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New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation

“Inspiring the Creative Unfolding of a New Community through Holistic Education”

The Organization

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation (NEEDCSI) is a Jos-Nigeria based registered International non-profit with a special commitment to the revival of human values that transcend religious, ethnic and cultural differences. These values include a sense of belonging to a common humanity, respect and consideration for all people, compassion and non-violence, a commitment to preserving the natural environment, and a social service ethic.

We are committed to offering inclusive and holistic paradigms of education that prioritize experiential learning, cross- cultural dialogue, and a global ethic of peace and social justice. The Organization actively addresses and works on the issues of education, peace and conflict mediation, health and capacity building and leadership development among the youth in Nigeria. We are officially registered with the Nigeria Corporate Affairs Commission, as New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative (CAC/IT/No.24571). New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation is also registered and operates in the USA as a project of United Charitable Programs (UCP), a registered 501(c)3 Public Charity - Tax ID# 20-4286082.

OUR VISION

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation envisions communities of heart warming hospitality all over the world connected by strong bonds of shared values, hopes, inspirations, imagination and curiosity; a prosperous world dominated by loving, caring and compassionate people, where war and strife no longer exist and where food is plentiful and the smiles of humanity shine brighter than the sun itself. The Organization was established in January 2006 and officially registered in Nigeria in August 2007.



OUR MISSION

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation is a unique organization whose mission is to build, support and empower teams of youth with capacities to emerge from a life on the streets, drugs and dysfunctional families, to becoming leaders capable of helping themselves and their communities. We are leading a movement that connects youth, educators and communities and empowers them to transform themselves from recipients of information and resources into valuable, contributing members of their communities. We help young people discover and develop their inherent gifts, talents and abilities and support their development as ethically responsible, self-disciplined and creative social citizens capable of participation in a positive and sustainable society.

Our work focuses directly at the heart and to great value of human life. Our programs and projects focus on initiatives that improve educational opportunities and provide life skills, including self-confidence, goal-setting, problem-solving, conflict resolution, and teamwork by equipping youth with essential skills that will empower them to become competent, confident, responsible, and caring adults.

Our values include

- (1) a sense of belonging to a common humanity,
- (2) respect and consideration for all people,
- (3) compassion and non-violence,
- (4) a commitment to preserving the natural environment, and
- (5) a social service ethic.

Our Key Programs and Services

a. Civil Society Development Program (CSDP)

A vibrant civil society is critical to the development of any democratic community. Civil society organizations fulfill many roles, including advocating for citizens' rights, providing needed social services, and bridging the divide between citizens and government. New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation provides the skills, peer mentoring and international best practices required for civil society organizations to flourish and carry out their work effectively and efficiently. This assistance includes organizational needs assessments and tailored trainings on conflict management,



organizational development, financial management, strategic planning, advocacy, coalition building, and other skill sets. Our Civil Society Development Program (CSDP) engages citizens, nongovernmental organizations, and government bodies to work in partnership to improve their communities and foster good governance. The objective of our Civil Society Development Program (CSDP) is to promote civil participation and contribute to the development of sustainable and viable civil society institutions and organizations in Nigeria and the West Africa sub-region.

b. Interfaith Youth Dialogue and Peacebuilding Project

The Interfaith Youth Dialogue and Peacebuilding Project of the New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation provides a mechanism for Nigerian faith based organizations and individuals to be effectively engaged in the generation of religion-inspired conceptions and practices of development that ultimately result in social, economic, cultural and spiritual prosperity of the citizens. The Project is committed to promoting enduring, daily interfaith cooperation and to ending religiously motivated violence. A major component of this project is the Annual International Conference on Youth and Interfaith Communication. Through these annual interfaith conferences, youth, with international adult mentors successfully engage face to face, applying new tools of communication and creativity to then take back home to their schools, communities, and nations. Challenging, practical workshop provide the "how-to" for citizens to create and sustain our collective social existence beginning with youth and faith that works in real life. Through dialogue by conference participants, we are demonstrating that "an enemy is one whose story we have not heard". Our Annual International Conference on Youth and Interfaith Communication is now in its 3rd year.

c. Leadership Education and Training Program

Our Leadership Education and Training Program seeks to catalyze the emergence of a new generation of youth leaders who will participate effectively in forging a strong democratic, people-centred development and sustainable economic emancipation in Nigeria. Major highlights of the program include: entrepreneurial and financial management training; educational seminars on democracy and good governance, health, gender issues, human rights, citizenship and social responsibilities and a mentoring program that connects established



and emerging youth leaders. The program empowers young people by supporting the creation of youth-generated activities that promote self-worth, responsibility and intergenerational respect and communication. The Program seeks to foster, develop and support youth initiative, and a strong representational youth voice in the service and decision-making life of our nation, and to engage youth as resources for peace, democracy and good governance, interfaith dialogue and agents for change, growth and sustainable development.

d. **Alcohol Prevention and Drug Education Project (APDEP)**

Alcohol Prevention and Drug Education Project (APDEP) is our community based service dedicated to the needs of young people at risk of alcohol and drug misuse or currently involved in drug misuse through the provision of activities and programs designed to meet their needs. APDEP is a youth leadership program empowering youth to become involved in keeping their schools and communities alcohol and drug free. The project implements grade-specific tasks, exercises, and activities in a variety of highly engaging, interactive formats to reach youth at an age when they are most likely to try alcohol. Through APDEP, young people now have the opportunity to develop and practice skills such as assertiveness, good communication, decision-making, interpersonal and intrapersonal skills. Each year, New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation, holds the “Alcohol Prevention and Drug Education Conference” for high school students and adults in Nigeria. Through this conference, young people, adults and parents receive accurate information and increased awareness and knowledge of the effects of Drugs and Alcohol abuse.



