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Greening the Future Together. One Community at a Time.

From the Founder's Desk



Dear Friends, Supporters, and Volunteers,

If there is one thing June reaffirmed, it is that young people are not waiting to inherit the future, they are already helping to shape it.

As we commemorated World Environment Day 2026, we witnessed this truth firsthand through Kick for Planet 2026, an initiative that transformed football into a platform for environmental education, leadership, and climate action. What began as an ambitious idea brought together over **246 participants**, including students, teachers, parents, government representatives, partners, and community members, all united by a shared commitment to protecting our environment.

Yet, beyond the numbers, what stood out most was the leadership demonstrated by the students themselves. They spoke confidently about environmental challenges affecting their communities, used drama and creative performances to communicate the importance of responsible waste management, and showed that young people can inspire meaningful conversations when they are given the opportunity to lead. They reminded us that climate action is most powerful when it is understood, owned, and driven by the very people whose future it seeks to protect.

One of the defining moments of the month was the launch of our **250 Tree Planting Initiative through the distribution of 113 tree seedlings to eight schools across Ekiti State**. These seedlings are more than symbolic gifts. They represent a long-term commitment by schools and students to nurture nature, strengthen biodiversity, and create healthier learning environments. Long after the applause has faded and the activities have ended, these trees will continue to stand as living reminders that environmental stewardship begins with small but consistent actions.

June also provided an opportunity to recognise the students who have remained committed to environmental leadership through our Greener Minds Club. Their dedication reminds us that lasting change is built not only through major events, but through the quiet consistency of young people who choose to lead by example every single day.

From the Founder's Desk

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This month reaffirmed an important lesson for us as an organisation: sustainability is not achieved through one-off events but through continuous engagement. Every climate education session delivered, every tree planted, every Greener Minds Club meeting held, every partnership established, and every conversation about responsible environmental practices contributes to building more resilient communities and a more sustainable future. Real impact is created when awareness evolves into action and action becomes a way of life.

At TGED Foundation, we remain committed to advancing community-led solutions for climate and environmental resilience. We are deeply grateful to our donors, partners, volunteers, educators, students, government institutions, supporters, and every member of our growing community whose trust and collaboration continue to make this work possible. Every milestone we celebrate reflects the collective effort of people who believe that lasting environmental change begins within our communities.

As we enter the second half of the year, we do so with renewed purpose. We look forward to expanding environmental education to more schools, strengthening youth leadership through the Greener Minds Club, deepening community engagement, and creating more opportunities for people to become active participants in building a greener, healthier, and more resilient future.

Thank you for believing in our vision and for walking this journey with us. Together, we are not only responding to today's environmental challenges, we are nurturing the leaders, partnerships, and communities that will shape a more sustainable tomorrow.

With gratitude,

Oluwaseyi Ebenezer, Esq.

*Founder/Team Lead,
TGED Foundation*

DID YOU KNOW?

Hidden Universe: A teaspoon of healthy soil contains more living organisms than the 8 billion people on Earth.



The Eternal Drop: The water in your glass may have once been part of a cloud, a river, or even a dinosaur, because of Earth's continuous water cycle.

The Plastic Mountain: The world generates enough plastic waste each year to fill roughly 2,000 garbage trucks every day.



Nature's Superheater: A lightning bolt can heat up the surrounding air to nearly 30,000°C, which is about five times hotter than the Sun's surface.

The Carbon Eater: A mature tree can absorb up to 22 kilograms of carbon dioxide every year, helping to clean the air and combat climate change.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2026 COMMEMORATION



World Environment Day is not meant to be ceremonial. In Ekiti State, it carried a sharper intent: to confront climate realities in a way that people could actually feel and respond to.

On June 5, 2026, stakeholders moved through Ado-Ekiti in an awareness walk that pulled environmental conversations out of conference spaces and into public streets. The message stayed simple, environmental protection is not distant policy; it is daily behavior.

Among those present were the Head of Service of Ekiti State, Dr. Folake Olomajobi; the Commissioner for Environment and Natural Resources, Chief (Mrs.) Tosin Aluko; representatives of the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), Ekiti State; the Chairman, House Committee on Environment, Ekiti State House of Assembly; and the Executive Secretary of the Ekiti State Forestry Commission, alongside development partners and civil society actors.

TGED Foundation's Founder, Oluwaseyi Ebenezer, pushed the conversation toward action rather than sentiment, stressing that climate responsibility starts with small, repeated choices like tree planting and waste discipline. The point was not awareness alone, but consistency.

That framing was reinforced through performances and storytelling in indigenous languages, which grounded environmental messages in everyday realities rather than abstract science. Waste management, sanitation, and tree planting were not presented as campaigns, but as habits.

What remained after the day was not the speeches or gathering itself, but a quieter shift in emphasis: climate action only matters when it leaves the stage and enters routine life.

KICK FOR PLANET: WHEN FOOTBALL BECAME A CLIMATE SOLUTION



When Samuel and Emmanuel (the captains of Florence Court team and Fonop Academy football team) shook hands before kickoff, they represented more than opposing football teams. They represented young people ready to lead by example, showing that climate action can be championed on a football pitch as confidently as it can in a classroom.

