

STRONGER TOGETHER: EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH HEALTH PROMOTION

17 September 2026

10.30 - 12.00 WAT

An interactive webinar on health promotion, health education and community action in Nigeria.

Featuring the launch of the UNESCO Chair on Global Health & Education in Nigeria.

SPEAKERS:



Didier Jourdan & Nicola Gray
Co-Chairholders
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Manager
UNESCO Chair GHE



Yetunde John-Akinola
National Representative
UNESCO Chair GHE
for Nigeria



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**Nigerian launch event
UNESCO Chair on Global Health & Education**

Agenda



- Welcome and opening prayer
- Welcome on behalf of the UNESCO Chair on Global Health & Education
- Introduction of the UNESCO Chair on Global Health & Education
- Introduction of the UNESCO Chair on Global Health & Education in Nigeria
- Introduction of the Youth Panel of the UNESCO Chair on Global Health & Education
- Launch
- Closure

Welcome and opening prayer



(3rd Stanza, Nigeria National Anthem)

O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.

Dr Yetunde John-Akinola

National representative of the
UNESCO Chair on Global Health &
Education for Nigeria

Welcome



Goof Buijs

- Manager of the UNESCO Chair on Global Health & Education.
- Expert in school health promotion and bringing health and education sectors together.
- An experienced networker, expert in co-creation, training, and organizer of local and global events.
- A registered IUHPE Health Promotion Practitioner.



Ask your questions using the Q&A
at the bottom of your screen



Welcome on behalf of the UNESCO Chair GHE



Prof. Didier Jourdan

- Co-Chair holder UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education and Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Global Health & Education.
- Professor of Education Sciences, former Director of the ESPE and Vice-President of Clermont Auvergne University (France).
- Vice-President of the IUHPE (International Union for Health Promotion and Education) and a member of the Governing Board of the IITE (UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education).

Welcome on behalf of the UNESCO Chair GHE



Dr. Nicola Gray

- Co-chair holder of the UNESCO Chair on Global Health & Education.
- Reader in Medicines and Health at the University of Huddersfield, UK.
- Registered as a pharmacist in 1991, and has worked in hospital, community and academic practice.
- A Trustee of the UK Association for Young People's Health and former Vice-President for Europe of the International Association for Adolescent Health.



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Nicola Gray & Didier Jourdan – Co-Chairs

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We bring people and nations together through education, culture and science.

