



International Youth Learning & Recreational Association

Youth potential for development

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Board, Staff and Volunteers



Introducing IYLRA

The International Youth Learning and Recreational Association is a charitable organisation that has been set up to undertake development projects in rural locations in Africa. It has started its initial work at Amanorkrom a town in the District of North Akwapim in the Eastern Region of the Republic of Ghana. It intends to provide:

- Recreational activities
- Remedial education
- Skills training for employment

Vision

To help transform a rural community at Amanorkrom into a vibrant community of people undertaking gainful employment and social activities by using sports and recreation to direct young people into learning that would lead them on to useful skills

Mission

The stated mission is to:

- Provide opportunities for the youth to participate in recreational and sports activities to help build their confidence and raise their self esteem
- Provide training and skill development for the youth in order to make them employable
- Help the youth into work and challenge their abilities in innovation and creativity to discover their hidden talents

Strategic Objectives

As a new organisation still in the set up stage the strategic objectives of the organisation in the next few years are:

- Getting the community and patrons to buy into the project
- Raising funding to ensure that a sustainable project will be established
- Liaison with district officials to prioritise the needs of the community
- Further investigation of options for implementation



Chair's Report

Mrs Victoria Adama



It is with great pleasure that I introduce the first annual report on the activities of International Youth Learning and Recreational Association. For a very long time this organisation had remained a dream and the fact that we have now moved a step further to the establishment of a formal organisation is one important achievement.

I am proud that we have been able to assemble a board of directors who have played a useful role in how the organisation has shaped up and I sincerely thank them for their dedication and support.

This past year has been one of intense consultation in Ghana where the project will be based and discussions with stakeholders who have a useful role to play in the success of the project. We have a good number of volunteers who have already started useful work in engaging the community to support the project.

The young people who will be the beneficiaries of the project have also demonstrated the need for the project and shown their enthusiasm in turning up even when no sessions have been planned with them. Their motivation and initiative continues to be a spur to action by all of us on the executive board.

We are happy that the chief of the town Nana Osim Kwatia II who is also the Adontinhene of the Akwapin Tradition area has given his blessing to the project and has asked for the community centre to be used by the organisation till we are able to afford our own premises. Please re do I believe there is still a dispute about the chieftaincy

I wish to thank our funders especially the Big lottery who have allowed us the opportunity to research the environment under which we will operate and for developing a comprehensive feasibility study report. I also wish to thank our many well wishers who have helped us to start this journey of our lives.

current work



Over the past years our efforts have been concentrated in ensuring that the project comes to fruition and is properly established. Our work to date has included:

- Search for volunteers – we are proud to say that we have found over 20 volunteers in the town who are implementing the work of the organisation
- Recruitment of young people – we have recruited more than 60 young people to form the initial core group of young people as beneficiaries of the project
- Career guidance meetings – we have been holding weekly meetings with a core group of 40 young people on which career path to choose and on inspirational and motivational issues
- Feasibility study – we undertook a comprehensive study in the feasibility of the project with funds provided by the Big Lottery
- Registration of the Trust in Ghana – we have registered the Trust as a company limited by guarantee in Ghana and it has gained recognition from the Department of Social Welfare as a Non-Governmental Organisation
- Consultation with the Chief – the Chief of the Town and Head of the Traditional Council has agreed to be a patron of the trust in Ghana
- Consultation with the District Chief Executive – he has agreed to support the project and support our funding application to the national voluntary training institute

We have started implementing some of the ideas

- A supplementary education programme targeted at 40 young people in their final year of Junior High School to run in the weekday evenings
- A vocational taster programme offered to 140 young people during the week that would offer training in various vocations such as dressmaking, electrical, plumbing, carpentry catering and several other short coursed
- A recreational facility at weekends that will form the basis of a football club



An interesting future is expected for the organisation as we implement the recommendations of our comprehensive feasibility study.

The needs of the community that we intend to serve may be diverse but it is important to concentrate main on the issues that we can control and to provide services that will immediately supplement the efforts of the statutory sector and engage the private sector in assisting young people in the town.

The work programme will include:

- Further contacts with the main stakeholders – parents who will be encouraged to bring their children, businesses who will be encouraged to provide work experience for the young people, volunteers who will be encouraged to continue to provide tutoring and mentoring to the young people and the national training authorities with who we will negotiate for resources.
- A search for premises and facilities to provide the sports activities for the young people
- Sourcing of equipment to implement the training workshops in the main disciplines of motor mechanic, dress making, building work, catering and other allied trades
- Negotiation with small business people who will support a modern apprenticeship scheme for vocational trainees
- Negotiation with various sports clubs to assist with coaching and supporting the teams
- Discussions with teachers about setting up a remedial and supplementary education facility
- Continuing to raise funding for the project

Statement of Financial Activities

International Small Grants Program:

End of Report Award

Actual Spending

Items and activity	Total Cost	International Small Grant Award
Research fees and local travel	3512	3512
Publicity	486	486
Publicity overseas	386	386
Recruitment & volunteers	860	860
Reports	395	395
Hire of room and catering	880	880
Focus Group and facilitators	571	571
Registration of organisation Ghana	251	251
Start up cost. domain name letterhead	232	232
Total	7790	7790



Board Members and Volunteers



Members of Board

The members of the Board of Trustees are:

Mrs Victoria Adama	Chairperson
Mrs Felicia Asare	Treasurer
Mrs Margaret White	Secretary
Lucia Aboiralor	trustee
Jackie Bunce	Trustee

Volunteers in UK

Mr Joseph Adama
Dr John Koramoa

The volunteers in Ghana are

Mrs Victoria Alexandra Anti	Retired teacher
Mr Eric Addison	Auditor
Mr Adjetey Osae	Teacher
Mr Parry	Teacher
Mr Addison	Teacher
Reverend Agyemfrem	Parish Priest
Mrs Gladys Adarkwa	Vocational Teacher

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