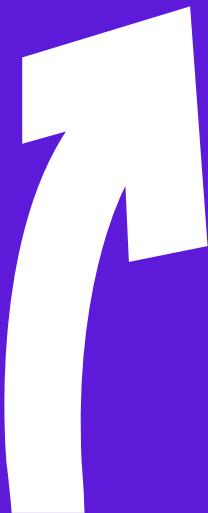




# 2025 Impact Report



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## From Our Co-ordinator

***To everyone who has chosen to come on this journey with us, our Board of Trustees, Executive Team, volunteers, and the amazing Ignite Pro Community, I sincerely thank you.***

As we reflect on the year 2025, we celebrate not only the completion of three major projects, but also the ripple effects they have created. Despite the constraints and tough times, we grew as a community and achieved our goals and objectives for the year. We are deeply grateful to you our friends, supporters and partners for being a part of this growing community and contributing to the success of our activities this year

In this Impact Report, we highlight stories of transformation we created together, valuable lessons we learnt and how we intend to continue our growth in the future.

When we began, our hope was simple: to inspire minds. What we didn't expect was the rapid transformation that would happen within us and around us in the process.

We kicked off the year with the Vision Board Breakfast Mentorship Session that gave over 50 participants clarity for their personal and professional goals.

If Ignite Pro had made its own vision board, we would be staring at it now in awe because every single initiative we dreamed of has taken bold steps forward.

The Accelerate Conference was a landmark moment. We welcomed over 300 attendees, featured 12+ industry leaders, and launched our first-ever Pitch Tank competition which spotlighted 4 innovative startups from across Nigeria. The feedback was overwhelming, attendees spoke about renewed clarity, boldness, and practical tools for turning their visions into reality. For us as a team, the true impact was seeing that, even while organizing and serving, we too were transformed by the process.

In 2025, Ignite Pro Community successfully held its first ever Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, the "Back to School Project" at Elekahia Government Secondary School, Port Harcourt, Rivers State reaching 244 students in JSS3.

The project was designed to give back to society, promote academic excellence, and inspire joy among students as they began a new academic session.

As part of the initiative, we presented the students with school bags, exercise books, and mathematical sets to support their learning experience. The joy and gratitude expressed by the students were truly heartwarming, making it a deeply fulfilling experience for the entire team.

This initiative reflects Ignite Pro Community's ongoing commitment to empowering young minds and driving community development. We look forward to sustaining this impact through more meaningful CSR projects in the future.

We also commenced preparations to launch the Ignite Pro Podcast, the story of impact continues. Each project has demanded extra hours, more meetings, and sacrifices, but we have received tremendous support from our community. For that, we are deeply grateful.

The Ignite Pro Community is growing. Our speakers have pledged continued support, our attendees are becoming ambassadors of transformation in their own spaces, and our vision is expanding.

Together, we are building a movement that is reimagining what it means to be a young professional in Port Harcourt and beyond.

It is a joy to see the fruit of everyone's labor being celebrated and multiplied.

Once again, thank you for choosing to be part of this vision. The road ahead is long and full of promise, and I am confident that we will continue to ignite passions and accelerate growth, one project, one person, and one community at a time.