In brief

Fields of expertise

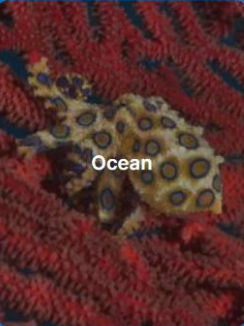
Education

Natural Sciences

Social and Human Sciences

Culture

Communication & Information

Ocean

Priority Africa

Priority Gender Equality

The field of health promotion - health education - prevention



THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



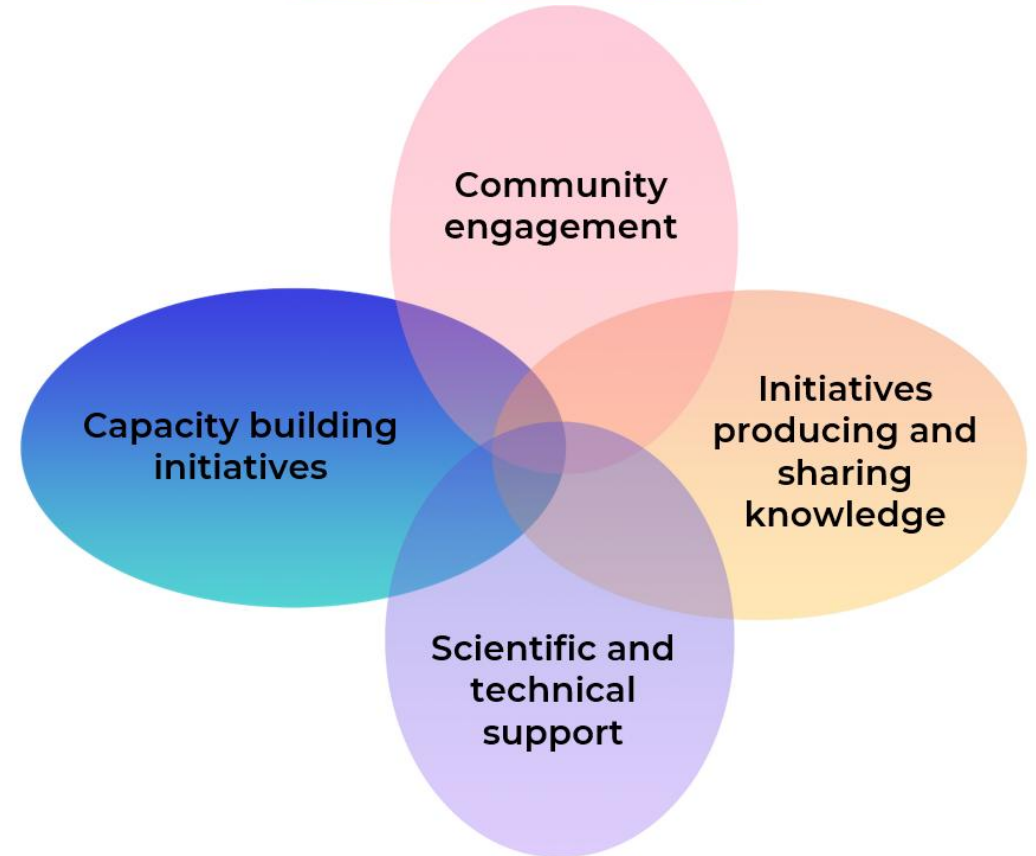
Guiding Principles

Our vision

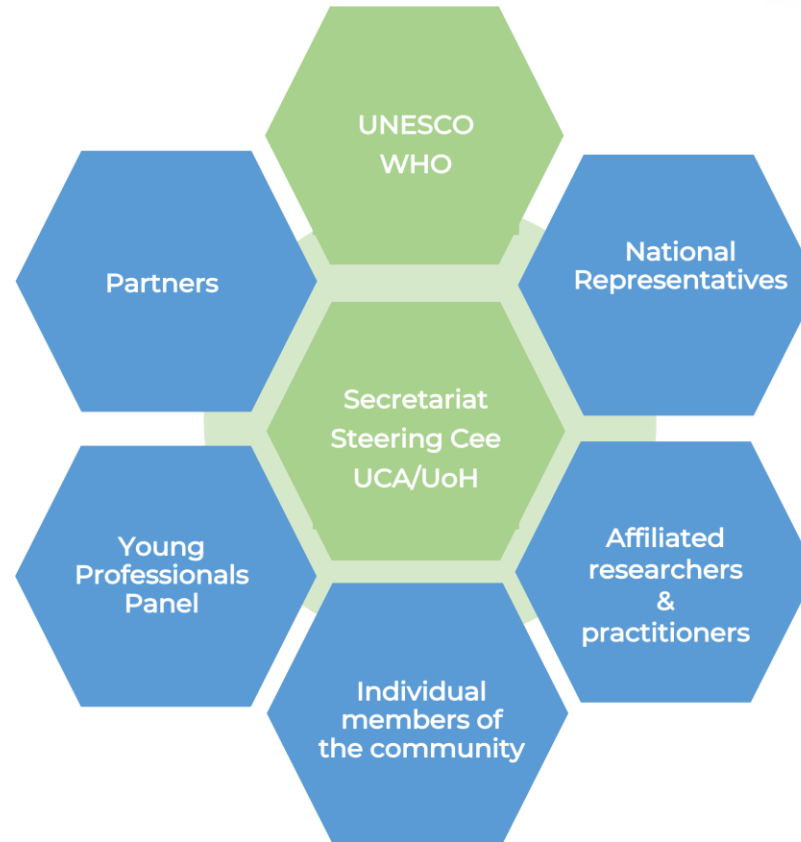
A world where people of all ages, and communities, have the conditions to learn and thrive, and where – in turn - quality education and health services support life-long well-being.

