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**Tagline**: “Raising Leaders, Transforming Nations.”

**About Young Leaders Network:** Young Leaders Network (registered with CAC as Initiative for Leadership Development and Youth Empowerment), is a youth-led, youth-focused nonprofit organization established in 2018. We believe youth are the cornerstone of meaningful and sustainable development in society and plays a vital role in spreading development, fostering and transferring knowledge across generations.

**Impact Numbers:**

* Youths reached = 200,000
* Communities reached = 200
* Teachers Trained = 90
* Schools Engaged= 20
* Out of School Children = 3,500

**Our Initiatives: (All Initiatives will be linked to the full stories under “What we do”)**

1. **ILEAD School of Leadership and Civic Engagement:** Empowering Young Leaders, Transforming Communities.
2. **Young Leaders Development Program:** Empowering Future Leaders for Leadership and Impact.
3. **Ignite Talk:** Fueling Ideas, Driving Change
4. **Ignite Sports:** Energizing Youths through Physical and Mental Fitness.
5. **Citizens Accountability Training**: Empowering Youths, Strengthening Democracy.
6. **Citizens – Legislators Forum**: Strengthening Dialogue through Inclusive Legislation
7. **Inter-Party Youth, Women and Civil Society Forums**: Bridging Divides, Strengthening Participation.
8. **Story-Telling Clubs:** Empowering Girls through Inspiring Stories.

**Footer:**

**Our Partners:** USAID, NED, Malala Fund, DEC, Search for Common Ground, LEAP Africa, Plan International, Jobberman, WANEP

**Who We Are**

1. **About Us**

**Our mission:** Inspire and empower young people to drive social inclusion, policy change, and community development.

**Our vision:** A thriving and inclusive Africa where every young person is educated, empowered and actively engaged in driving sustainable development.

**Our Story:** At Young Leaders Network (YLN), we believe in the power of young people to drive meaningful change. Founded on the vision of empowering youth and communities, YLN has been at the forefront of leadership development, education advocacy, and social impact initiatives across Nigeria.

Our journey began with a simple yet powerful idea: to equip young leaders with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities needed to create sustainable change in their communities. Over the years, we have translated this vision into action—mentoring young changemakers, strengthening education systems, and fostering civic engagement.

At YLN, we are more than an organization; we are a movement—a collective of passionate individuals committed to building a better future, one empowered leader at a time.

## **Core Values**

1. **Inclusion:** We ensure that every individual, regardless of background or status, has an equal opportunity to contribute and participate.
2. **Excellence:** We reject mediocrity and consistently push for quality, innovation, and impactful results.
3. **Synergy:** We believe in the power of teamwork, where our combined strengths create greater impact than the sum of our individual efforts.
4. **Innovation:** We embrace creativity, encourage bold ideas, and remain adaptable in our approach.
5. **Integrity:** We are committed to transparency, honesty, and accountability in all our endeavors.
6. **Empathy:** We approach our work with compassion and a deep sense of connection to the needs and experiences of our communities.

**b) Board Members:** Add pictures of board members with names and bio

**c) Our Team:** Add pictures of team members with names and positions

**What We Do**

1. **Active Citizenship and Governance**: Young Leaders Network’s interventions ensure that youth actively participate in governance and policy-making processes. By engaging youth in advocacy and providing them with tools to hold governments accountable, YLN works to encourage transparency and enhance democratic processes.
   * 1. **Citizens Accountability Training**: The Citizens Accountability Program is an initiative of YLN that empowers young men and women through a transformational training curriculum designed to build their capacity to champion governance accountability and actively engage in Nigeria’s political processes. This initiative aims to empower champions with the skills and tools needed to drive inclusive governance, strengthen accountability, and advance democratic participation. By equipping participants with technical expertise in governance audits and practical political knowledge, the initiative fosters a new generation of active citizens who can influence governance at the local level, advocate for reforms, and mobilize communities for collective action. Through this initiative, YLN has equipped over 300 youths on governance participation skills, advocacy, accountability tools, project/budget tracking tools to hold elected government accountable.
     2. **Citizens – Legislators Forum**: YLN provides a platform for interaction between the Legislators and the Communities through the Citizens-Legislators Forum. The forum serves as a meeting point for the elected and the electorate and seeks to advance gender inclusive legislation and captures community interests and priorities through developing community charter of demands for the communities and the full implementation of the signed local government autonomy.
     3. **Inter-Party Youth, Women and Civil Society Forums**: The Inter-Party Youth, Women, and Civil Society Forum continues to serve as a vital platform for fostering inclusive political participation, coalition-building, and cross-party collaboration for sustainable development.

Since its establishment in 2017, YLN has remained committed to deepening youth political participation in Nigeria. With a presence in over 13 local government areas (LGAs), the Forum has been instrumental in promoting peaceful elections, facilitating mediation efforts, and encouraging inter-party cooperation among young leaders—especially during the 2019 and 2023 elections.

The Forum has reached over 2000 participants from 10 LGAs to tackle the persistent underrepresentation of youth, women, and persons with disabilities (PWDs) in governance. Discussions focus on the need for gender-inclusive legislation that ensures equitable political representation for women, as well as youth-centered advocacy to strengthen young voices in governance and drive policy reforms. The Forum also emphasized the importance of cross-party collaboration in advancing social justice and creating a more inclusive political landscape.

