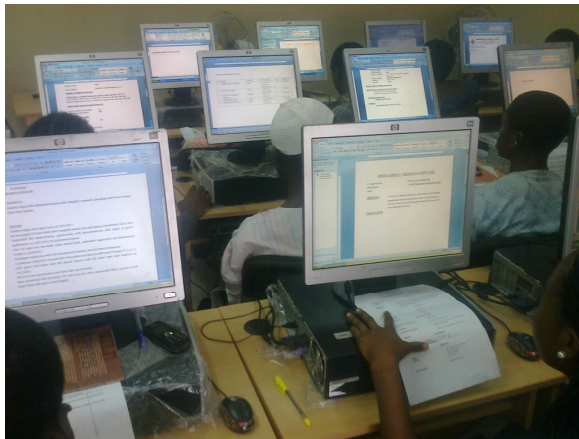


Paradigm Initiative Nigeria (PIN)

4th Quarter Report. October – December, 2012

INTRODUCTION

Quarter 4 witnessed the last cycle of training for 2012 at the Ajegunle Innovation Centre (AJIC) as well as the much anticipated TENT Gathering



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Students who had completed their training earlier in the year formed the heartbeat of publicity efforts towards Ajegunle.org Class 2012C. Their enthusiasm and persuasion of their peers resulted in 56 forms being sold in two short weeks. Following the deadline for the submission of forms 17th September; 54 of the applicants were invited for the interviews billed for 25th September and 26th September 2012. After two long days of rigorous interviews; 20 were selected of the pool of 54 applicants based on how badly they needed the intervention to improve their livelihoods, whether or not they fell within the age limits (of 15 – 28 years), a sense of responsibility towards themselves and the community; among other things. The successful applicants were called into the office for orientation and enrolment in the first week of October. In this period, they

were introduced to Paradigm Initiative Nigeria generally and the Ajegunle.org program in particular. Training in earnest commenced October 8th 2012 through November 23rd 2012. In the first four weeks, students were trained in Microsoft Office Tools, Graphic Design, and Use of Internet. In the last three weeks, their training covered Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Defining your business, Staffing and Finance, Marketing, Social impact and Timeline, Risk Management, Financial Projection, as well as Life Skills. At the end of the training, the students could write viable business plans and many of them already started to implement their ideas before the training was over. Letters of completion were handed to the students by the Executive Director; 'Gbenga Sesan.

Among partners and visitors to the centre during the period training were Ms. Ify Nonyelu; CEO Gina Consulting, Mike Purves; Director, British Deputy High Commission and Emeka Afigbo from Google. Also in the quarter two beneficiaries of the project proceeded on internship with Gina Consulting; Emmanuel Njoku and Chiamaka Ubah. Michael Alabi and Paul Ighorodeje rounded off internship at the Public Affairs Section of the United States Embassy and so did Funke Alao and Bukola Oseni at the British Deputy High Commission.

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Tom Davies, 'Gbenga Sesan and Nick Jekogian arriving TENT Gathering 2012

TENT is a Paradigm Initiative Nigeria project which seeks to expose today's Nigerian technology students to technology, business and leadership requirements for ICT innovation. The big vision is to help jumpstart the culture of innovation and enterprise in the mould of global technology brands which all began from the university halls of their young founders.

TENT Gathering 2012 held at the Obafemi Awolowo University; Ile – Ife from the 10th – 12th December. About 200 students from various universities in the south west including Benson Idahosa University, Covenant University, Federal University of Technology Akure, University of Ibadan, University of Lagos, Lagos State University, Lagos State Polytechnic, Yaba college of technology and the host institution, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) were in attendance. Nick Jekogian, CEO Signature Community New York in his speech encouraged the students to bring value to the table. In his exact words to the students; “There are opportunities in the US but Africa, Nigeria in particular may have a better opportunity to create the next big thing.” Other speakers

included Professor Akeredolu; Dean, Faculty of Technology OAU and Dr. Mrs. Soriyan, Head Tomi Davies, Chief Executive Officer, Technovision Communications Lagos, Bayo Oyewole, Managing Partner ThinkSmart Global Lagos, and Ope Odusan; Chief Operating Officer, Nigerian Internet Registration Association who continued to speak to the young listeners about technology opportunities, technology capacity building, entrepreneurship opportunities, investment, product/service exposure, etc



Keynote speakers at TENT Gathering 2012

Among speakers the next day were Edward Popoola, a specialist with African Advatnage Telecoms, idiare Atimomo, Manager youth Segment; Etisalat Nigeria, Nkem Uwaje, Managing Director Future Software resources limited; Tim Akinbo, CEO Timbaobjects Technologies; Akin Oyebode, Head SME Banking at Stanbic IBTC bank; Ayo Alli, a sports digital and social enterprenuer and Obi Asika, the CEO of Storm 360.

The third day of the TENT Gathering focused on demos of products and services by young techies across institutions in Nigeria. The panel was led by Nick Jekogian; CEO signature Community Group, New York and his team was

drawn from both the academics and the industry.

7 schools also competed for the Taiwo Bankole Prize in the inter-school competition; Benson Idahosa University, Covenant University, Federal University of Technology University of Ibadan, University of Lagos, Lagos State University, and the Host Institution; the Obafemi Awolowo University. Moribise Demola, won the Taiwo Bankole Prize for the inter-school prize for the Federal University of Technology; Akure. Over 60 students from the O.A.U Computer Science and Engineering Students, pitched to the panel. Three students emerged in a fierce competition as winners. Makanju Oluwadamilare won a prize for his idea on developing 'Self-Repairing Systems,' Giwa Abdul-Azeez, for his amazing 'ear impediment devices' for communicating with the deaf, Olajide Martins for his 'Age to Speech Recognition Systems;' a software which uses voice patterns to determine the age of the speaker. Prizes including laptops and galaxy tab were presented to the students courtesy Phase 3 Communications and Etisalat Easy Clique. Other sponsors of the TENT Gathering 2012 includes Microsoft Anglophone West Africa and Mainone Cable company. Students Sponsors included Vernia Business Hub and Innovate Lagos. Knowledge Partners were the Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife and the Beni American University. TENT 2012 Gathering was also supported by numerous hub, design, media and entertainment partners.



Cross Section of Participants at TENT Gathering



Speakers with students Day 2 of TENT Gathering



A student pitching his idea to the panel day Day 3

CONCLUSION

PIN was represented through presentations in various seminars including the 'TENT' Mid-Year Meeting, Thrive Shuttle Initiative Seminar, ISPON Software Contest Calabar, The International Conference on Youth and Democratization in Africa, Addis Ababa, Internet Governance Forum, Baku, Azerbaijan, Africa Futures Roundtable, Women Leading Enterprise and Nation Building Symposium, Lagos and Mobile Monday Nigeria, and various focused seminars in various cities in Nigeria reaching over 3 000 youth.

As a volunteer-driven organisation, we could not have had another great quarter without the support of our amazing volunteers. We wish to specially appreciate all partners who continue to support all the back-end work which leads to continued sustainability of our projects. Thank You!