

WENDELL ADJETEY

Tujenge Africa Foundation

Co-Founded with Etienne Mashuli

2015 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Catapult post-conflict youth upward through quality education, leadership, entrepreneurship, and peace-building.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Tujenge Africa Foundation performs boundary-pushing social intervention by supporting hard to serve populations in post-conflict zones. Through an educational and cultural incubator, Tujenge Africa Foundation identifies and trains young scholars, entrepreneurs, and artists to participate in their country's post-war reconstruction. By championing the arts in particular, post-conflict youth have a platform upon which to facilitate healing, reconciliation, as well as the retention and celebration of indigenous cultures. Tujenge Africa Foundation is expanding the opportunity structures, in order to prioritize cohesive and sustainable communities.

PERSONAL BIO

Wendell Nii Laryea Adjetei is the co-founder and president of Tujenge Africa Foundation, a nonprofit educational and cultural incubator that nurtures youth development and supports cohesive communities in sub-Saharan Africa. Born in a slum ghetto in Accra, Ghana, Wendell immigrated to Canada in 1992. Wendell worked in social policy, specifically public health and education. He has over ten years of experience supporting hard to serve youth. He founded and managed an award-winning nonprofit for marginalized youth, and worked for several years on an innovative gang prevention and intervention project in Toronto. Wendell is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships: he received the YMCA Peace Medallion for violence prevention work, and holds the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Fellowship – the most lucrative doctoral award, and Canada's most prestigious doctoral prize. He is also the recipient of a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship. Wendell is currently a doctoral candidate at Yale University, from which he earned the M.Phil. and MA. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Toronto.

Issue area

Education

Organization/Fellow Location

New Haven, United States

Impact Location

Africa
Cote d'Ivoire
Uganda
Rwanda
Liberia

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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