* + 1. **Digital Peace Building**: Youths play a huge role in promoting peace. YLN is empowering and promoting collaboration among youths to advance inter-religious tolerance and promote freedom of religion and belief. This initiative has championed online initiatives that promote inter-faith collaborations. These online campaigns implemented by trained social media micro-influencers and online stewards has produced diverse contents that advocate against hate speech, cancel culture, cyberbully etc. YLN has been able to promote interfaith collaborations through this initiative.

1. **Quality and Inclusive Education**: To address the disparities in educational access, particularly on marginalized groups such as girls and youth in rural areas. YLN works to increase educational access through policy advocacies, vocational training, and digital education.
   * 1. **Story-Telling Clubs:** Through the Story-telling Clubs, YLN is working in grassroots communities to change the narrative of education especially for girls through story-telling. The clubs provide a forum for out of school girls to meet and listen to inspiring stories that increase their appetites for formal education. Through this club, girls were also inspired to dream beyond early marriage and maximize their potentials.
     2. **Adolescent Girls Mentorship Clubs:** Through our Adolescent Girls’ Mentorship Club, over 180 girls have been trained on leadership, reproductive health and community engagement. Through the project, YLN has trained the club girls with skills on the production of re-usable sanitary pad, baking and liquid soap production.
     3. **Pad Banks: YLN believes that the reproductive health of girls is critical to helping girls stay in schools and achieve their full potentials. Seeing that period poverty is a leading factor affecting girls’ school attendance rates, YLN established sanitary pad banks in 6 schools across Bauchi metropolis. The pad bank increases access to menstrual hygiene products to girls in school, ensuring that no girl stays out of school on account of her monthly cycle.**
     4. **Teachers Training: The provision of a safe and inclusive learning environment is pivotal to increasing enrollment, retention and completion rates of children, especially girls. YLN works to provides safe and inclusive education through capacity building trainings on Gender-Responsive teaching techniques for teachers. Through this initiative, YLN has trained 90 teachers across 20 schools in Bauchi state.**
2. **Youth Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Empowerment Program (Youth LEEP)**: Young Leaders Network is equipping youth with essential skills in leadership and entrepreneurship. Through training and resources, YLN is raising a new generation of youth who can drive economic growth, particularly in underserved areas.
   * 1. **Softskills training:** YLN strongly believes that young people are Nigeria’s greatest assets. Through strategic partnership with Jobberman Nigeria, YLN is mobilizing and facilitating the training of young people aged 18 to 35 years on soft and employability skills. This initiative is equipping young people with the requisite skillset to secure dignified jobs and drive in the workplace.
     2. **ILEAD School of Leadership and Civic Engagement:** YLN strongly believes in the potentials of young people. Through the ILEAD School of Leadership and Civic Engagement,YLN equips young graduates with leadership, civic engagement, work readiness and community development skills to drive community impact.YLN engages young graduates who are commitment to personal development and social impact with proven commitment to leading or supporting social change interventions in their communities.
     3. **Young Leaders Development Program:** Through the YLDP, Young Leaders Network is equipping students with requisite skills to advocate for themselves and their communities. The program is a participatory and transformational series that inspires young people to value-based and excellent leadership for themselves and their communities. The program equips students with leadership and life skills and entrepreneurial skills for personal and community development.
     4. **Ignite Talk:** YLN’s Ignite Talk provides a platform that encourages active participation and learning amongst young people. This monthly discuss creates a forum for intellectual conversations and has built mentorship relations for personal and professional development while promoting active learning, networking, growth and resilience lifestyle amongst young people.
     5. **Ignite Sports:** Through the Ignite Sports, YLN provides a platform for mental and physical fitness amongst young people. By organizing regular sporting events, fitness challenges, and wellness workshops, Ignite Sports fosters a culture of health, teamwork, and resilience. Since inception, YLN has reached over 400 people who are now strongly motivated to live a healthy life and make positive changes in the world around them.
3. **Climate Impact and Resilience Program**: We engage young in sustainable environmental practices and ensure they are active participants in tackling climate challenges. By promoting eco-friendly business ventures, training in sustainable agriculture, and encouraging climate activism, YLN empowers youth to contribute to global environmental goals.

**Our Stories**

This tab will contain blog posts, monthly newsletters and social media contents

**Our Resources**

This section will contain tabs for Annual Reports, Policy Briefs, Strategic Plan and other publications.

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**Join Us**

1. **Volunteer:** Create a Form for Volunteer Application
2. **Partner with Us:** Create a form for Organizations to apply for partnership with us
3. **Donate:** Provide an option for financial support to the following causes:
4. Support a Child’s Education (5,000 naira per child)
5. Pad a Girl (1000 naira per Girl)
6. Plant a tree (2,000 naira per tree)

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| 5. | Haj. Hadiza Sagir | Member |
| 6. | Mrs. Jamila Daniel Rabo | Member |
| 7. | Mr. Sadiq Abubakar | Member |
| 8. | Mr. Jeremiah Panshak Kassem | Member |

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| **1.** | Seun Justin Onarinde | Executive Director |
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| **5.** | Folashade Ipinlaye | Head of Admin and Finance |
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