On 9 June 2026, over **262** participants gathered at Florence Court International School for a World Environment Day initiative led by the Greener Minds Club from Florence Court and Fonop Academy. TGED Foundation convened representatives from key government institutions, reflecting a shared commitment to environmental sustainability and climate education. Attendees included Mrs. Akinola, State Coordinator of NESREA; Mr. Olorunsola, Director of Afforestation at the Ekiti Forestry Commission; Mrs. Yewande, Project Coordinator of AGILE; and Mr. Akinola, Director of Climate Change at the Ekiti State Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources.

The idea was to use football to create environmental and climate awareness while inspiring youth-led climate action. Through TGED Foundation's facilitation, students participated in tree planting and climate awareness sessions designed to build long-term environmental responsibility.

One of the most direct voices of the day came from Joshua, General Secretary of the Greener Minds Club at Fonop Academy, who highlighted the impact of poor waste management and practical alternatives. ***“Burning waste damages the ozone layer and contributes to changes in weather conditions. Alternatives include composting, recycling, and turning waste into wealth.”***

His message was both a warning and a challenge, reminding everyone that everyday choices have environmental consequences.

Moments later, Favour of the Florence Court International School Greener Minds Club added, ***“We should plant more trees because trees help create a healthier and more conducive environment.”***

TGED Foundation through a partnership with the Ekiti State Forestry Commission and Green to Abundance Development and Empowerment Foundation [GADEF], distributed **113** tree seedlings, including African breadfruit (*Treculia africana*) and mango (*Mangifera indica*), were distributed to eight schools across Ekiti State to support environmental restoration and hands-on sustainability education.

The Founder of TGED Foundation, Ms. Oluwaseyi Ebenezer, emphasized that climate action must move beyond discussion and become part of everyday practice. The event also marked the expansion of the Greener Minds movement to Fonop Academy.

The event also celebrated those already making a difference. Four outstanding Greener Minds Club members received Environmental Stewardship Medals for their commitment to caring for trees planted in their school communities. In response to a need they had identified during an earlier monitoring visit, they were also presented with watering cans and gardening gloves to support their work.

Oreofe, pioneer president of the Florence Court International School Greener Minds Club, and Ms. Omotosho, the club coordinator, were recognized for their leadership and commitment to youth-led environmental action.



IMPACTS AT A GLANCE

- 262 participants engaged
- 8 schools participated
- 113 tree seedlings distributed
- 33 certificates presented to football players and match officials
- 4 outstanding Greener Minds Club members recognized with Environmental Stewardship Awards (comprising 4 medals and 4 certificates)
- 1 watering can and 2 pairs of gardening gloves provided to support student environmental champions
- 8 sustainability agreements signed with beneficiary schools

TREE SEEDLINGS DONATION BENEFICIARIES SCHOOLS

- St. Augustine Comprehensive High School
- Ifaki Grammar School
- CAC Community Grammar School
- Divine Touch International School
- Florence Court International School [Secondary, Ikere Road]
- Florence Court International School [Primary, Ilawe Road]
- Fonop Academy
- Ado Grammar School

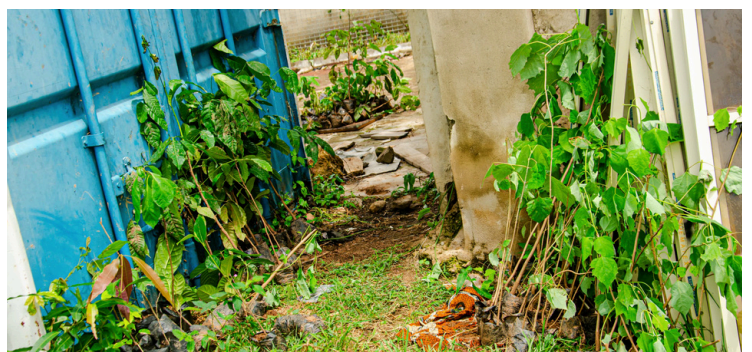
Every beneficiary school signed a sustainability agreement committing to plant, nurture, and monitor the seedlings received during the event. Schools will also submit periodic progress reports to TGED Foundation on tree growth, maintenance activities, and survival rates. This framework helps ensure that the impact of Kick for Planet extends well beyond match day, embedding environmental stewardship within school communities.

As the event came to a close, its greatest achievement was evident in the students who confidently spoke about climate action, the schools that returned home with seedlings to nurture, and the growing number of young people who now understand they can help shape a more sustainable future.

Kick for Planet returns in 2027, ready to inspire even more young people to learn, lead, and take action for the environment.

Read the full story here:

<https://sportingtribune.com/foundation-promotes-climate-action-through-football/>





1. Which of these iconic football items can actually be made from recycled ocean plastics?

Answer: [B] Professional team jerseys.

