



BILD Ghana

Beckwith International Leadership Development (BILD) - Building the leadership skills of young people and adults through sport.

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Dancers at the Opening Ceremony of the BILD Ghana Project in August 2010.



Ghana Young Leaders

Vice-Chancellor of University of Ghana Launches BILD Ghana Project

By Dr. Emmanuel Owusu-Ansah

Introduction

The University of Ghana has launched the Beckwith International Leadership Development (*BILD*) programme as part of the efforts towards the development of leaders in the country.

The University of Ghana has been selected as the national headquarters of the *BILD* Ghana programme with three regional centres based at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, University of Cape Coast, (UCC) and the University for Development Studies, (UDS) Tamale. Ghana is the second African country after Tanzania to operate a *BILD* programme.

Support for the Project

Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Ernest Aryeetey, said the programme was in line with the premier University's mission to become a centre of excellence in leadership training and sports development. Prof. Aryeetey said the programme would serve as a platform to produce effective leaders to contribute to the national development in their respective fields.

Debbie Lye, a representative of UK Sport, who spoke on *BILD* Global Vision, said her outfit settled on the University of Ghana as the first centre in the Africa sub-region due to the huge interest at the initial stage of discussions. She urged the University authorities to capitalize on its advantage as the only leadership training centre in the sub-region to organize seminars for youth leaders in neighbouring countries.

Director of Sports of the University, Dr. Emmanuel Owusu-Ansah, who is also the Director of *BILD* Ghana, pledged his outfit's support towards making the project a success and to achieve the targeted goals.

Leadership Training Programme

The launch of the programme climaxed a 10-day leadership training programme which began from August 10-20, 2010 with participants coming from various stakeholder groups.



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Introducing Dr Emmanuel Owusu-Ansah Director of *BILD* Ghana



Dr Emmanuel Owusu—Ansah,
Director of *BILD* Ghana.

Dr. Emmanuel Owusu-Ansah was the former Chief Executive of the Ghana National Sports Council, Director of Sports at the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and now the Director of Sports and Head of the Sports Directorate of the University of Ghana.

He was a member of the UN Sport for Development and Peace, International Working Group and a serving member of the Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sports.

Dr. Owusu-Ansah holds a Doctorate and Masters Degrees in Sports Science (Poland) and an Executive Masters in Sports Management (Lyon).

He got involved in the *BILD* project because all life and leadership skills could be acquired through sports. He wishes to use sports to train leaders who will impart leadership skills to community leaders, student leaders, and managers of NGOs.

Dr Emmanuel is married with three children.

Brief Report on the 1ST *BILD* Training Programme in Ghana

Introduction

The First Beckwith International Leadership Development (*BILD*) Training started on Tuesday August 10, 2010 to Friday August 20, 2010 at the University of Ghana, Legon.

Aims of *BILD*

BILD aims to develop the leadership skills and qualities of the youth across the nation through sports. This informs its decisions to have the University of Ghana as the headquarters and three other regional centres (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi; University of Cape Coast and The University for Development Studies, Tamale).

Institutions Involved

Twelve people were invited for the *BILD* Local Tutor Training and 48 people for the Young Leaders Training. These people were all from the *BILD* Ghana partner institutions including:

University of Ghana
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
University of Cape Coast
University for Development Studies
Ghana Education Service
National Sports Council
Right To Play
UNICEF
British Council

Unfortunately, representatives from Ghana Education Service, Right to Play, and UNICEF were unable to attend.

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1ST BILD Training Programme Continued....

Local Tutor and Young Leaders Training

Eight Local Tutors were trained on the day and received certification. In addition, 54 Young Leaders underwent successful training led by the newly qualified Local Tutors.

Festival

The Young Leaders completed their training by organising a festival involving almost 200 children at the Athletics Oval, University of Ghana, on Friday August 20, 2010. The Children were selected from schools, orphanages and community churches in Accra. These children were taught six different games including:

- Rabbit
- Three legged race
- Filling bottles
- Target throw
- Lime and spoon
- Antoakyire (traditional game)

Launch

The launch followed shortly after the festival at the African Wetlands Auditorium, University of Ghana. The launch was graced with the presence of the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana, the Acting Director of the Ghana Education Service, UK Sport International Director, Debbie Lye, members of the Sports Advisory Board and Senior Members of the University. The Vice-Chancellor pledged his support for BILD Ghana project. A traditional dance was performed by Maa Afia Group of the University of Ghana.

General Comments and Conclusion

The 1st BILD Training Programme and Launching Ceremony in Ghana was a huge success. The course participants were excited and always ready to learn new methodologies. The stage is now set for a more elaborate and extensive national BILD Leadership Training project.



Local Tutor Training Event

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Participants at the Sports Festival.



Young Leaders Training Event

Photo Gallery - *BILD* Ghana Launch



Dancers at the opening ceremony.



Young Leaders Training Event—
group bonding.



Young Leaders Training Event—
classroom training.



Local Tutor Training Event—
team work activity.



Children participating at the festival.



Children participating at the festival
with Sarah Thorp (UK Trainer).