**Oloruntoba Isehunwa**  
*Co-ordinator*

# OUR 2025 at a Glance



**350**

attended mentorship  
and bootcamp events



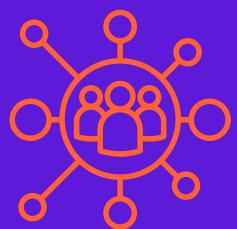
**20+**

industry leaders and  
speakers



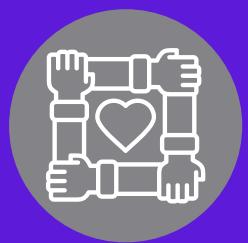
**244**

JSS3 students received  
back to school support  
items



**248**

community members; 60%  
growth in community



**40+**

active volunteers  
signifying 400% growth



**3**

Innovative startups  
received funding support at  
Pitch Tank Competition



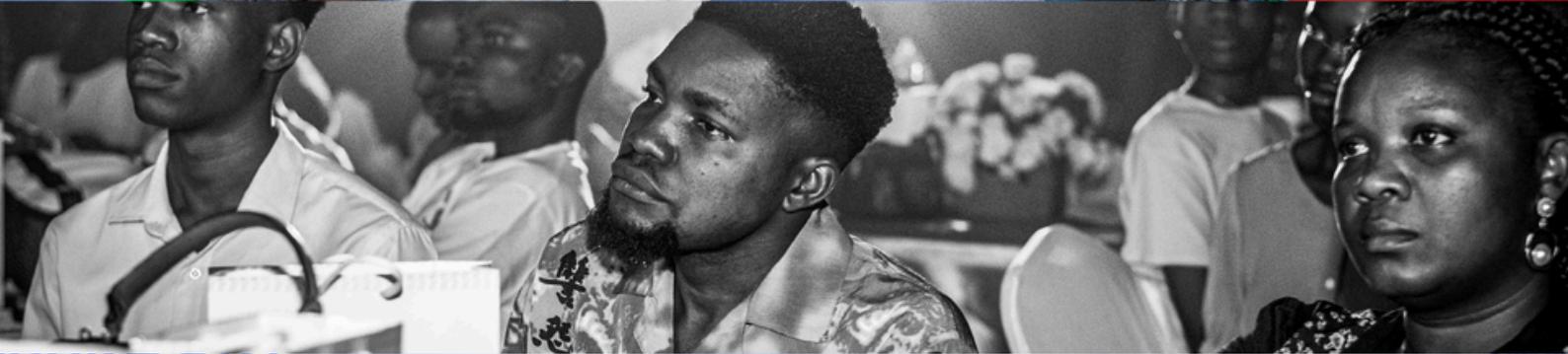
**10**

million naira support provided  
to innovative startups making  
tangible impact

**3**

key events executed driving  
personal and leadership  
growth for participants

# ignite PRO Community



# Mentoring for a Bright Future

## Unwind: Revisiting The Vision Board

### Executive Summary

On Saturday, January 26, 2025, Ignite Pro Community successfully held the 1st edition of Breakfast Mentorship Program, themed “Unwind: Revisiting the Vision Board”, at the LA Kings Event Center, Port Harcourt. The event brought together 40 young professionals, entrepreneurs, and graduates for a roundtable mentorship session with 8 notable industry leaders.

The goal was to guide the participants in planning their year and future in the right direction. The session featured an engaging Vision Board activity and robust interactive discussion and knowledge sharing moments with the mentors. The feedback was great with participants looking forward to the next edition.

### Program Highlights

- Engaging vision board setting activity
- 7 Industry recognized Speakers/ Mentors
- 40 selected participants
- Roundtable mentoring sessions

### Vision Board Setting & Breakfast Mentorship

for graduates and young professionals

#### ► SPEAKERS



Erasmus Nnanna  
Senior Engineer and subsurface Leader, Shell Petroleum Development Company



Chinenye Edward  
CEO Gracedge Limited (HR Mgt & Consulting)



Emeka Ezekwe  
Group Managing Director & CEO, Arrowcom Group



Julia Oku Jacks  
Founder and Lead Consultant, Julia Jacks Consulting



Henry Mogboli PhD  
Associate Vice President Supply Chain Management, Heirs Energy Ltd



Chioma Okpoechi  
Senior Procurement Manager, Shell Nigeria



Obiag David Kenneth  
(MBA)  
Head Well Engineering Capability, Shell Nigeria and Author



Sunday Awe  
Head of Operations, HPHT Projects



Through Unwind, participants will enjoy:

Exclusive breakfast and Mentorship Sessions with industry leaders, gaining valuable insights and career guidance.

Expert Vision Board Workshop to help craft a clear roadmap for a more fulfilling and productive year.

Networking Opportunities to build meaningful connections and expand professional circles.

