She holds a B.Sc. degree in Economics, and has over the years attended numerous training programmes on Autism and other developmental disorders at various International Institutions. She also qualified as a Behaviour Analyst from the Florida Institute of Technology USA. She is an advanced Certified Autism Specialist (ACAS), with Patricks being the first Nigerian Autism Centre to be registered with the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES).

Her deep involvement with Autism Awareness campaigns in Nigeria has resulted in various stakeholders engagement which includes the GTBank Orange Ribbon initiative, of which she is one of the Lead coordinator and facilitator.

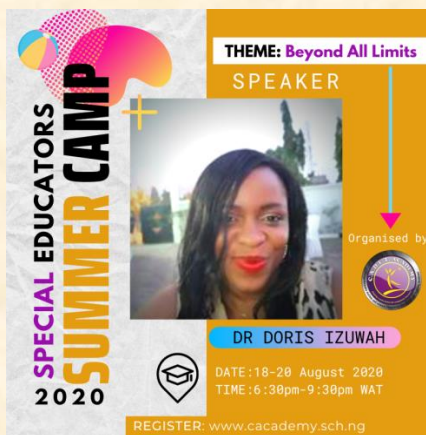
Mrs. Dotun Akande, a Cherie Blair Mentee, was also the Vlisco Woman for the years 2015 to 2017. An honour bestowed on her for the contributions she made to the growth of Autism awareness and management in Nigeria. Mrs Dotun Akande has also featured in the first “W Power of 100” and “WimBiz Inspire Me 2”, featuring leading Nigerian women who have excelled in their various endeavours. Her desire for continuous learning and improvement led her to enroll in the John Maxwell Leadership Program to enable her continue her national advocacy on people living with disability.

Mrs. Dotun Akande is happily married with three children.



Dr. Olayinka-Aliu Damilola is a Seasoned Clinical Psychologist who has years of experience in mental health services with passion both in adult/child mental health challenges. She holds a Bachelor degree in Psychology from Adekunle Ajasin University, Masters of Science in Clinical Psychology and a Ph.D in Clinical Psychology from University of Ibadan. She is also a Certified Behaviour Instructor for Autism (CBIA) from Behaviour Frontiers, Los Angeles, United State. She worked as Senior Clinical Psychologist at Federal Neuro Psychiatric Hospital, Yaba, Lagos between 2009-2016 where she had clinical trainings in psychological assessment and management of clients with substance abuse challenges, mood disorders, marital challenges and childhood disorders. With her love for impacting younger generation, she currently teaches psychology courses at Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State.

She has attended several seminars and workshops in Psychology management of mental health issues at large. She is a researcher, with few publications in academic journals. She is the Founder of Irebamibo Pearl Centre of Hope, an autism intervention centre that meets the therapeutic and special education needs of children with developmental challenges/ learning difference. For her love for humanitarian services, she is currently a board member of Rotary Club in her immediate community. She is a passionate lover of God. She is married with children.



Dr Doris Izuwah is the Clinical Director of Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) Health Foundation/Autism Centre, Neurodevelopmental Coordinator of Zankli/Garki/Nisa Hospitals in Abuja. She has practised as a doctor for 20 years and currently works in the field of paediatrics at Nisa hospital.

Doris has trained extensively in medical, behavioural and educational care of Special Needs Children and her services for the past 15 years in these area include awareness, advocacy, assessment, multidisciplinary coordination of care, therapeutic modifications for speech/behavior challenges, biomedical and nutritional intervention, integration and inclusive care, training for parents and caregivers including special advisory for medical personnel.



Dr. Kathryn Garforth, Ph.D. Educational Psychology & Special Education, Consultant & Founder, Garforth Education, Canada.

Dr. Garforth has a personal understanding of the frustrations children and adults with learning difficulties experience at home, school, work, and in extracurricular activities. As a child, Dr. Garforth struggled with reading & spelling in her primary years. A psychoeducational assessment in grade 4 helped her understand her strengths and gave her hope that with the right instruction and accommodations she could succeed in school. Her life story was featured in an award-winning, Knowledge Network documentary, entitled *Deciphering Dyslexia* (2007).

