

# ANNUAL REPORT THE YEAR 2020

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# Message from the ED



Oreoluwa Olowe

It has been a great year and we are grateful to God for how the year ran generally and specifically with Learning African. Learning African inaugurated the first cohort of the Learning Young Leaders Academy (LYLA) with 38 students ranging between the ages 15 and 19. The academy ran a flexible calendar that gave the students the opportunity to concentrate on their academics at the same time pay attention to the things we taught them.

The academy moved from onsite to virtual classes during the nationwide lockdown, an action taken in response to the Covid – 19 pandemic. The virtual classes entailed book reading, where the students reviewed Think Big and also had classes. One prominent one was a class that focused on rape as a wrong vice in society. Virtual classes came to an end at the start of WASSCE to give room for the students to study hard and onsite classes resumed when the student finished with their wassce by then lockdown was already eased.



In July 2020, Learning African also launched the Rethink Podcast which core aim is to inspire young adults to have a rethink life. We feature stories of ordinary stories doing extraordinary things. Since its launch, Rethink has featured 3 inspiring leaders and it has reached an audience within and outside the country; America, Canada, United Kingdom, and Nigeria. High School Leadership Campaign was born out of the desire to help high school students have a paradigm shift on ethical leadership and accountability. This campaign had a very wide reach within Nigeria and beyond.

Also this year we launched our first book tribe, Book tribe–Abadina, an initiative of one of our cohort 1 students. We cleaned up the library, repainted the library, and stock it with books.

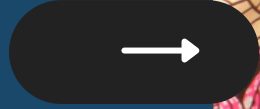
We are grateful to all our partners for their immense support. They helped us reach our peak. We look forward to having a more impactful 2021



SECTION 1

# LEARNING YOUNG LEADERS ACADEMY (LYLA) COHORT 1

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Learning Young Leaders Academy (LYLA) was established January 11 with its first cohort of 38 students which comprises of 17 boys and 21 girls with a Cohort President, David Oladipo . The opening ceremony had in attendance dignitaries, professionals from various fields, social entrepreneurs, parents and students. The Theme for the cohort 1 opening ceremony was "The Future We Seek; The Leadership We Desire; The Role of the Coming Generation in Shaping The Future" .

The cohort comprised of young adults between ages 14 and 18; students in the SS 2 and SS 3 levels, largely from the Ibadan-North Local Government Area of Oyo State, Nigeria. The academy took the students on leadership and emotional intelligence, public administration, and entrepreneurship modules. The academy trained the students on public speaking, book reading, Sexual awareness, and mental health awareness which is part of our #modules. The cohort ran for 8 months with classes holding only on weekends; classes ran physically and virtually (due to the Covid-19 lockdown). The academy encourages freedom of expression and fundamental rights; everybody is respected and treated fairly.

One of the principles of the academy is to raise young adults who are able to think problem-solving; they identify a problem and think of a solution to the problem. One of our students Sogbamidotun Benjamin came up with a project set to inspire the student in her school to love reading. The project is named "Book Tribe- Abadina". The project entailed renovating the library, restocking it with quality books, and running a time-to-time book review. Alongside this, she will be running an incentive scheme to encourage students to visit the library. As a craft artist, she intends to producing Smiley face cards to give to students that visit the library and at the end of the month, the student with the most Smileys and a summary of a book read from the library will be given a price.





Facilitators for the LYLA cohort 1 were sourced from a pool of very intelligent and highly sought after achievers inspiring change in their respective fields. The LYLA Faculty comprised of the academic and the non academic arm headed by the Faculty Head, Miss Oluwatomi Olunuga.

SECTION 2

# RETHINK PODCAST

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 **RETHINK**  
Podcast Series








## RETHINK PODCAST Episode 2



Find that thing you are  
obsessed about and put  
your energy into it



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Rethink Podcast was initiated July 20, 2020, with the aim to help young adults rethink life, goals and aspirations, challenges, and shortcomings. Monthly we present the stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.



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Even the great guy you admire  
was afraid at some point

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How they have come to face their fears, deal with their insecurities, handled life challenges, held on to their faith, and relentlessly pursued their dreams in a very complex world like ours.

Since inception, we have shared stories of three (3) different achievers doing great things and affecting the world positively.

Our podcasts have been listened to in different countries around the world: Nigeria, United States, and so far we have had a total number of 70 listens.





## High School Leadership

A campaign aimed at changing the perspective of high school students about leadership and governance in Africa



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### SECTION 3

# HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CAMPAIGN







#High School Leadership

To Become a Good **LEADER**



First,  
You have to be a  
Good **FOLLOWER.**

Make up your mind to be a good and law-abiding citizen.



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The HSL campaign was launched in September this year to raise awareness against wrong political vices which have been taken to be the norm among young adults.

Having observed the practice over the years, some of these young adults have unconsciously soaked their minds in this vices and if left unchecked it becomes their reality in years to come when they become the leaders themselves.

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You don't need to be a political leader to make a change in your community.

Change makers are people desirous of change and go all the way in effecting transformation in the **world** around them.



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#High School Leadership

“ Have you ever seen a woman become this or that before?

**Guess what?**

They Lied to You.

Your gender doesn't restrict you from leading.  
Be everything **You** want to be and **more**.

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With a passion to ensure we raise young adults able to take up leadership positions and serve uprightly with openness and integrity; HSL was initiated to run time to time campaign among secondary school students addressing different leadership-centered societal wrongs.



The campaign was done virtually using social media platforms. Each of the campaign materials was shared with young adults who have initiated interest to help serve as middlemen to pass the content to other young adults all around the globe. Through the HSL campaign, we reached different states in Nigeria and beyond.



# Photos of Events





# Thank you!

Contact us if there are any questions.

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