

TGED FOUNDATION

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Dear Partners, Supporters, Volunteers, and Friends

Welcome to the first TGED Foundation newsletter of 2026. As we step into a new year, we pause to reflect on what truly drives our work, our values, our people, and our shared responsibility to the communities and environment we serve.

January is not always loud at TGED Foundation. Sometimes, it is calm, intentional, and deeply reflective. As we step into 2026, we chose to begin the year by strengthening what truly sustains our work, our values, our people and our responsibility to the communities and environment we serve.

Through this newsletter, we hope to keep you informed, inspired, and engaged. From highlights of our volunteer refresher workshop to fun eco-puzzles, volunteer stories, and ways to get involved, we invite you to explore, learn, and take action with us.

Together, we are building impact, nurturing communities, and shaping a future where people and the planet thrive. Thank you for being part of this journey.

With gratitude and excitement for the year ahead.

— TGED Foundation Team

Let's Crack Our Heads a Bit!

Before we dive into what January had in store, let's pause and stretch those green-thinking muscles. Here's a little eco-riddle and a laugh or two because saving the planet doesn't mean we can't have fun doing it!

1. Eco-Riddle:

I speak for the trees, though I have no tongue.
I'm full of life, yet rooted in one spot. Cut me
down, and you'll feel the heat.
What am I?

2. Quick Thought Challenge:

If one reusable bag saves 500 plastic bags a
year, how many would your community
save if 100 people made the switch?

3. Eco-Riddle:

I get eaten but never die. I shrink in the sun,
grow in the rain, and make your bin smell
like regret.
What am I?

4. Eco-Riddle:

I stand still but travel far. I start as an
idea, grow as a seed and change the world
without moving an inch.
What am I?

5. Green Joke 1:

Why did the plastic bottle break up with the
landfill?

6. Green Joke 2:

What do you call an environmentally friendly
detective?

7. Challenge 1: Think Fast!

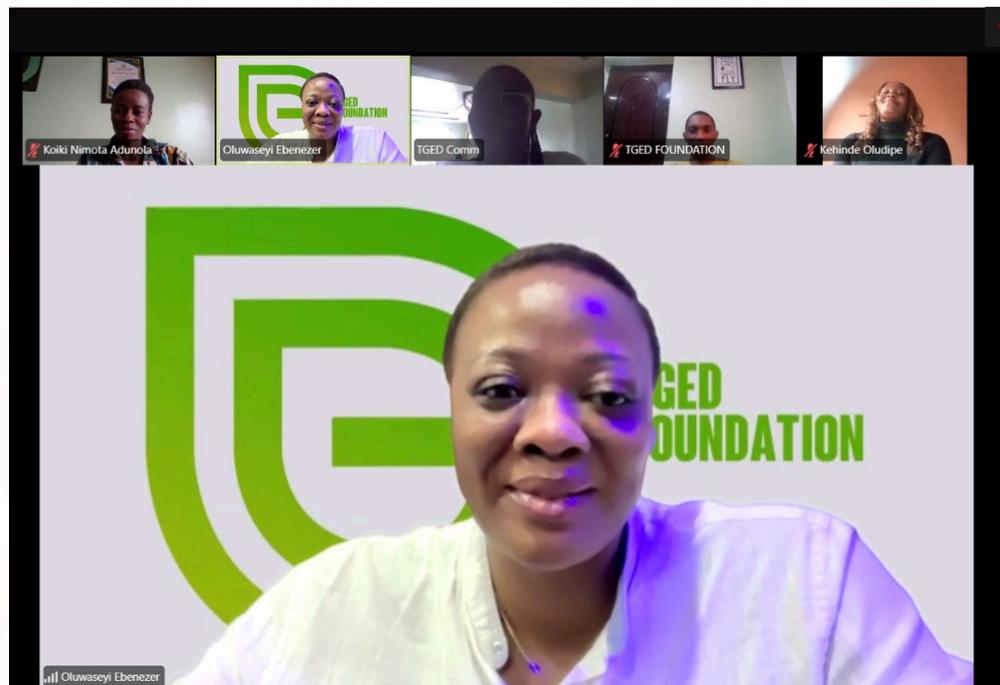
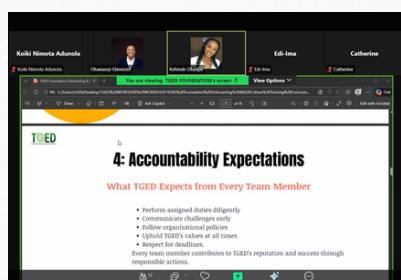
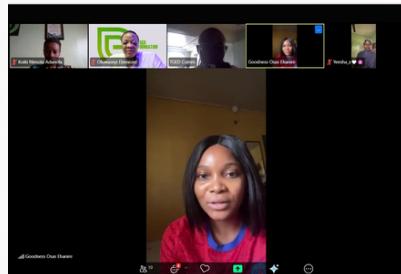
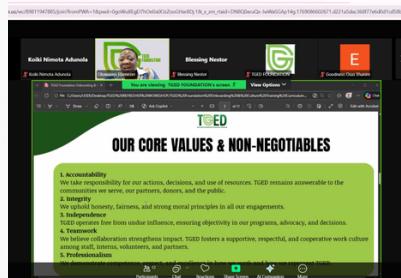
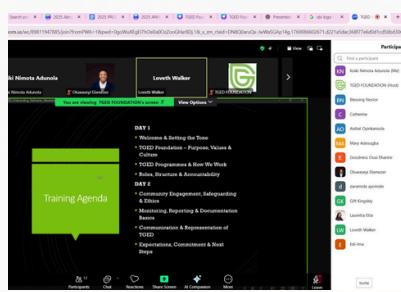
You're given a tree sapling, a bag of food scraps,
and a solar lamp.
You're also late to a community cleanup.
What do you do first?
A) Plant the tree and name it "Hope."
B) Drop the compost at the garden and yell
"Feed the soil!"
C) Bring the lamp and light the way to the
trash.
D) All of the above like the climate warrior you
are.

