

# MAIDEN EDITION OF THE EXECUTIVE SEMINAR SERIES

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UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GHANA

Theme:

***The Role of Heads and Proprietors of  
Institutions in creating Safe Spaces for In-School  
Adolescents and Young People in Ghana.***

## **BACKGROUND TO THE 2019 EDITION OF THE EXECUTIVE SEMINAR SERIES**

Health Indicators around adolescents (10 to 19 years old) and young people (15 to 24 years old), especially those of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) have consistently presented very worrying trends over the years. Meanwhile, a lasting solution to this trend has persistently continued to elude the Public Health Community (PHC) while the problems continue to surge, especially in developing countries like Uganda. This raises serious questions such as "what is it that health professionals are not doing right", "What is it about this demographic group that makes it so difficult to significantly improve and sustain indicators around their Sexual and Reproductive Health? What do we need to do differently going forward?"

In response to the quest by the United Nations to create **SAFE SPACES** for adolescents and young people, we are dedicating this maiden edition of the Executive Seminar Series in Ghana to the creation of safe spaces or in-school adolescents and young people in the country.

The purpose of this year's Executive Seminar for Head Teachers and Proprietors is to build the capacity of head teachers and proprietors of both **public and private Second Cycle Institutions** in Ghana to enable them to ensure the creation of **SAFE SPACES** within their school compounds or the adolescents and young people in their care.

Advocate For Youth is specialized in achieving the health and empowerment related **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) through the Education system of African countries by engaging, in a unique manner, stakeholders in the sector to tap the hidden resources of Head Masters and Head Mistresses in ensuring that the adolescents and young people in their care are able to live healthy lives and live to their fullest potential. This is essential in ensuring that they become useful to themselves and also contribute their quota for national development.

The Executive Seminar is an innovation of Advocate For Youth, Africa. It was started in Uganda in the year 2015 and has grown to become an annual technical capacity building platform for Head Teachers and Proprietor with 4 annual editions held so far in Uganda. This has been achieved through the financial technical and advisory support from UNFPA, UNESCO and UNAIDS, and Reproductive Health Uganda, under the auspices of the Ministry of Education in different capacities.

### **Theme for this year's Executive Seminar**

***The Role of Heads and Proprietors of Institutions in creating Safe Spaces for In-School Adolescents and Young People.***

### **In attendance:**

- Representatives from the Ministry of Education, Uganda

Keynote Addresses by : - A renowned professor from the University of Cape Coast

- Country Representative, UNFPA Ghana

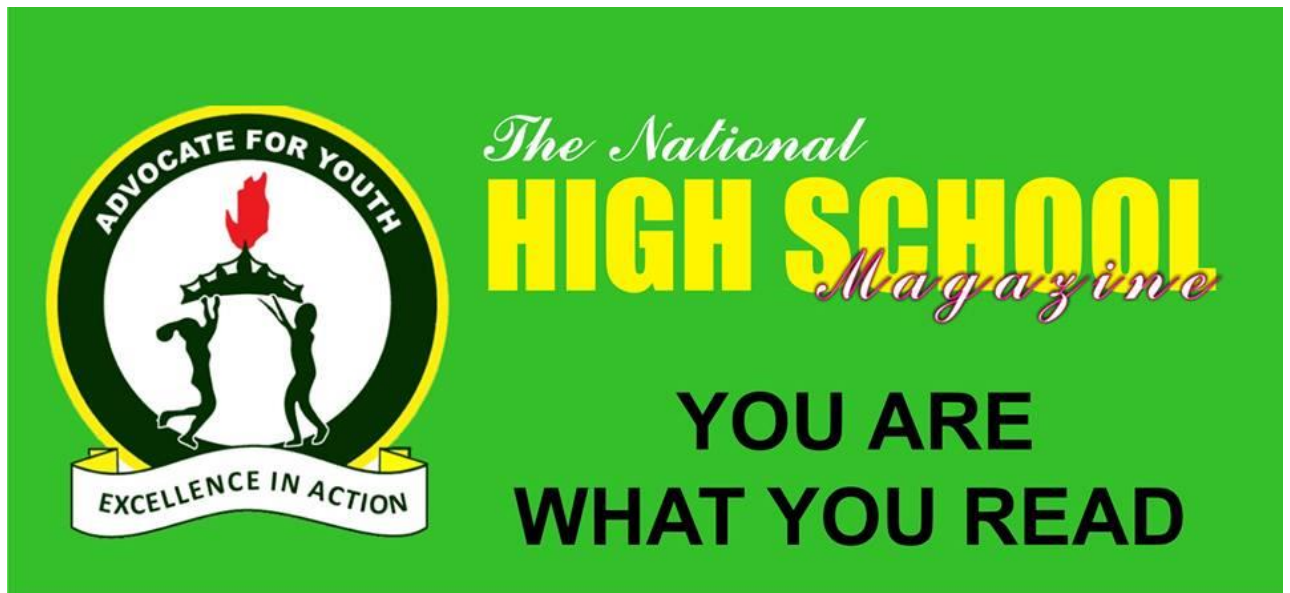
### **Other Special Guest Speakers and facilitators**

- Ministry of Gender and Social Development
- Ministry of Health
- Executive Director, Advocate For Youth
- Chairperson, CHASS
- Chairperson, Private Schools
- Technical experts from other NGOs in Ghana

### **Participation**

- Over 1000 Head Teachers and proprietors of Junior and Senior High Schools all over the country

Venue: - Accra International Conference Center



Advocate For Youth is committed to building partnerships that produce positive synergies between government agencies, NGOs, the private sector and other relevant institutions. The

organization is specialized in the empowerment of adolescents and young people in schools within Africa.

With more than 14 years of rich multiple country experience in working with Ministries of Education and of health to design innovative ways of engaging this important but marginalized demographic group and projecting their voices on important issues, especially those that affect them, we have come a long way and are ready to put our rich experience at the disposal of our country and the continent as a whole.

We have our unique BCC approach of engendering and fostering an effective dialogue among adolescents and young people as a strategy for:

- Improving knowledge on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Preventing HIV/AIDS and STIs among adolescents and young people in Africa
- Reducing the Family Planning needs among this demographic group
- keeping them safe from abuse and exploitation.
- Creating safe spaces for adolescents and youth

Aim, through our innovative programs and partnerships, to help accelerate progress towards the achievement of:

- Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Health, with a focus on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights)
- Sustainable Development Goal 4 (education, with a focus on improving quality of education outcomes) and
- Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality)

## **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

Among many other benefits of this Executive Seminar, we expect that by the end of this two-day program, participants would:

- Have improved their capacity on how to create safe spaces for the promotion of sound SRHR in school
- Have networked with relevant authorities at the MEO, MOH, UNESCO, UNFPA and other NGOs
- Have identified available resources that HTs can leverage for their schools
- Have identified their specific roles in the quest to promote Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

- Have had the opportunity to ask any other relevant question they may have, and get direct answers
- Have a deeper understanding of Advocate For Youth unique approach to school-based promotion of Sexual and Reproductive Health

Registration starts on **September 1, 2018**

Deadline for registration: **January 20, 2019**

Participation fee: **GH¢ 90 only**

**Each participant is entitled to the following:**

1. Lunch on both days
2. Smacks between sessions
3. A file containing:
  - a. A pen
  - b. A notepad
  - c. Brochure
  - d. Copies of presentations
  - e. Other paraphernalia
4. Copies of policy documents on Sexual and Reproductive Health as available

**To register, please make payment to the following account details**

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