

Education Project



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Think Big Challenge Launch

On Saturday 25th September the Think Big Challenge was formally launched. Seeking solutions to issues identified within their school communities, approximately 60-70 students from five secondary schools will now attend weekly Saturday workshops at Ardh University to help them develop their ideas.

At the launch of the Challenge, we were delighted to hear from guest speakers Ocheck Msuva, Director of Bridge for Change, Cleopa David Msuya, Vice Chancellor of Ardh University, and David Leonce Ndika and Glory Adrian Nyengella, Director and Deputy Director respectively of Kite Dar es Salaam. These speakers spoke on topics intended to inspire the youth participants.

Last year's winners, 'The Genius Group', who are now Think Big Challenge alumni, were also present as speakers. They encouraged the students not to give up and to build on their personal strengths.

Also in attendance were papers Mwanachi and The Citizen, who wrote about the Career Network Support scheme in print editions on 28th August 2018.

Immediately after the launch came the first workshop, which was filled with numerous playful 'ice-breakers' to kick-off the competition, which will run until the Dream Sharing Event on 15th September 2018.

- Sophie Wilson

Making students changemakers

Young people are often the most creative and imaginative in the society. Most of them find their abilities wasted in society. For the community to recognise their talents and plan to empower them for change.

By recognising the significance of empowering youths to push boundaries and become problem solvers in their communities, Cambridge Development Initiative (CDI) has joined hands with Bridge For Change (BFC) and Kite Dar es Salaam have strategised ways to shape, inspire and mentor this group so that it can bring change in the society.

Cambridge Development Initiative (CDI) is a student-led organisation based in the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom which works alongside a team of Tanzanian university students. Bridge For Change (BFC) is a developmental organisation based in Dar es Salaam which works to empower youth to take initiative and improve their lives and community.

Kite Dar es Salaam is a youth-led NGO that aims to empower the disadvantaged communities by operating in set of four projects that allows a youth to participate in solving problems in their community.

The three organisations have a mission to empower young people to take initiative for themselves and become positive change-makers by becoming inspiring and mentoring them to take ownership of their careers.

Given the need to rescue the youth from massive unemployment, BFC has decided to partner with CDI to run a programme called 'Career Network Support' throughout 2018. This plan will be rolled out across different secondary schools in Dar es Salaam.

"It aims to combine entrepreneurial development with career advice so that students leave

KITE Fundraising Dinner

It has been a year since Kite Dar es Salaam was officially established.

An anniversary banquet will be hosted at King D Hotel on September 7th to reflect upon the progress that Kite DSM has made this year.

The dinner will feature gourmet buffet, live music from our very own CDI and Kite DSM choir and a chance to find out more about Kite DSM's exciting work. Businesspeople, public servants, representatives from NGOs and Kite DSM alumni have all been invited to the event.

The main aim of this dinner is to support the future efforts of Kite DSM in community development.

- Jackline Christopher

Emotional Wellbeing

The Education and Health teams have had a meeting with Mr. Steward Mbelwa, a specialist in Mental Health from The Aga Khan University. The result of the meeting was exciting – we are currently working towards formulating a formal partnership between CDI and The Aga Khan University which would begin in earnest next summer.

Mental health is an important topic and we hope that this piece of research will give us a better understanding of the risk factors contributing to emotional distress in Tanzanian adolescents. The findings could help improve the current mental health care system to better support those in need, allowing all students to flourish and achieve their full potential.

- Katherine Wong