8. Challenge 2: Choose Your Fighter

You wake up and realize the planet needs your
help again. You've got 10 minutes and one
backpack. What's going in it?

- A) Reusable gloves, because you're about to
wrestle some litter.
- B) Native tree seedlings, because oxygen won't
grow itself.
- C) Bicycle repair kit, because fuel is so last
century.
- D) A loudspeaker, to chant "Save the Earth!"
dramatically from rooftops.
- E) A half-written speech, one bamboo
toothbrush, and a dream.

*Now that you've chuckled, puzzled, and maybe even questioned your choices,
let's see what January brought us in the sustainability scene.*



Volunteer & Intern Refresher Workshop (2 Days)

Over two intensive days, TGED volunteers and interns participated in a refresher workshop designed to deepen clarity, responsibility, and ethical leadership. The sessions revisited how TGED works, not just as an organization, but as a value-driven movement.

Our volunteers and interns were reminded of TGED's core values, our non-negotiables, ethics and the thematic areas that guide every program we roll out. Conversations focused on why integrity and accountability are essential to environmental work, and how our brand image is shaped daily through both online presence and physical representation.

Beyond TGED, the lessons were practical and personal. Volunteers and interns were encouraged to carry these principles into their workplaces, and communities. Environmental leadership, after all, does not end with a logo. It lives in everyday choices.



TGED Foundation Refresher Workshop Volunteers & Interns Feedback

This is a standout metric for the program's success. 100% of our volunteers and interns rated the training as "Very relevant" to their roles. This indicates a perfect alignment between the training content and the practical needs of the volunteers and interns at TGED.

How relevant was this training to your role at TGED Foundation?

11 responses



While all sessions were valued, "TGED Purpose, Values & Culture" was voted the most useful by 36.4% of the group. The session on "Programs & How We Work" followed closely at 27.3%, suggesting that participants find the most value in understanding the "why" and "how" behind the foundation's operations.

Which session did you find most useful?

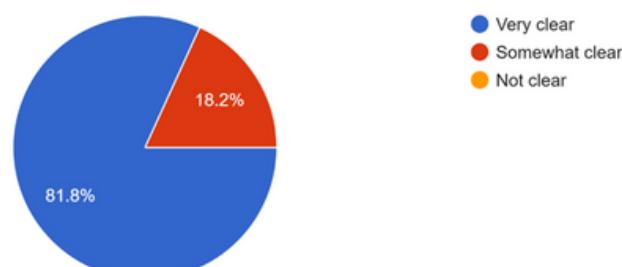
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Following the training, there is a high level of confidence among our volunteers and interns. 81.8% of respondents reported being "Very clear" about their specific roles within TGED programs. The remaining 18.2% feel "Somewhat clear," with no respondents left feeling "Not clear" at all.