Our aim

To drive social and environmental change to strengthen education and health systems, foster cross-sector collaboration, promote ethical uses of technology, and ensure genuine participation.



Our Organisation



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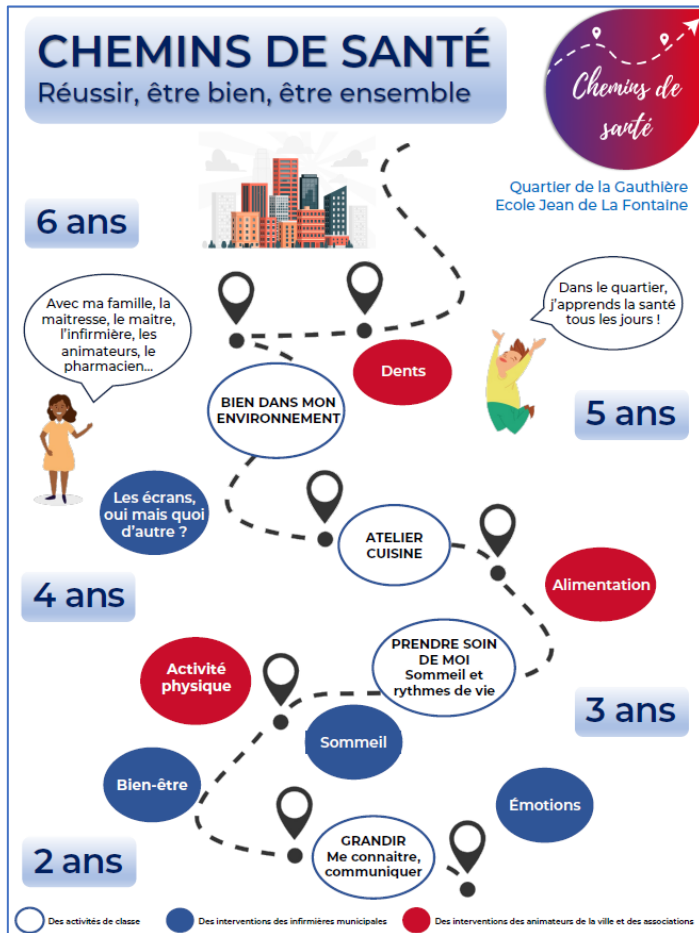


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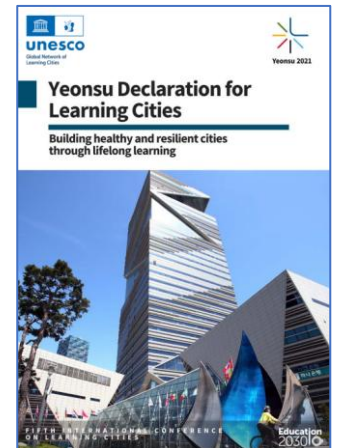
<https://unescochair-ghe.org/the-unesco-chair-ghe/activities/global-community-health-annual-workshop/>

Enacting Health Learning Pathways at Local Level



- Clermont-Ferrand and Kirklees are both UNESCO Learning Cities
- The Chair is building a lifelong health learning pathway project from nursery education through to home care for older people
- It is also linked to our work with the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) – The Yeonsu Declaration and Manual for Health Learning Pathways in Cities
- Forthcoming webinar on 16 December

<https://unescochair-ghe.org/2022/05/30/publication-a-guide-to-action-on-lifelong-learning-for-health-in-cities/>



Genuine Participation

NOTHING ABOUT THEM, WITHOUT THEM:

Children and Young People's Participation
in Health Promotion

A GLOBAL COLLECTION OF CASE STUDIES



Didier Jourdan and the UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education's community



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Opportunities in Schools

Schools are where many children and young people spend a large proportion of their waking hours. The opportunities to promote health and wellbeing in schools are plentiful. These can be characterised in terms of two elements:

- **The school environment** – what does a health-promoting school look like, and provide practically for students (e.g. buildings, toilets, school meals)?
- **The teaching and learning activity** – how does the leadership and culture of a school promote health for students and teachers alike? How can notions of health and wellbeing be weaved throughout the everyday business of schools, so that teachers see it as part of their core role?