Dr. Garforth received her Ph.D. in Special Education, with a learning disabilities concentration (2018). Through her research, she investigated the English literacy acquisition of Chinese students whom had English as an additional language. In her graduate work, she became experienced in the assessment of learning disabilities and conducted research in literacy and mathematics amongst students from various language backgrounds and achievement levels. During her university years and afterwards, Dr. Garforth consulted with private clients with different learning profiles.



Debbie Meyer, parent activist and a founding member of the Dyslexia (Plus) in Public Schools Task Force, a group of community leaders working to help students with dyslexia and related language-based disabilities thrive in their schools. She is also a member of the Decoding Dyslexia NYC Chapter.

In 2018 she was named as a Columbia Community Scholar to look at the intersection of dyslexia and mass incarceration and the role of universities in changing the trajectory of struggling readers. Debbie's lengthy professional career is in nonprofit management and fundraising. She lives in Central Harlem with her [dyslexic] husband and son.

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Odetola Ebenezer started his educational career at TOMIA Community Senior Secondary School in Lagos state. He bagged his Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE) at Federal College of Education (Technical) Akoka. Furthermore, he studied Early Childhood Education at the University of Lagos and Later proceeded to study Fine Arts in University of Benin. Presently doing his Masters at ILETS GROUP SWEDEN.

He is a focused Creativity Educator, trainer and Learning Environment Therapist, He has establish and organized countless of workshop and conferences within Nigeria and beyond.

He is officially the principal consultant of CME FREE UNIVESITY OF LEARNING with about 50,000 teachers on WhatsApp groups with the aim of preparing and engaging African teachers with knowledge in partnership with individuals and department of education in African universities and beyond for continuous learning.

his passion for education holds no bounds and he is constantly seeking reform in the education sector by embarking on delivering training programmes in the area of classroom management and teacher's competency. Ebenezer has presented and contributed to several books and paper to his credit he has used his creative works to touch and impact lives. Till date, Odetola has become a house hold name when it comes to the education of the Nigerian.



Shawn Ferrara is the United States Director of Operations for Nessy Learning. He has spent more than twenty years working as a Special Education Teacher, Assistive Technology Coordinator, Special Education Supervisor and Director of Special Education Operations. His passion is working with students, teachers and parents to design and implement specialized programs that focus on the individual learning needs of each child.



Isaac Osaë-Brown earned his Master’s degree in Special Education with an emphasis on Moderate/Severe disabilities from the California State University, Dominguez - Hills. He received his Education Specialist Clear Credential (Moderate/Severe disabilities) and Administrative Service Credential from the California State University. He is certified by the U.S. Board of Education to provide instructional services to students with disabilities and provide leadership in public school administration.

Isaac has taught in urban Special education classrooms for over twelve years and currently serves as a Special Education consultant, speaker, teacher mentor and facilitator/trainer for the Compton Men Teacher of Color Network (CMTCN) in California. He was a graphic designer and publication consultant for the United Nations office in Lagos, Nigeria. Isaac also holds a master’s degree in Communication and Language Arts from the University of Ibadan, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Graphic Design) from the University of Ife in Nigeria. Isaac has published several articles focusing on Special Education and is an author of a new children’s book about autism. He is a member of the National Education Association (NEA), California Teachers Association (CTA), Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), The Society of Children Book Writers & Illustrators. (SBWI), and a board member of the Alexis Miranda Foundation for exceptional children in the USA.



Jeranjie Kamfose, Business and PR graduate. She is passionate about special needs children, especially those with dyslexia. This passion was birthed because of her niece who has severe dyslexia, seeing her struggle in school with virtually no help from either the teachers nor the school, struggled with mild dyslexia herself, This gave her the drive to found Able foundation- Dyslexia Malawi with the aim to raise dyslexia awareness in Malawi. Since it's inception, Dyslexia Malawi have held various awareness campaigns and conferences with international speakers to educate the society, especially schools, and educators about dyslexia. Born a leader and a teacher, she is also passionate about events, she manages Allure Events, and also an Events coordinator for International Woman’s Association of Malawi (IWAM), International Women Empowerment Forum, and a Team Member of Five fold Ministry Ireland.