After this training, how clear are you about your role in TGED programmes?

11 responses





Greener Minds Club Check-In at Florence Court International School.

On January 30, 2026, the TGED Foundation team paid a visit to the Greener Minds Club at Florence Court International School to spend time with the club executives and coordinators. The visit was part of our ongoing effort to stay connected with the students, understand how the club is faring, learn about challenges they are facing, and jointly reflect on plans for the new academic term.

The discussion was open, honest, and very encouraging. The club coordinators and executives shared their experiences, the progress they have made, and areas where they need more support. One of the most rewarding moments was hearing directly from the club president that the visit had re-motivated and re-energised them to stay active and committed to environmental action within and outside their school community.

We also took time to walk around the school to see some of the environmental awareness posters and creative work produced Greener Minds in the school. In addition, we checked on the 5 tree seedlings donated to the club by TGED Foundation during the 2025 International Forest Day commemoration. We were pleased to see that all five seedlings are thriving.

The club had taken responsibility seriously by assigning the material manager and another member to regularly monitor, water, and care for the trees. Their commitment paid off, as every single seedling survived and continues to grow. This simple but powerful outcome speaks volumes about knowledge retention, responsibility, and ownership among our young Greener Minds.

Overall, the visit reinforced our belief that when young people are trusted, guided, and supported, they rise to the occasion and become active stewards of their environment.



From Greener Minds to School Leadership.

When the Greener Minds Club was established in 2024 at Florence Court International School, the vision went beyond environmental education. The club was intentionally designed to build confident, responsible, and value-driven young leaders alongside environmental awareness.

That vision is now evident in a powerful success story.

Two former members of the Greener Minds Club [**Lily** and **Samuel**] have emerged as the Head Girl and Head Boy of Florence Court International School. The Head Girl [**Lily**] previously served as President of the club, while the Head Boy [**Samuel**] was an active member. Their journeys show how meaningful youth engagement can translate into real leadership outcomes.

Lily and Samuel highlighted their participation in the radio program by Greener Minds sponsored by TGED Foundation to commemorate World Environment Day 2025 as a defining experience. Speaking on radio helped them overcome fear, build confidence, and strengthen their public speaking skills. Today, they are able to address students and audiences like themselves with clarity and confidence.

For Lily, leading the Greener Minds Club played a key role in developing her organization and coordination skills, which now support her responsibilities as Head Girl. Beyond skills, both leaders shared that their time in the club instilled in them a strong sense of responsibility not only towards the environment, but also towards the students they now lead.

Their story reinforces an important truth: Greener Minds Club is more than an environmental club. It is a platform for nurturing leadership, confidence, and accountability in young people.

At TGED Foundation, we remain committed to creating spaces where environmental learning becomes a pathway for building the next generation of leaders.

Because environmental action also begins with curiosity and play.

Unscramble the Green Words

Unscramble the words below:

1. AINATSYLIBUIT:
2. OYLCIP:
3. OMMUNITYC:

Spot the Sustainable Habit

Which of the actions below best reflects environmental responsibility?

- A. Using disposable plastics daily because they are convenient
- B. Switching off unused appliances and reducing energy waste
- C. Ignoring waste segregation because it takes time
- D. Burning waste openly to reduce pile-up

Did You Know?

Environmental integrity is not only about protecting nature. Studies show that community-led environmental programs are more sustainable and successful when trust, accountability, and local ownership are prioritized. This is why TGED emphasizes values-driven action alongside environmental education.

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Introducing Ayomide Hephzibah. TGED Foundation Current Volunteer and an OAP

Behind every TGED project is a volunteer who believes in the cause. Ayomide is one of the people making a difference. In her own words, this is her experience with TGED Foundation.

- **Can you tell us a little about yourself?**

My name is Ayomide Hephzibah Daramola. I'm from Ekiti. I'm a linguist and a broadcaster. My hobbies are ; content creating, meeting people and exploring.

- **What motivated you to volunteer with TGED Foundation?**

My love for nature.

- **Can you share a memorable experience or highlight from your volunteer work?**

Our visit to ifaki Grammar school and the sanitation program with Ekswama.

- **How has volunteering with TGED Foundation impacted you personally and professionally?**

Personally, volunteering with TGED Foundation has impacted me by increasing my knowledge of recycling, cleanliness, and the importance of caring for both my health and the environment. Professionally it helped me boost my confidence and self esteem when it comes to going live virtually and talking free to people as a broadcaster.