Many football kits are now being produced using recycled ocean plastics, turning waste into high-performance sportswear worn by professional teams.

2. If you throw away a plastic bottle drink can today, how many years will it take to naturally break down in a landfill?

Answer: [C] 500 years.

A plastic bottle can take hundreds of years to decompose, meaning it may still exist long after the person who used it is gone.

3. True or False: Planting trees in school compounds can actually lower the local temperature of the school by up to 5°C.

Answer: [A] True.

Trees provide shade and release moisture into the air, which can significantly reduce surrounding temperatures, sometimes by as much as 2°C to 5°C in well-vegetated areas.

4. When is the absolute best time of day to plant a young tree seedling so it doesn't get too stressed and die?

Answer: [B] Early in the morning or late in the evening.

These cooler times of day reduce heat stress and water loss, giving the seedling a better chance to establish its roots before facing stronger daytime temperatures.

The "Eco-Riddle"

1. I have no hands, but I help build forests. I have no teeth, but I can digest fallen leaves and food scraps. Give me time, air, and a little warmth, and I'll turn yesterday's waste into tomorrow's rich soil. What am I?
2. I can live for hundreds of years. I own nothing, yet I provide homes, food, shade, and clean air. People celebrate me on special days but remove me when they need more room. What am I?
3. I am the water you never drink, the soil you never walk on, and the greenhouse gases you never see. I am the invisible trail left behind by every single product from the factory floor to your front door. The smaller I am, the lighter the earth breathes. What am I?
4. Every page I lose contains knowledge millions of years old. Yet no one notices until entire chapters are gone. What am I?
5. I have waves but no hair, I am deep but have no thoughts, and I hold the history of the earth in my currents. I produce over half the oxygen you breathe, yet human habits are turning me warmer and more acidic every year. What am I?

Challenge yourself! Take your best guess and look out for next month's newsletter, where we'll reveal the answer.



Volunteer Spotlight

Introducing Blessing George

At TGED Foundation, our impact is powered by volunteers and interns who contribute their skills, passion, and creativity to everything we do. Blessing George is one of such individuals whose dedication and diverse strengths have added meaningful value to our mission. Here's a glimpse into who she is and her experience with TGED Foundation during her volunteering journey.

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

My name is Blessing George, a Chemical Engineering graduate passionate about environmental sustainability and climate action. My journey began in 2009 after learning about acid rain and the impact of human activities on the environment. Since then, I have focused on promoting environmental awareness, encouraging sustainable practices, and inspiring young people to take action while building a career that combines engineering with environmental advocacy.

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

My passion for climate action led me to volunteer with TGED Foundation. I was drawn to its work in climate education, community engagement, and creating practical solutions that empower young people and communities.

TGED doesn't just raise awareness about environmental issues; it drives practical solutions in schools and communities.

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

Being part of Kick for Planet 2026 was a highlight of my volunteering journey with TGED Foundation. Seeing students confidently speak about climate change showed me the power of youth engagement. I was also proud to create educational content on flooding, reminding me that awareness is a key step toward building resilient communities.

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

My time at TGED Foundation has been a valuable learning experience. Through the Communications Unit, I developed skills in content creation, environmental communication, and public engagement while gaining my first hands-on experience in climate action. This opportunity strengthened my confidence and inspired my career journey.



Volunteer Spotlight

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

If you're considering volunteering with TGED Foundation, come ready to learn, contribute, and grow. What stood out to me was the trust given to volunteers and the opportunity to take on real responsibilities. It was more than volunteering; it was a chance to develop new skills and contribute to meaningful climate action.

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

Looking ahead, I would love to see TGED Foundation create more opportunities that help young people turn their passion for sustainability into careers and businesses. Many young people care about environmental issues but need the skills, guidance, and support to transform their ideas into solutions.

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Volunteers are trusted with real responsibilities and given opportunities to grow through hands-on experience.”

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Catch-Up With Us

Missed Our June blog posts? No worries. Click the link to catch up with what you missed.

<https://tgedfoundation.org/blog/why-climate-anxiety-is-rising-among-african-youth-and-what-we-can-do/>

<https://tgedfoundation.org/blog/the-role-of-youth-in-climate-resilience-insight-from-tged-program/>

Also, read our latest Green Brief Newsletter here and subscribe:

<https://www.linkedin.com/build-relation/newsletter-follow-entityUrn=7421668258094665729>



Incase you missed our May 2026 Newsletter

We've got you covered. Click the link below to read the May edition.

<https://tgedfoundation.org/newsletters/may-2026-newsletter/>

Opportunities to Explore

In the spirit of shared growth, we're highlighting a few opportunities that may be useful to members of our community.

1] Apply now: <https://scholar.africa/scholarships/african-climate-research-fellowship-wascal>

📌 Deadline: 31st July, 2026.

2.] Info: <https://greeninstitute.ng/greenleaders2026>

📌 Deadline: 26th August, 2026.

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you**

Because of your support, we are turning ideas into action; in schools, in communities, and in everyday lives.

We are ready to do more. Lets continue this journey together.

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