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THE DRIVE REPORT

APRIL 2025

OVERVIEW

Welcome to the **APRIL 2025** newsletter!

This edition provides more details about our first visit to the Western Region, which involved engaging with two schools. It also provides updates on our mentorship and other events within the month.

Stay tuned for more updates!

SPOTLIGHT



Our Spotlight series celebrates distinguished young Africans who are making remarkable contributions in their fields and communities. This month, we feature **Zulaiha Dobia Abdullah**, a dynamic and award-winning Founder, Software Developer, Speaker, Digital Transformation Consultant, and Media Host. With a strong academic background in Computing, Accounting, and a master's degree in Computer Science, Zulaiha is currently pursuing an LLB at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration. She is deeply passionate about leveraging technology for social good, especially in empowering youth and women. Through initiatives like Startup Grind Tamale, Grow with Google, and her NGO Divaloper, Zulaiha has positively impacted over 6,000 Africans through training, mentorship, and advocacy.



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Monthly outreach: First visit to the Western Region of Ghana

April marked a significant expansion of Drive to Inspire – Africa’s footprint as our outreach efforts extended to the Western Region of Ghana for the very first time. The two-day visit not only opened new doors for engagement but also reinforced our mission to empower students across Ghana with guidance, mentorship, and practical career insight.

Our journey began on April 10th, with a dedicated team of volunteers making the nearly six-hour trip from the capital city, Accra, to the coastal city of Sekondi-Takoradi. Despite the long journey, the team pressed on to Diabene Senior High Technical School shortly after arrival, demonstrating a shared commitment to making every moment count.

At Diabene SHTS, students participated in a well-rounded session that combined motivational input with interactive learning. The keynote address, delivered by Ms. Anita Solomon of Development Bank Ghana, explored critical themes such as resilience, self-discovery, and goal setting. Her candid reflections on failure and growth resonated deeply with the audience, setting the tone for the day.

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Breakout sessions followed, allowing students to engage directly with professionals from a wide range of fields, including the armed forces, medicine, law, IT, agriculture, entrepreneurship, and more. These warm conversations helped demystify various career paths, offering students a rare opportunity to ask questions and gain insights from real-life experiences.

The next day took the team to Adiembra Senior High School, where the atmosphere was just as enthusiastic. Discussions here centred on digital empowerment, highlighting the internet as a powerful tool for learning, growth, and opportunity. The speaker encouraged students to look beyond entertainment and use online platforms to develop themselves and expand their knowledge.

Again, volunteers facilitated breakout sessions across multiple sectors, reinforcing our approach of exposing students to diverse professional paths and the practical steps needed to pursue them.

Monthly outreach: First visit to the Western Region of Ghana

The outreach was both inspiring and affirming of our desire to reach every young person in Ghana and across the continent. It gave us a platform to connect with new schools, impact fresh audiences, and deepen our commitment to youth development. We remain grateful to the school leaders, teachers, and students at Diabene SHTS and Adiembra SHS for their openness and partnership.

Outreach Details

School	No. of volunteers	No. of Students Engaged	Breakout sessions	Level of students
Diabene SHTS	19	400	11	Form 3
Adiembra SHS	19	1,645	11	Form 2 & 3

Professions of Volunteers	No. volunteers
Media	2
Human Resource & Admin	2
Business & Finance	2
Law	3
Healthcare	4
Education	1
Information Technology	2
Ghana Armed Forces	1
International Relations	2



















First Mentorship for Girls in 2025 enters final month

Our first *Mentorship for Girls* programme in 2025 will enter its final stages in May. The three-month mentorship, which began in March, has been conducted largely virtually and is set to conclude on 31st May. As part of the programme, Drive to Inspire – Africa has also organised a series of webinars to complement the ongoing engagement between mentors and mentees.

With participants from eight African countries, this mentorship initiative marks our first cross-continent event. Feedback from check-ins with participants so far suggests that the programme has been both impactful and inspiring. As we enter the final month, we look forward to mentors and mentees doing their best to maximise the experience, sharing knowledge, deepening their connections, and completing their final goals together.



April Webinars: Building Skills for Future Success

We hosted two webinars within the month that were focused on empowering young people to grow personally and professionally. The first session, on Networking and Social Capital, was led by Adenike (Niké) Hamilton, offering participants practical strategies for building connections and leveraging networks for career development. The second webinar, on Goal Setting and Achievement, was facilitated by Ene Obi, and provided actionable advice on how to define, pursue, and accomplish personal and professional goals. Both webinars were part of our ongoing efforts to support young people in building critical skills for their future.

We were proud to have two accomplished women leading these sessions, and we received enthusiastic feedback from participants who found the content both inspiring and practical.



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WEBINAR

With **Adenike (Niké) Hamilton**
A dynamic storyteller and multimedia creator from Freetown, Sierra Leone.

THEME Networking and Social Capital.

9th April, 2025 6pm-7:30pm GMT

register to join via  <https://shorturl.at/aomZu>

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Webinar

Topic **Goal Setting And Achievement**

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 | 6PM GMT

With **Ene Obi** ▶
TEDx Speaker, Best-Selling Author, Transformational Coach And Founder Of Ziona Mindspa.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85372750401>

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TOUCHED Initiative: Celebrating Confidence in the Western Region of Ghana

During our recent outreach to the Western Region of Ghana, we presented the first set of TOUCHED Initiative awards in the region to students who stood out for their boldness and confidence..

The TOUCHED Initiative is our way of recognising and rewarding students who demonstrate courage, curiosity, and the confidence to engage during our school sessions. Whether by asking thoughtful questions, sharing their aspirations, or stepping forward in group discussions, these students embody the spirit of leadership and self-belief we aim to nurture.

This marks the first time the initiative has been activated in the Western Region of Ghana, and we look forward to spotlighting more confident young voices as we continue our outreach across the country.







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