Early Birds

# Resource Persons



**Erasmus Nnanna**

Senior Petroleum Engineer,  
Shell Petroleum Development  
Company



**Chinenye Edward**

CEO of Gracedge Limited and  
Seasoned HR Expert



**David Obiga**

Head Well Engineering Capability,  
Shell Petroleum Development  
Company



**Julia Oku Jacks**

Founder Julia Jacks Consulting

# Resource Persons



**Chief Emeka Ezekwe**

Head Well Engineering Capability,  
Shell Petroleum Development  
Company



**Chioma Okpoechi**

Senior Procurement Manager,  
Shell Petroleum Development  
Company



**Dr. Henry Mogboli**

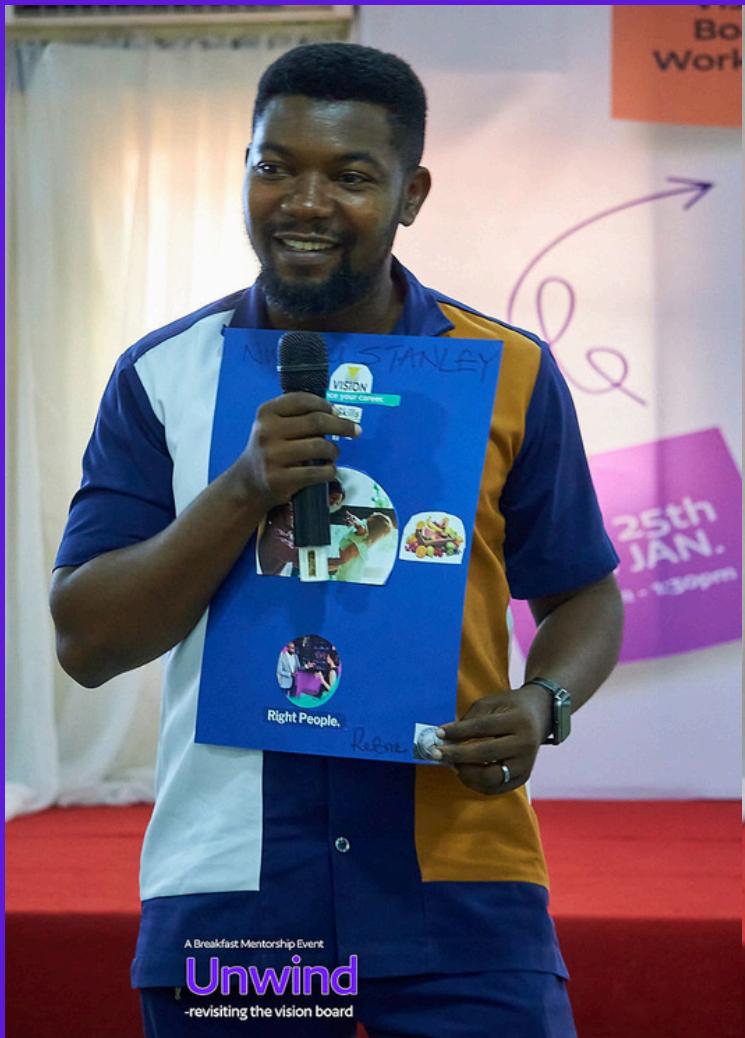
Associate Vice President,  
Heirs Energy



**Sunday Awe**

Head of Operations HPHT,  
Shell Petroleum Development  
Company





## Revisiting the Vision Board

# Accelerate 2.0 Bootcamp

## Transforming Visions into Reality

### Executive Summary

On **Saturday, July 26, 2025**, Ignite Pro Community successfully held **Accelerate 2.0**, themed “Future Forward: Transforming Vision into Reality”, at the Celebr8 Center, Port Harcourt. The event brought together over **300** young professionals, entrepreneurs, students, and innovators, featuring both in-person and virtual engagements. This report captures key metrics, feedback, and impact narratives, including those from Pitch Tank winners, as well as updated information about our notable partners.

### Program Highlights

- 3 Keynote Speeches from Industry Leaders
- 1 Fireside Chat with a renowned Innovation Expert
- 1 panel session with reputable Founders of thriving businesses
- 3 Mind Spark Talks with seasoned experts
- 10 million naira Pitch Tank Competition for Innovative Startups
- Networking Sessions

### Speakers & Resource Persons:

- o **Tonye Cole** – Co-founder, Sahara Group (Keynote)
- o **Dr. Okey Nwuke** – Non-Executive Director, Access Bank (Keynote)
- o **Iyinoluwa Aboyeji** – Co-founder, Andela & Flutterwave (Fireside Chat)
- o **David Adepoju** – Director of Growth, CcHub (MindSpark Talk)
- o **Obinna Okerekeocha** – Director of Content, Moniepoint & Founder, Naija AI Film Festival (MindSpark Talk)
- o **Farmer Samson Ogbole** – Lead Trainer, Soilless Farm Lab (Panelist)
- o **Babatunde Akin-Moses** – CEO, Sycamore (Panelist)
- o **Albright Enyioha** – Technology Innovation Engr., World Bank Tech. Innovation Office
- o **Uche Aniche** – Founder, StartUpSouth (Panelist & Judge, Pitch Tank)
- o **Ada Umeh & Awongo Davies** – Judges, Pitch Tank
- o **Olamide Kuteyi & Chris** – Event Moderators