Our Key Partners and Supporters

- a. **The Voices of Angels Foundation:** Founded by John and Shannon Frediani, The Voices of Angels Foundation is a US-based 501c3 non profit dedicated to awakening the heart through Arts, Practices of Peace, Education and Community. The Foundation honors diversity, while working to create parity in our world and provide access to academic resources in addition to bridging arts, peace building, purpose, leadership and service. In addition to holding public events, the Foundation does outreach work focused on creating opportunities for education and self development for the under-served. www.thevoicesofangels.org

- b. **The Dalai Lama Foundation** is an International non-profit, charitable organization committed to supporting the development of our shared global capacity for ethics and peace, based on a non-dogmatic ethic of compassion. The Foundation, headquartered in California, was established in 2002, and now has a growing network of independent National Committees that includes Canada, Japan, Russia and Nigeria. www.dalailamafoundation.org

- c. **Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group:** Founded by Len & Libby Traubman, the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group, is a 17-year old San Francisco, USA-based model of sustained relationship building among Muslims, Jews and Christians, which provides guidelines, printed materials, films and personal assistance to diverse youth and adults who wish to engage to transcend old conflicts and invigorate the public peace process around the Earth for the good of all. <http://traubman.igc.org/dg-prog.htm>

- d. **Fresh & Young Brains Development Initiative (FBI Nigeria),** was founded on November 27th 2008 and is registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria as a non-political, non-profit making and non-governmental organization. FBI NIGERIA advances attitudes, policies and actions that promote justice, social inclusion, social responsibility, environmental sustainability and meaningful participation for young people in Nigeria and beyond and encourages a more positive Youth-Adult Exchange. For details, visit: www.fbi-nigeria.org



- e. **Teachers Without Borders-Nigeria** is an International Organization that supports teachers worldwide with professional development and tools that connect them with information and each other so that they may play a more vital role in their communities. We have enjoyed tremendous moral support and collaboration from the Africa Regional Office of Teachers Without Borders in Abuja, Nigeria. For details and information about Teachers Without Borders, please visit: www.teacherswithoutborders.org
- f. **Order of Kush-Nigeria** is an international educational and humanitarian Organization fighting global illiteracy and poverty. The Organization places special emphasis on improving the quality of life of all Africans, because when Africans “wake up” to their potential as a united people the faster they will overcome the social ills that have plagued them so for long. This includes African Americans, Afro-Canadians, and Afro-Caribbean— all people of African ancestry. The International Headquarters of Order of Kush is based in Chicago-USA. For details and information about Order of Kush, please visit: <http://kushinternational.org/>
- g. **Africa Christian Youth Development Foundation**, a Jos-Nigeria based Cooperation Circle (CC) of the United Religions Initiative (URI), is committed to assisting people by building a practical foundation and understanding of love within individuals and society as a whole. For details and information about Africa Christian Youth Development Foundation, please visit: www.acydfoundation.org
- h. **1ViLLAGE** is a Ghana-based registered Organization committed to providing ICT for Development services and undertake research especially on the African continent. Our mission is to empower communities with appropriate ICTs that provide and ensure sustainable development. The passion of 1ViLLAGE is to increase access to ICT tools and knowledge to ensure the unconnected are connected. <http://www.1village-africa.com/>
- i. **Anwar Jannat Memorial Foundation** is a Pakistani-based Registered



International Organization working with national and international community for the uplift of teeming millions in Pakistan held hostage by poverty and deprivation. <http://ajmfoundation.com/>

Affiliations and Membership:

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation is affiliated with the following Government Agencies, International and National Organizations:

a. Corporate Affairs Commission

Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation (NEEDCSI) is registered with the Nigeria Corporate Affairs Commission with Registration No. CAC/IT/NO 24571. New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation is also registered and operates in the USA as a project of United Charitable Programs (UCP), a registered 501(c)3 Public Charity - Tax ID# 20-4286082. www.unitedcharitableprograms.org

b. World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO)

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation is a Regular Member of WANGO, an international organization uniting NGOs worldwide in the cause of advancing peace and global well being. www.wango.org

c. Nigeria Network of NGOs

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation is an active member of Nigeria Network of NGOs, the first generic membership body for civil society organizations in Nigeria that facilitates effective advocacy on issues of poverty and other developmental issues. www.nnngo.org

d. CIVICUS- World Alliance for Citizen Participation

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Foundation is a member of CIVICUS, an international alliance dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society throughout the world. www.civicus.org

Proposed 2011 Projects

- a. 3rd Annual International Conference on Youth and Interfaith Communication, from 27th to 29th October, 2011, in Jos, Nigeria. Details now available at: www.youthinterfaithconference.org



- b. 1st Alcohol Prevention and Drug Education Conference, from 27th to 28th May, 2011, for Senior Secondary School, Colleges and university Students draw from towns and cities across Nigeria
- c. Special Two-Day Teacher Education Program for Secondary School Teachers in Plateau State of Nigeria, in collaboration with Mindfulness Without Borders and the Plateau State Ministry of Education in June 2011
- d. Formal Launch and official commencement of Training and activities at our newly opened Millennium Development Institute (MDGs Institute), at our Rayfield, Jos Head Office

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