[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642\(20\)30316-3/abstract](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642(20)30316-3/abstract)

Viewpoint

Supporting every school to become a foundation for healthy lives

Didier Jourdan, Nicola J Gray, Margaret M Barry, Sonja Coffey, Christophe Cornu, Fatou Diagne, Fadil El Hage, Mychelle Y Farmer, Sean Slade, Michael Marmot, Susan M Sawyer

As a setting where children and adolescents live and learn, linked to the family and embedded within the wider community, schools have an important influence on every student's health. Many health interventions have used schools as a platform, often for standalone programme initiatives to reduce health risks, and sometimes for more comprehensive approaches, but the interventions, uptake, and sustainability are generally disappointing. Evidence shows that, to improve health and to reduce inequality, all students must attend school from a young age and for as long as possible, and their educational success therein must be maximised. Thus, beyond educational benefits,

Lancet Child Adolesc Health 2021; 5: 795-803
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UNESCO Handbook for education planners

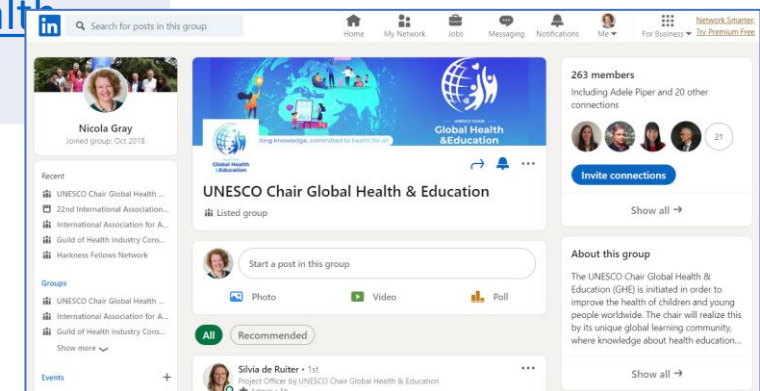
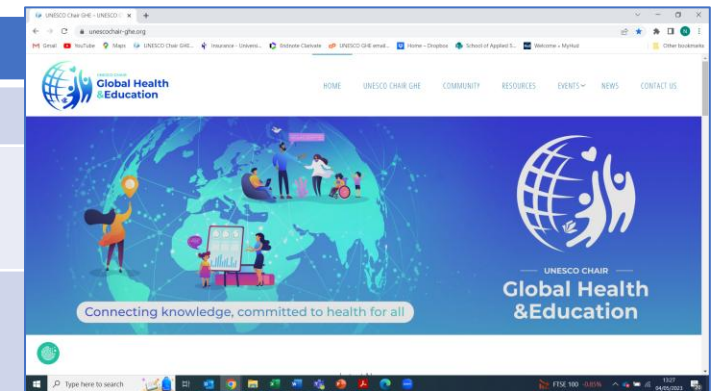


Integrating health and well-being
into education policy and planning
A handbook

- New tool for education planners (Nov 2025)
- Health and well-being in education strategy
- Relevance of health topics and wellbeing of students
- Developing inclusive and healthy school environment

Resources

Platform	URL
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12137866/
YouTube channel	https://www.youtube.com/c/ChaireUNESCOÉducationSSanté
Websites	https://unescochair-ghe.org/ https://chaireunesco-es.org/
Webinar series	https://unescochair-ghe.org/webinars/ https://chaireunesco-es.org/ressources/les-webinaires-global-health-and-education/



Introduction of the Chair in Nigeria



Dr Yetunde John-Akinola

- Senior lecturer and researcher Department of Health Promotion and Education, Faculty of Public Health, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan.
- National representative of the UNESCO Chair on Global Health & Education for Nigeria.
- An experienced researcher who works non-governmental and academic research groups.
- Research covers school health, child and adolescent health, NCDs prevention, HIV/AIDS and women's health, child participation in the research process and in school