## Tonye Cole

Co-founder, Sahara Group  
(Keynote Speaker)





Iyinoluwa “E” Aboyeji  
Co-founder, Andela & Flutterwave  
(Fireside Chat)

accelerate 2.0



# Dr. Okey Nwuke

Non-Executive Director, Access Bank  
(Keynote Speaker)



# **David Adepoju**

Director of Growth, CcHub  
(Mind Spark Talk)





## Obinna Okerekeocha

Director of Content, Moniepoint &  
Founder, Naija AI Film Festival  
(MindSpark Talk)



### Why This Matters?

We are living in the most visually and sonically saturated era in human history. - Film, music, and digital content now influence identity, language, politics, and belief systems. This presentation explores how sound, screen, and soul combine to shift cultural consciousness.



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**Babatunde Akin-Moses**  
CEO, Sycamore  
(Panelist)

REALITY

## Farmer Samson Ogbole

Lead Trainer, Soilless Farm Lab  
(Panelist)



**Albright Enyioha**

Technology InnovationEngr.,  
World Bank Tech. Innovation  
Office

Ignite Pro  
Community

**accelerate** 2.0

FUTURE FORWARD :  
TRANSFORMING VISIONS REALITY





## **Uche Aniche**

Founder, StartUpSouth

(Panelist & Judge, Pitch Tank)

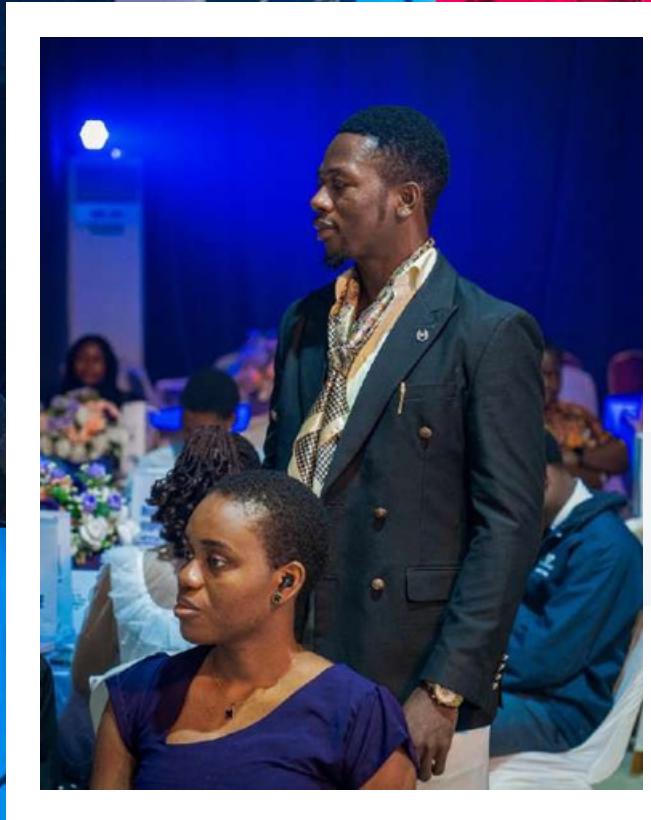
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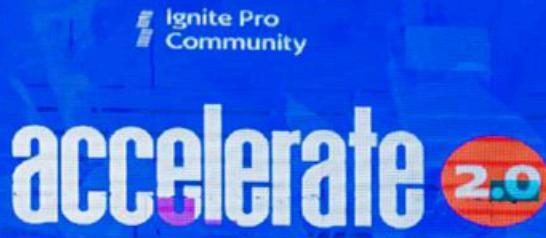
**Ada Umeh & Awongo Davies**  
Judges, Pitch Tank





## Olamide Kuteyi & Chris

Event Moderators





pitch tank competition  
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1st Runner Up  
NAME: straqe  
DATE: 26th July, 2016