- **What skills or knowledge have you gained through your volunteer experience?**

Media skill, recycling skill etc

- **What advice would you give to someone considering volunteering with TGED Foundation and what do you think sets us apart from others?**

I would encourage anyone interested in volunteering not to hesitate, but to come with genuine passion for the work. What sets TGED Foundation apart is how volunteers are treated as full members of the organization, with the same level of respect and responsibility as staff.

- **Is there anything you'd like to see our organization focus on in the future?**

I would like the organization to bring on board people passionate, creative about nature and climate in terms of acting, singing and drawing to limelight.

Choose Your Own Adventure

A magical, mildly dramatic test to reveal your true sustainability powers.

Rate each one from 1 to 5:

- Me? Never heard of it.
- I think I tried... once?
- I do it, but don't quote me.
- I could teach a class on this.
- Mother Nature follows me on Instagram.

Rate Yourself: Your Sustainability Spells:

1. I reuse plastic bottles until they beg for retirement.
2. I know what "climate change" means and it's not just "hotter weather."
3. I don't waste food because leftovers are future miracles.
4. I take shorter showers not to save time, but to save the planet (and water bills)
5. I understand the power of collective action, like volunteering for environmental causes.
6. I say "no" to litter like it's my toxic ex.
7. I help prevent land degradation by reducing deforestation and erosion.
8. I support clean energy even if I still don't fully understand how wind turbines work.
9. I don't just care about the environment — I fight for it like it's a Marvel finale
10. I follow eco pages online because memes + sustainability = growth.
11. I don't leave lights on unless I'm summoning ghosts.
12. I support green spaces, plants, and trees in my community.

Results: What's Your Green Persona?

0 – 20: Eco-Apprentice: You're still learning your spells. Stay curious and keep leveling up!

21 – 40: Eco-Sidekick: You're dependable and cute just a few scrolls away from greatness.

41 – 60: Green Guardian: You breathe purpose and eco-consciousness. Roar responsibly.

61 – 80: Sustainability Sorcerer: You're basically nature's personal assistant.

81 – 100: Planet-Protecting Wizard Overlord: The Earth is lucky to have you. Also, can you run for president?

Catch-Up With Us

Missed any of our recent blog posts? No worries.

Here's another chance to explore insights and stories we've shared. Catch up on conversations around climate action, community engagement, and sustainability.

<https://tgedfoundation.org/blog/climate-education-in-nigeria-why-2026-must-be-the-turning-point/>

<https://tgedfoundation.org/blog/how-green-skills-are-transforming-womens-economic-power-in-africa/>

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Opportunities to Explore.

In the spirit of shared growth, we're highlighting a few opportunities that may be useful to members of our community. Kindly review and take advantage where applicable.

Iso Lomso Fellowship

Website: <https://www.stias.ac.za/fellowships/apply/>

Deadline: 15 February 2026

IAS Residential Fellowships at Loughborough University

Website: <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/research/ias/opportunities/residential-fellowships/>

Elevate Africa Fellowship 2026 (Cohort II) for mid-career professionals.

Eligibility: Minimum 10 years of work experience with measurable impact.

Website: <https://weelevateafrica.org/fellowship.html>

Deadline: February 8, 2026

Ocean Leaders Fellowship

Age: 18 -35

Website: <https://airtable.com/appm3DUXH3G85.../pagm9lgdbrzdhFvmq/form>

Deadline: February 15, 2026

Picture speaks from our 2025 end of the year party



Thank You for Supporting Our Cause.

*Together,
we make a
Difference*

We're glad to have you with us. Your support, whether through participation, advocacy, or staying informed, plays an important role in advancing our work. Every action, no matter how small, contributes to a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future.

Together, we are making steady progress toward healthier communities and a more resilient environment.

As we move forward, we encourage you to continue supporting our work and the initiatives that drive environmental education, community engagement, and climate action. Every contribution, big or small, makes a tangible difference and helps us expand our impact.

Donate and Support our Work by using the link or scan the QR code provided:

<https://tgedfoundation.org/donate-now/>



Support our Greener minds project: <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/build-greener-minds-for-a-sustainable-future/>

Let's continue to turn ideas into action, and action into impact. Join us, and be a part of the change you want to see.

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