

# Schooling for Life

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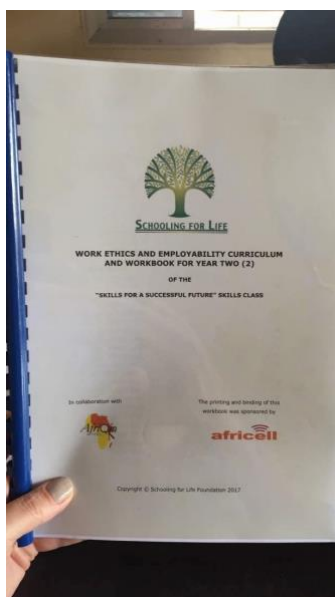


## Progress of our students

As we informed you about the progress of our students at the end of last academic year, our 3<sup>rd</sup> year students have finished their skills classes and personal guidance. However, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year students are still full on in their programme and just sat through their first Work Ethics exam. They had assignments throughout the semester and all did very well. There were only two references.

All of our 31 students have also started their new academic year at their respective schools and they're working hard!

As the academic year progresses, some are sitting through exams but most are awaiting exams at the start of 2018.



## Skills training classes

At the end of the last academic year, we held an evaluation among students, trainers and programme staff to evaluate the effectiveness of our Math and English Language workbooks that we developed that year. In addition to the updated Math and English Language workbooks, we have, upon high demand, developed a Schooling for Life Work Ethics workbook. All trainers will now be able to teach their curriculum with the help of the Schooling for Life workbooks! We know they will be used from A to Z!

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## **Group guidance meetings**

As is custom for Schooling for Life, also this end of semester we held our Group guidance meetings. In addition to our personal guidance, students have the opportunity to discuss any topic with their class and two guidance counselors every end of semester. These meetings are one more way for the students to work on their personal development, with the support of their classmates.

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## **New Office Admin Assistant, Patrick Mambu**

When we needed a new Office Admin Assistant this year, we thought; where better to look than with our own skilled and eager-to-learn students? We quickly thought of Patrick Mambu, who finished a really successful internship with us in the office last year. Patrick accepted and is now a great added value to our organisation, and currently working through his induction period. We couldn't feel prouder than to be able to showcase the success stories of our own students.

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## **Schooling for Life students on internships**

We strongly believe in giving our students all the preparation we can offer and for different students that can mean different things. Therefore, next to Patrick strengthening our team as a fulltime staff (he has evening classes ;)), we have three students currently doing an internship within the organisation: Aminata and Agnes are studying Secretarial Studies at MMCET, and are doing an internship with us at the office. Senesie who is studying IT at BlueCrest is also very interested in Math, and asked us whether we could help him to develop this further; he is currently an understudy of our Math trainer Mr. Moses Bangura. He is learning how to create a Math curriculum, write lesson plans and train Math skills training classes in the "Schooling for Life way". Of course he is also developing his professional skills.

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*"Soft skills taught me how to solve problems for myself and give respect to others opinion."*

*Aminata N. Kamara, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student Social Work, MMCET.*

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## World Youth Skills Day



Everyone should have the opportunity to discover and develop their talents. Through skills individuals, communities, and countries can create a more prosperous future. On July 15 2017, we celebrated World Youth Skills Day with an event organised by the TVET Coalition at the British Council in Freetown. On that day, we raised awareness about the importance of youth developing skills. Our won students, Aminata N. Kamara did an amazing job in sharing her story with the help of the storyteller The Cowfoot Prince.

A group of other Schooling for Life students did a great job in supporting this event by helping in registration and welcoming of the participants, and of course by being one of the most active participants in group discussions. We are proud of all of them for showing true Schooling for Life values during the day.



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## Health Masterclass



On 11 September 2017, we held a masterclass focused on Health, Medication, Nutrition and Sexual Reproductive Health. The 31 Schooling for Life students were all incredibly focused and participatory throughout the day, asking more questions than the external trainers could answer.

The information day on taking medication, the importance of sleep, healthy nutrition, and sexual reproductive health could not have lasted long enough. A very interesting and interactive masterclass with again new information that broadened the mindset and knowledge of our students even further.



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## 16 Adelaide street anniversary



Time is running fast; in October we celebrated the fact that Schooling for Life is located at 16 Adelaide street for 2 years already! Lots of things happened at Adelaide street, many things to cheer about, like the remodeling by our students, and always a 'home' to our students. Hopefully we have many, many more years to enjoy many, many more joyful moments at 16 Adelaide street.