1st Winner  
NAME: Pitch  
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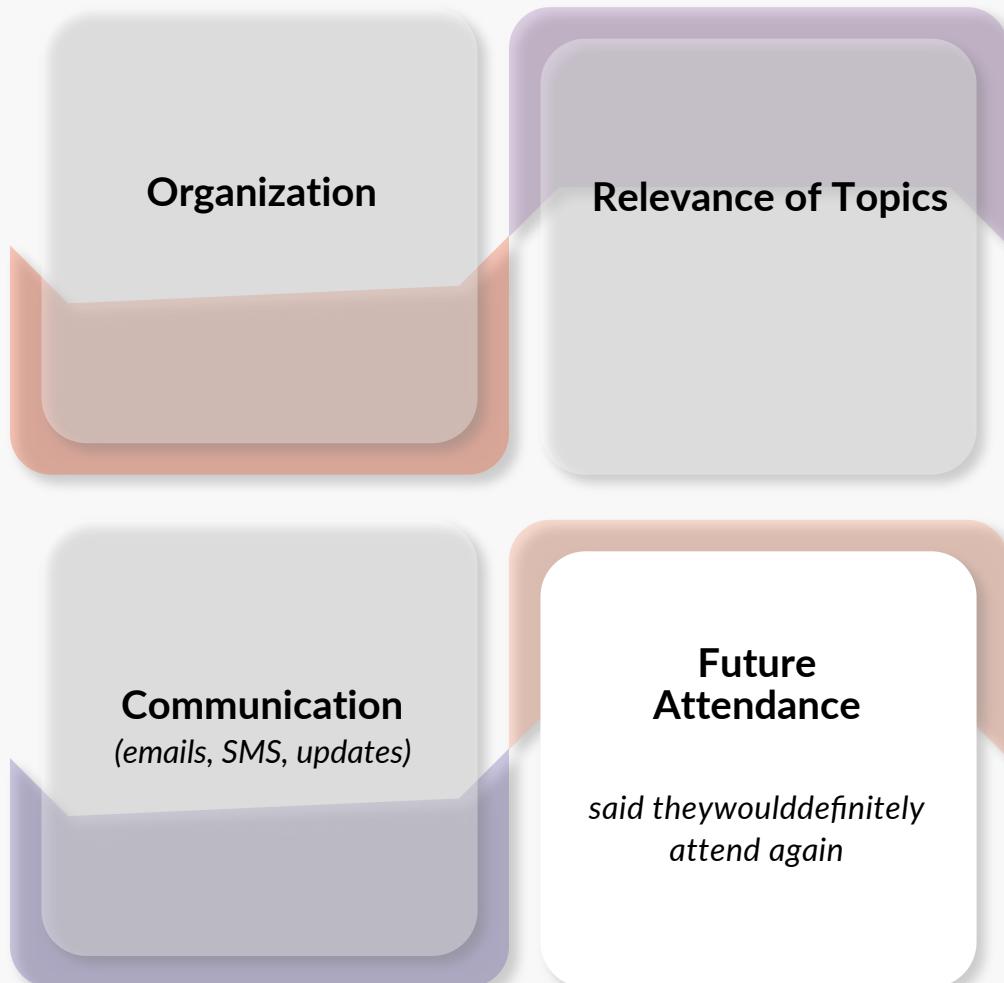
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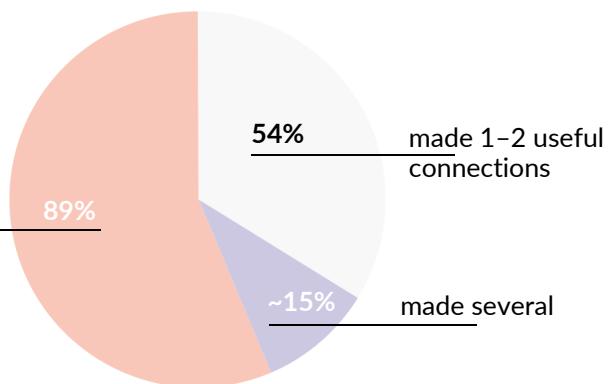
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## Attendee Feedback Summary



## Networking & Resource Person Impact

reported that the speakers and resource persons were "very inspiring and knowledgeable."



\* some attempted but didn't connect.

## Top Areas for Improvement & Requests

Stronger and more structured networking opportunities

Improved pre-event communication and clarity (e.g. logistics, schedule)

Streamlined registration & venue logistics

Interest in:

- o One-on-one mentorship programs
- o Skill-building workshops
- o More industry-focused sessions
- o Social mixers or informal connection spaces





## Conclusion & Next Steps

Accelerate 2.0 delivered strong content, high satisfaction, and tangible impact primarily through the Pitch Tank program. The feedback demonstrates evident appreciation for the speakers, the relevance of the sessions, and an eagerness for future participation.