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Nigeria team



Yetunde John-Akinola – is the National Representative of the UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education in Nigeria. A Public Health and Health Promotion Specialist and senior lecturer in health promotion and education with interest in school health, children and adolescents' health research. Acting Head of the Department of Health Promotion and Education, Faculty of Public Health, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, with over 15 years experience in the field of health promotion and education. A member of the Health Promotion and Education Alumni Association & UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education, and was a senior research fellow at the University of Bristol, United Kingdom

Adesola Olumide is a Professor and Consultant Community Physician, University of Ibadan Nigeria; Vice president (sub-Saharan Africa), International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH), IAAH liaison to the UNESCO Chair, global health and education



Yetunde Oguntokun is a Clinical Psychologist, a Principal Partner at Behaviour Modification Media. She is a creative health communicator who integrates her background in behavioural health with storytelling to translate complex health concepts into clear, engaging and relatable messages. She is a member of the UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education and Society for Health Communication.





Updates

TODAY:

**Nigerian launch
event UNESCO
Chair on Global
Health & Education**

Updates

Recent developments:



BEHIND THE CHOICES:
Preventing Adolescent Substance Abuse
INTERACTIVE WEBINAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

DR. CHINYERE OKONKWO
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

YETUNDE ADENIKE OGUNTOKUN
MODERATOR

DR. YETUNDE JOHN-AKINOLA
RESEARCHER/HEALTH PROMOTER

Topic Overview

- Practical strategies for identifying early warning signs of substance use
- Insights into adolescent risk and protective factors
- Effective school-based prevention approaches
- Interactive, scenario-based learning

April 29th, 2026 10:00–11:15 am Zoom

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Supported by:
Department of Psychology
Fed. Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital
Lagos, Nigeria.



Updates

Future events:

- PLAN ACTIVITIES EVERY QUARTER –
 - <....> information day for children and adolescents on drug abuse prevention
 - <....> SAY & LEARN HEALTH HUB for children & adolescents
 - <....> YOUTH & EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS HUB
 - <....> UNESCO Chair Nigeria DISCUSSION/PROFESSIONALS' GROUP
 - <....> PROJECTS
 - <....> HPEAAICM; IAAH, National Health Promotion Day October 29



Invite

- **UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education Community Members**

Opportunities to collaborate with other colleagues
nationally/regionally/Globally

- **Global Community Health Workshop**
- **Questions and/or proposals for collaboration:**
Email: yetunde.john-akinola@unescochair-ghe.org

Introduction of the Youth Panel of the Chair



Halimat Omowumi Olaniyan

- Her experience spans public health, youth development, disability inclusion, digital health and social impact, with work across academic institutions, civil society organisations, communities and youth-led networks across Nigeria.
- Skilled in coordinating stakeholder consultations and meetings, organizing training and convenings, and translating evidence into publications, presentations, and other knowledge products.
- An active member of the UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education (GHE) Young Professionals Editorial Group, contributing to the writing committee for the publication, Nothing About Them Without Them: Children and Young People's Participation in Health Promotion – A Global Collection of Case Studies.
- A current youth representative on the UNESCO Chair GHE Youth Panel.