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Jake Epelle, Founder/CEO of The Albino Foundation (TAF). He is an expert in policy development and advocacy. Mr Epelle is also a human right activist, United Nations (UN) Albinism Ambassador and sits on various committees at the UN and the African Union. He is a Federal Ministry of Education (FMOE) consultant on inclusive education and albinism.

Mr Epelle has worked closely with the European Union (EU) to improve access to social services and disability inclusion in political and electoral processes in Nigeria since 2017 and delivered components for baseline study on albinism in 9 Nigerian states. He was also actively involved in the review of the 2019 National Policy on Albinism, approved by the FMOE; publication of core messages pamphlet in 3 Nigerian languages, educating people on Albinism; and production of radio and TV programmes to promote understanding of albinism nationwide.

Between 2018 and 2019, Mr Epelle was the leader of a team to implement PWDs' right to education, capacity building of teachers on albinism in Nigeria's Eastern states; mainstreaming albinism in legal systems and enhancing access to justice; identifying and supporting human rights defenders/advocates within communities for albinism.

His organization, The Albino Foundation presently has a nationwide network of 42 chapters, strong national and international recognition including the UN systems.

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Robin Rettie, M.Ed. Owner of Lighthouse Learning Resources – Houston Texas.

Robin has a life-long history supporting individuals with neurological and genetic differences. Her sister, Laurie Lorraine Rettie (LLR), was born with microcephaly. In her honor, Robin founded Lighthouse Learning Resources (LLR), an online business providing specialized training and services to schools and the community.

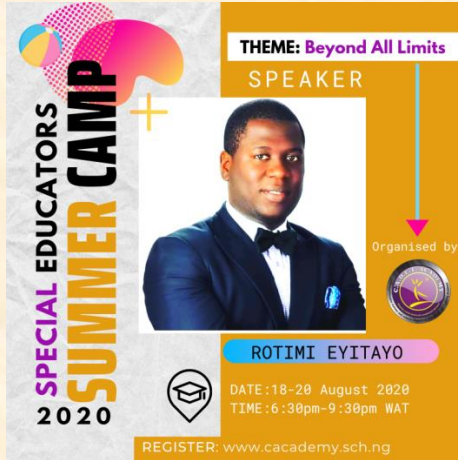
Robin is a Texas certified teacher; BA in General Education EC – 8 and Master's in Special Education. Additional training includes autism, curriculum, sensory processing, and behavior. She holds certification of completion in All Kinds of Minds - 8 Neurological Constructs of Learning, Mediation and Negotiation, and extensive training in Special Education Law. LLR offers educational consulting to families, employment training, job coaching, and disability training for companies, staff development and parent training.

She is the creator of The Anchor Teaching Framework, application of research-based strategies to manage behavior due to sensory challenges for the purpose of increasing Social-Emotional Learning in all settings; home, school, and community.

Robin serves on the Advisory Board for Attention Deficit Disorder Association, Advisory Board Greater Houston Disability Chamber of Commerce, is a board member of PAWS Abilities, and served on World Autism Organisation.

Robin is committed to the success of others whose voice often goes unheard.

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Rotimi Eytayo is a splendid Nigerian strategist with outstanding ideas in peak performance, workforce activation and process improvement/management. He has distinguished himself as a passionate catalyst for change, with a rare combination of talent, experience and research. This has made him one of the outstanding entrepreneurs of this generation.

He has facilitated several retreats and strategic sessions for organisations and schools within and outside Nigeria. He is the convener of the Nigerian School Conference, which is a gathering of school heads nationwide. He is the project director of the Teammasters National Spelling Bee Competition and a number of other projects.

Rotimi Eytayo is a resourceful advocate of youth empowerment. He remains a true and passionate believer in the Vision of a new Nigeria. He remains an ambassador of GEMSTONE 2025 project (Generation, Empowered, Motivated, and Stirred to operate with natural excellence).