### Next Steps:

1. Design more structured networking formats for Accelerate 3.0 (e.g., speed-networking, breakout mentor sessions).
2. Improve pre-event communication (logistics, schedules, expectations).
3. Deepen mentorship offerings and skill workshops.
4. Leverage winner stories (like Green Paragon) to inspire new participants and sponsors.

# Pitch Tank Competition

## Enabling Startups

The Pitch Tank Competition was a central focus of the Accelerate 2.0 Bootcamp event. The aim was to identify and support innovative, purpose-driven startups that have developed Minimum Viable Product with sustainable traction.

Interested startups were required to submit a Pitch Deck and a Pitch Video describing the solution offered, traction achieved and other requirements based on the judging criteria. The Judging criteria covered areas such as the quality of the pitch deck, market & problem, solution, traction and team capability.

The competition offered a ₦10 million grant pool supporting early-stage ventures. as well as connects and networking opportunities to resource persons.

A total of 56 submissions were received and 10 startups selected using the screening criteria.

A panel of 3 reputable Judges subsequently reviewed the selected entries and chose 5 submissions for final presentation on the bootcamp event day.

The Boot camp event day saw 4 startups presenting to a panel of judges and 3 winners were then picked

- Uri Creatives- Winner, 5 million naira grant
- Straqa - First Runner Up, 3 million naira grant
- Green Paragon Ltd- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up, 2 million naira grant



## Winner

For Uri, winning the Ignite Pro Competition has helped us strengthen product, onboard new clients, accelerate growth and opened doors to valuable introductions

... grateful for the belief in our vision."

— URI

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## First Runner-up

*"The Ignite Pro grant has really helped us at Straqa. We're passionate about building tools that support SMEs and this support gave us the push we needed to move faster and reach more people."*

*— Straqa*



## Second Runner-up

Ignite Pro is doing a great job and Accelerate 2.0 was exciting. The financial support from the pitching event enabled us to push product development to another level.

I recommend Ignite Pro for aspiring entrepreneurs and leaders."

— Green Paragon Limited.



# Back to School Support

*Putting a smile on the faces of students.....*

Ignite Pro Community successfully held its first-ever Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, The Back to School Project, at Government Secondary School, Elekahia, on 23rd October 2025. The initiative reached **244 students (JSS 3)**, marking a meaningful step in our mission to empower young minds through education and community impact.

This project was designed to give back to society, promote academic excellence, and inspire joy among students as they resumed a new academic session. It also served as an opportunity to reinforce the community's commitment to youth empowerment beyond professional development and entrepreneurship.

## Program Highlights

### Items Distributed

- School Bags – for the top five best-performing students.
- Mathematical Sets – distributed to all participating students.
- Exercise Books – provided to all participating students.

### Total Number of Items Delivered

- 5 School Bags
- 749 Exercise Books
- 247 Mathematical Sets





**Ignite Pro Community**

**Back to School Support:**  
Equipping Young Minds for Success

**Thank you**  
for contributing to the success of our project

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# Looking Ahead: What's Next

## 2026 at IgnitePro Community

The second half of the year is always the most impactful time of the year for us, from our school enrolment and back-to-school drive to the activities of our Kids Innovation Africa initiative to growing our ongoing edtech projects. We share the highlight of project activities and invite you to make a difference with us; building our future together.

- 01 Launch the Ignite Room Podcast
- 02 Breakfast Mentorship Session
- 03 Innovation Hackathon for Undergraduate Students
- 04 Accelerate 3.0 Bootcamp Event
- 05 School leadership & Career Summit; Back to School Project

**Partnerships to deliver trainings for Young professionals and graduates in Portharcourt**

# How you can support



➢ Financial partners to sustain and grow our work

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➢ Corporate sponsors for bootcamp events and CSR projects

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➢ Partners to help us execute our training and upskilling programs

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➢ Volunteers with enthusiasm and skills



## And We Made Some Beautiful memories





ignite Pro community





# Thank You, our Community!

A heartfelt appreciation to our Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Volunteers and Partners for the incredible community support

Your dedication and commitment made this year's successes possible