Introduction of the Youth Panel of the Chair



Tomiwa Akinsanya

- A results-driven project manager and digital health professional with nearly a decade of experience leveraging digital technologies and an applied behavioral science approach to improve health outcomes for children, young people, and mothers across Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Led and delivered high-impact digital health initiatives that strengthen access, financing, and service delivery in underserved settings.
- Active member of the UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education (GHE) Young Professionals Editorial Group, contributing to the writing committee for the publication, Nothing About Them Without Them: Children and Young People's Participation in Health Promotion – A Global Collection of Case Studies.
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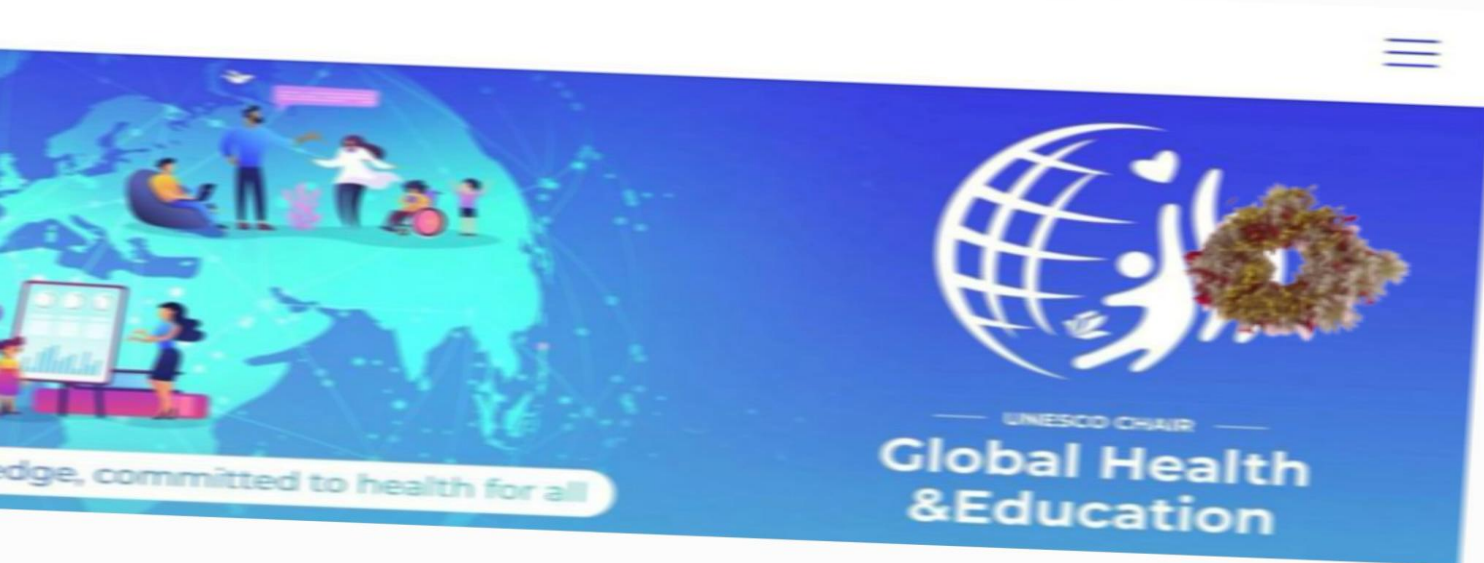
Launch of the Chair in Nigeria



Adesola Olumide

- Professor of Adolescent Medicine and Health, and Consultant Community Physician at the Institute of Child Health (ICH), University of Ibadan and University College Hospital, Ibadan Nigeria.
- Current Director of the College of Medicine, Research and Innovation Management (CRIM) unit.
- International Association of Adolescent Health (IAAH) Vice President for the Sub-Sahara Africa Region and IAAH liaison to the Steering Committee of the UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education.
- Current President, for the Society for Adolescent and Young People's Health in Nigeria (SAYPHIN).
- Research interests are in adolescent and young people's medicine and health with keen interest in digital technologies for research and interventions.
- Has a keen interest in mentoring younger colleagues

Hearty congratulations on the launch



Vote of thanks and closure



Yetunde Adenike Oguntokun

- Clinical psychologist, passionate health promoter, and innate storyteller.
- Principal Partner at the Behaviour Modification Media, Lagos, Nigeria, where she infuses her passion for community health promotion with her creativity and background in behavioural health to produce formal and informal multimedia community health education projects that promote health and well-being.
- A member of several associations including, the Nigerian Psychology Association, UNESCO Chair Global Health & Education, Colostrum International Breastfeeding NGO, International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE), Society for Health Communication, and the Society for Theory and Research on Salutogenesis (STARS).

Closure

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