He is currently the MD/CEO of TEAMMASTERS LIMITED, a management and educational consulting firm which has been in existence since 2006 – creating and adding value to schools, students, teachers and parents.

Rotimi Eytayo has authored several books including; Face your Fears, Admission Mastery, Action Your Vision, School Marketing Strategies and a host of others book. He is the visionary behind the Face Your Fears Television Series.

Rotimi Eytayo is also known for his expertise in Content, Strategy and growth.

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Serwah Quaynor has been at the forefront of Autism in Ghana for over twenty-two years, who is Founder/ Executive Director of Autism Awareness Care & Training (AACT). She is a mother of Nortey, a 38 year old autistic man. She is an autistic advocate and a visionary in autism activism.

She has impacted the lives of many children with autism in Ghana and Africa. Serwah is a leader in the education of children with autism and champions awareness and activism for acceptance.

The Autism Center she founded has over the years served the needs of many many children with autism.

Her dedication to the cause has helped over the years to educate society on autism. Her exemplary educational and humanitarian work has earned her several awards and citations locally and internationally.

Mrs Quaynor has organized numerous workshops to educate, parents, siblings, teachers, social workers, health professionals, and other community members on the issues of autism and other related differences.

Serwah Quaynor's advocacy work continues unabated and is presently chairperson of the Autism Society of Ghana (ASOG). Serwah is a Changer Leader for Reach for Change Africa and is a founding member of Social Enterprise Ghana.

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Therese Martell-Bosshardt, President of Empowering STEPS, LLC and a Certified Educational Trainer with The Institute of HeartMath™. She has coached and trained scientists, educators, counselors, social workers, first responders and health professionals in the United States and abroad.

Therese has worked with individuals and organizations, such as Harvard Medical School (MGH), Phoenix Children's hospital, University of Arizona, International Schools of Singapore, Phoenix Union School District and Hope Lives. Her specialty is training the trainer, ensuring optimal results throughout the organization by strategically engaging learners who are in key roles.

Therese has a B.S. degree from Cornell University in Consumer Economics and Nutrition. Her passion for complete wellness further led to becoming a Reiki Master and certified Life Coach. This synergy of conventional and progressive study provides a comprehensive foundation for her clients.

The core of her coaching philosophy is centered on resilience through the integration of energy management skills. Therese's clients can regain resiliency, or the capacity to prepare for and recover from stress, adversity or challenges. By cultivating greater psychoemotional reserves and resiliency, clients live a more balanced life, which is proactive rather than reactive. These skills are achieved through practice of specialized techniques based on performance physiology and heart-brain communication research.

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Tola Makinde, Ambassador, Save Down syndrome Inc and the Founder/Executive Director & Proprietress of the Morainbow Learning Centre. She has led Moyinoluwa Rainbow Down syndrome Foundation, her brain child in fulfilling its mission of making each day better than the last for persons living with Down syndrome and their families.

Tola's marriage is blessed with two boys and a girl Moyinoluwa, whose birth with Down syndrome changed the life of the family. Deeply concerned about Moyin's development, she gave up her 11 years career as a seasoned banker in 2011.

She is known for her ruggedness in advocating with persons living with Down syndrome while creating awareness on early intervention, health care and education in grassroot communities, national and global platforms. She continues to work tirelessly to end the genocide, discrimination, and mistreatment of people with Down syndrome in Nigeria..

Tola holds a B.Sc in Management Studies, Advanced Diploma in Early childhood education. She is a trained member of several Down syndrome Associations, a Dr. Nadia Falcao and Funmi Babington Ashaye mentee, an ambassador for Save Down syndrome Inc. Kentucky, USA .

She has attended various capacity building trainings /workshops in the United Kingdom and United states of America to continuously develop her competencies of reaching out to persons born with Down syndrome and supporting them from birth onwards.

She has anchored national and international formal and informal sessions on Down syndrome and works closely with international partners, mentors, in various fields and parts of the world.

Tola and her team create exciting child/person centered programmes, education, self -advocate and vocational trainings for their special learners.

