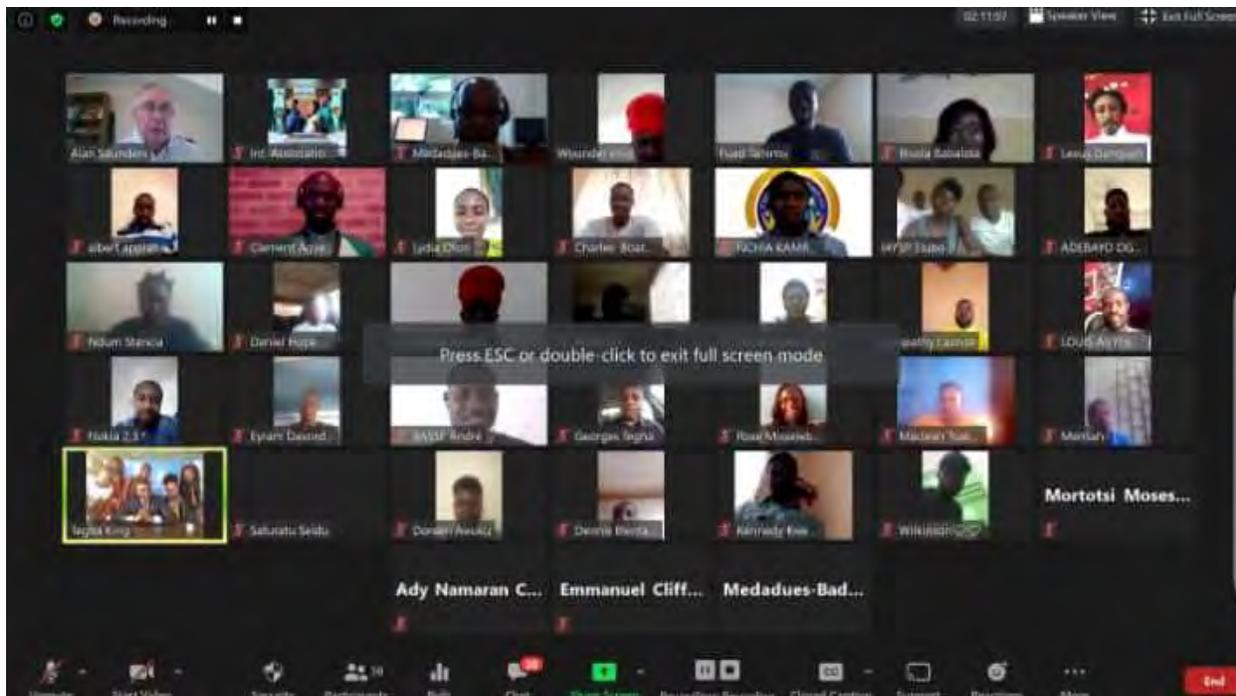


IAYSP Ghana Online Character Education Training workshop for Youth Leaders

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On June 27th 2020, the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace – Ghana in collaboration with Saunders Consultancy LLC – USA, held an Online Character Education Training workshop for Youth Leaders, and Teachers from several organizations.

The Workshop was directed towards raising the trainers who will head Character Education Clubs and Programs in Ghana. It is believed that the efforts will go a long way to safeguard the peace Ghana has enjoyed since the beginning of the Fourth Republic; that it will be a catalyst for peace during this election year. IAYSP Ghana through this Webinar reached out to the Police Sector of the nation and requested to become a stakeholder in National Peace-building programs.



About 20 Youth leaders and teachers followed the program on big screens and 45 others took the course using the smart phones and Laptops.

Averagely, 65 youth leaders across the nation had the opportunity to receive lectures directly from Mr. Alan Saunders; one of the professionals who compiled the Character Education curriculum called "Knowing The Real Me". Mr. Saunders is also an advisor for UNESCO Center for Global Education.

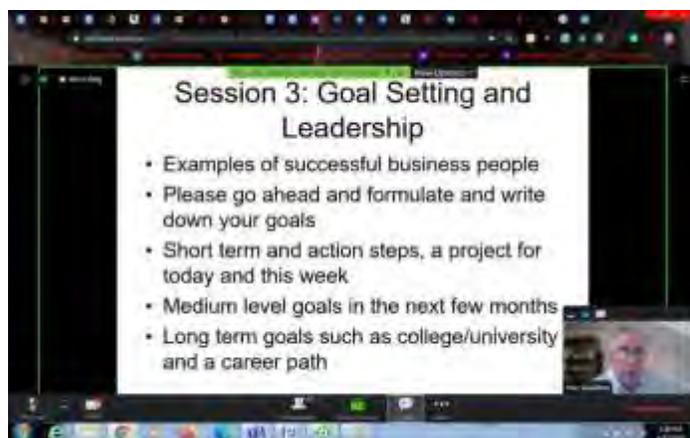
Participants were trained on Successful Leadership, Public Speaking Skills and Goal Setting, with emphasis laid on good Character.

Several discussion sessions and exercises took place on WhatsApp prior to and during the program; particularly, trainees were divided into two groups and asked to debate on the theme, "The discourse on gender equality is bias in favour of Girls and Women"



In the pre-training exercise, the trainees were also asked to select the most valuable character traits for successful Leadership in a list of more than 20 different character traits.

Overall, the trainer was pleased with the salient points that Participants raised during the debate and the Choices of character traits that were selected by the various trainees. The scholars in turn, praised the trainer for his exceptional ability, professionalism and the excellent manner with which he conveyed his lectures.



The moderator of the program was Rev. Tegha King, the President of IAYSP. Rev. King gave a brief summary on what servant leadership is and explained that leadership, according to great and successful leaders like Robert Kiyosaki and Warren Buffet, is first and foremost service. That the drive towards leadership positions in any organization must be the sincere desire to want to serve and that one must be motivated by the desire to sacrifice for others before becoming a great leader and not the other way round.

The coordinator of the program Ms. Ady Coulibaly Namaran received commendations from Participants and from the trainer, for a well coordinated program.

Towards the end of the program, participants expressed how inspired and impacted they were with the training course in the "chat room", and on the WhatsApp group.

An online post-training survey form was generated, to help with feedback. The comments made so far are exciting and have given IAYSP Ghana a clear idea on how the program was impactful.

IAYSP Ghana hopes to build on this foundation, recruiting clubs and regional leaders from this group of trainees to help in the expansion of IAYSP activities in Ghana.