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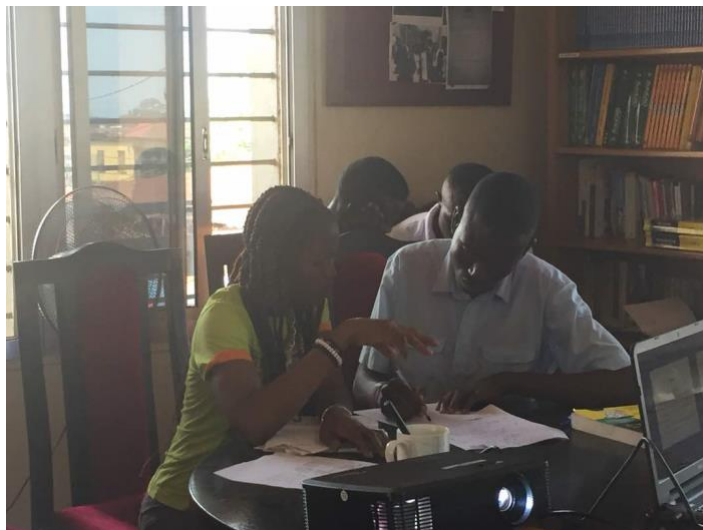
## Visit of founding partner, Mr. Harm

End of September 2017 we had the honour to host Mr. Harm Beskers; one of the first volunteers, a founding partner, and now board member of Schooling for Life Sierra Leone. Staff were introduced and students had time to discuss everything they learn and how they feel they're benefitting from the programme. It was a short but meaningful visit and we took great pride in receiving him and showing the progress we are making!



## Outreach training

Upon much request from our students, we have started to train them in doing outreach! To represent Schooling for Life, a group of 2<sup>nd</sup> year students received outreach training from our very own programme admin, Mohamed Nabieu. Many firsts in one day: Mohamed giving the training, students writing their own presentations and being guided in how to feel comfortable in doing presentations, and to be confident in public speaking.



Schooling for Life is so proud to see both staff and students grow in their own way. The outreach training will be utilised during the National Week of Education, early 2018. It is great to see our students wanting to play an active role in representing the organisation and to see the values learned during the soft skills trainings put into practice in real life.



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## Visit to Fresh Salone

Schooling for Life visited the school gardens in Lumley that were set up and supervised by Fresh Salone. Jonathan of Fresh Salone volunteered to take the time out on his free Saturday to share his passion for agriculture and the added value of greenhouses with our 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. It didn't take long for the students to burst out in questions. Jonathan later said he was impressed with the dedication and active participation of our students.

It was an incredibly informative and fruitful visit and we want to whole heartedly thank Fresh Salone for their continued support to our students.



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## Christmas Activity Day

16 December 2017, we held the annual Schooling for Life Christmas Activity Day. We kicked the day off with a yoga class led by a professional yoga teacher, followed by a pre-prepared debate between the four Schooling for Life houses, and many more joyful moments with the Schooling for Life family. Students indicated to have found this Christmas Activity day even better than last year as everyone was involved in every activity all day.

Of course, these activity days are not possible without sponsors, and we want to give a big thank you to this year's Christmas Activity Day sponsors: Protec Security, Africell and Qbar!



We say 'Namaste' to you all.

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## Dinnerbox

Are you looking for a unique gift for someone? Have you ever thought about making a special dinner for yourself, your family, friends or even colleagues? Then the dinnerbox is for you! The dinnerbox is a Schooling for Life initiative, where you can order a box, filled with African ingredients, a special and easy recipe for dinner and information about Schooling for Life. Instead of your guests bringing a bottle of wine or flowers, they can make a donation to Schooling for Life and like that,



you have an exciting dinner to fundraise for Schooling for Life! Go to our website for more details about the dinnerbox and how to order <http://schoolingforlife.net/support-us/dinnerbox/>.

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## Voluntary Vacancies in the Netherlands

Schooling for Life in the Netherlands is the behind the scenes support system of Schooling for Life Sierra Leone. Do you want to help us and be part of this driving force, do you know somebody or do you want to receive more information?



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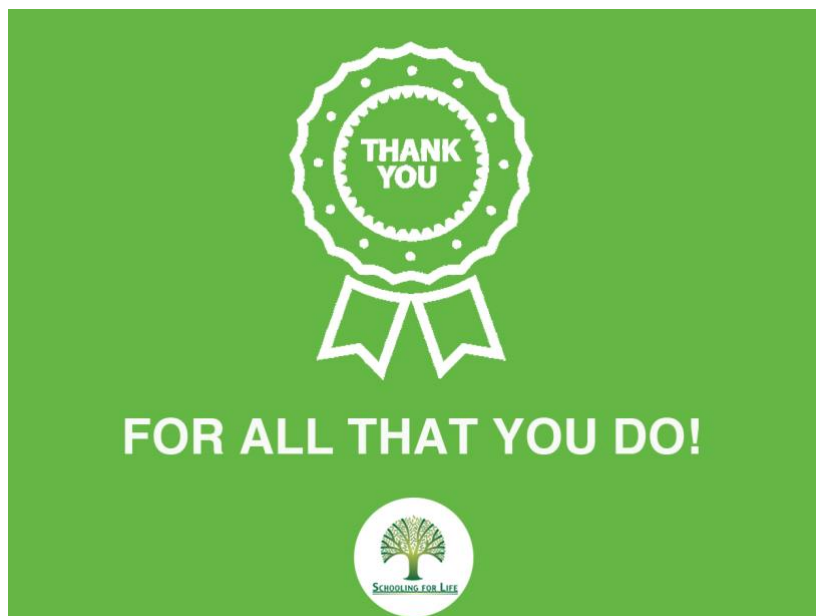


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## Thank you to our sponsors

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to achieve Skills for a Successful Future!**

**A very  
Educational and Prosperous 2018  
to everyone!**