She has received various National and International Awards and certificates of Achievement, won the Prestigious Eloy award, listed amongst the 100 Leading Ladies Africa 2020 and the SHE-E-O 2020 Award.



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Bukola Ayinde is the Founder of Diary of a Special Needs Mum Initiative under P4:13 Foundation. She is a lawyer, an author and a disability inclusion advocate.

Bukola also holds a masters in Managerial Psychology. She started her career as a litigation lawyer.

Based on her experience as a mother of a special needs child, Bukola has become a voice for families who have children living with disability in Nigeria. She has published five books to promote disability awareness. She has also written many articles in several National Newspapers as well as an online blog, BellaNaija on disability.

Bukola has produced two documentaries to promote inclusive education in Nigeria. The first is titled, Oluwalonimi; Benefits of Inclusive Education. This has been screened in Lagos Business School and several other locations in Nigeria and abroad.

She lives with her husband and two lovely daughters in Lagos, Nigeria.



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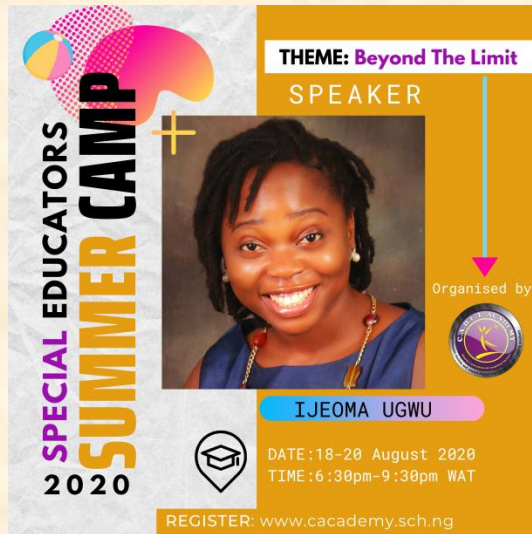
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Rhoda Odigboh is the Director of Academics for Bridge, Nigeria. Bridge is an international organization that supports governments, communities and families across Africa and Asia. Bridge offers access to quality, life changing education by leveraging on technology to deliver education to children in under-served communities around the world.

She is the Vice President of PACTPiN - Professional Association of Curriculum Theorists and Practitioners in Nigeria. Rhoda co-Founded The Learning Craft, and previously served as the chief coordinating officer; providing Curriculum Consultancy and Professional Development for schools and educators across Nigeria.

A Learning Strategist, Curriculum Theorist and Early Childhood Specialist with research interests in Digital Literacy, Green Education and Inclusion. Rhoda is always concerned about education's contributions to quality life and living for the average Nigerian child; with a clear focus on the development of future world-of-work skills.

A certified Inclusive Education advocate and practitioner and member of the World Forum Foundation Inclusion Working Group, she is the founder of The Teachers Network - a Facebook Group with over 12,000 teachers from around the world. She likes to be identified as a Teacher.



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Ijeoma Ugwu is a food expert from the science and nutritional points of view. She is the founder and lead Nutritionist at Brainfoods for Guts and Psychology. She is the research and development consultant at Albertos bakery specialized on the production and distribution of gluten free and casein free foods. She has led many intervention efforts in helping families and individuals living with health challenges to harness the healing power of food and overcome their health challenges to live more productive and happier lives. She is a highly sought-after professional and knowledge focused facilitator and has led several Seminars and Workshops for various corporate organizations, institutions, multinationals, and arms of government. She is the founder of Girls on the spectrum, an autism and other neurological impairment awareness initiative bringing awareness to people living with autism, using diverse platforms. She has also successfully launched an awareness campaign tagged 'Walk awake Autism'.

Being a foodist by nature, her interest led to her obtaining a master's degree in Food Technology from Gent University, Belgium. In further pursuit of food, she is currently concluding a master's degree program in Human Nutrition and Dietetics from the prestigious University of Ibadan, Nigeria. She also serves as a professional nutritional therapist for autism and related condition facilitating classes on nutrition in neurological impairment. She has been a consultant on the

GT Bank funded project on autism, orange ribbon, that creates awareness and offers free consultation services which has impacted over 50,000 families throughout the federation. Ijeoma Ugwu is a dedicated mother to her young children, learning and channeling their energy into productivity but more importantly striving at raising empathic individuals who would positively impact their world and create an inclusive society.

Ijeoma has carved herself a niche in healthcare industry through her amiable approach to providing solutions to the nutritional needs of her teeming clientele. She believes that creating a warm atmosphere around her clients enables a relaxed mind which serves as a prerequisite to the healing itself.



Susan Iliyan is an international television personality. She has worked in Media and Education in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Canada, the United States and now Nigeria. Trilingual and exotic, she possesses a social sophistication that bridges all cultures and demographics. She has a passion for international culture, women issues and community work.

Susan is the original host of MTV Europe’s international music show “Salaam” and the Host of E! Entertainment’s red carpet host of the Dubai International Film Festival, and Performed & choreographed on 2 episodes of ‘Sesame Street’.

She has interviewed celebrities Morgan Freeman, Russel Simmons, Boris Kodjoe ‘The Real Husbands of Hollywood’, Kenya Moore ‘The Real Housewives of Atlanta’, Melissa Leo 2010 film ‘The Fighter’, Katrina Bowden ‘30 Rock’, and Amy Landecker ‘Law & Order’, Duran Duran, Fugeez, Tiesto, David Guetta, and David Morales among others.

Susan is currently both producing and anchoring ‘Arise America’ a live news program in Nigeria for Arise Television.



Tiffany James, Vice President of Nessy LLC America is a Certified Structured Language Teacher, Certified Reading Specialist, qualified Dyslexia Screener, and Dyslexia Specialist with 25 years of Kindergarten Teaching experience.

Ms James is a sought after consultant because of her expertise in both reading program implementation for general readers, extensive knowledge of screening and instructional grouping, and her specialisation in dyslexia. Her knowledge and expertise in dyslexia identification, standardised testing, progress and monitoring, and dyslexia advocacy, keep her in demand by both individual families looking for help and advice, and schools and school districts endeavouring to build successful literacy programs.

She is the founder and CEO of the Reading Center, a tutoring practice in Texas founded in 2003 to help struggling readers. She jointly and executively produced the film MICAL with Mike Jones, the founder of Nessy.

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Lola Aneke, convener of the Global Special Educator’s Virtual Summer Camp 2020, is an award winning educator with a practicing license from North Carolina in the United States. She holds a Master of Art in Teaching (MAT) Special and Inclusive Education from Meredith College, North Carolina, and a Bachelor Degree in Sociology from University of Lagos. Lola is an IBCCES Board Certified Telepractice Specialist (BCTS) as well as a Board Certified Cognitive Specialist (BCCS).

Lola is versed in the Common Core and Essential United States Standards, and well experienced in hands-on, challenging, and creative learning activities that take into consideration the diverse needs and experiences of all students particularly students with special needs in both special and inclusive education settings. Her certification covers the 13 disabilities in the United States Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and she has taught children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), speech and communication disorders, learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and other related disabilities in the United States and Nigeria.

She is the Founder/CEO of the Comprehensive Autism and related Disabilities Education and Training Academy, known as the C.A.D.E.T. Academy, and the non-profit, Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Dewdrops Community Centre for Special Needs, both located in Abuja. Lola is also a media personality and hosted the only weekly special needs radio show in Nigeria from 2015 to 2019. She currently hosts an active YouTube Channel, and a 24/7 Support Group for families and educators with over 430 members on Telegram. All these efforts are aimed at creating awareness, advocating for children with special education needs, and empowering parents and caregivers with relevant information and resources. She has trained and empowered numerous parents, teachers and caregivers locally and internationally and has published three crucial books, namely: Special Needs Made Easy (Vol.1), Mastering Autism and Dyslexia Bible. Lola has been interviewed on BBC Focus on Africa and received Her Network Woman of the Year in Education Award for 2019. She was recently recognized by Leading Ladies Africa as one of the 100 most inspiring women in Nigeria 2020.

Her professional memberships include, United States Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), and International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES).