



2024

Annual Report

A Year of Resilience, Growth,
and Peacebuilding



PEACE EDUCATION AND
PRACTICE NETWORK
(PEPNET)

Dear Peace Lovers, (Board Members, Management Team Members, Volunteers, Partners and Supporters)

As we reflect on the year 2024, we are filled with gratitude and pride for the progress PEPNET has made in advancing our mission of creatively teaching peace for development. This year, despite facing financial challenges and logistical hurdles, we have witnessed the power of resilience, innovation, and the unwavering commitment of our team, volunteers, and partners. Through our efforts, we have been able to touch the lives of hundreds of individuals, inspiring hope, fostering understanding, and promoting peaceful coexistence.

 **2024 Highlights:**
Empowering Peacebuilders,
Changing Lives

1. Peace Education for Secondary Schools (PESS) Program

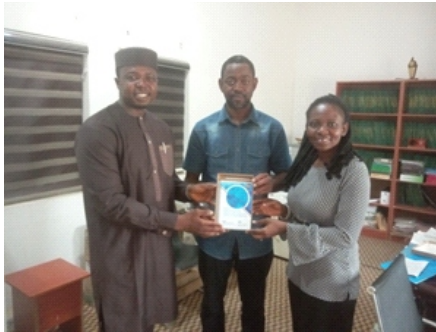


We continued our efforts to embed peace education into secondary school curricula. Our Training of Trainers (ToT) sessions reached 25 teachers, equipping them with tools to integrate peacebuilding concepts into their classrooms.



The **Pilot Sensitization Program** at National Newton College impacted over 200 students, distributing peace handbooks and engaging them in discussions about the values of peace, justice, and community.

2. Peace Education for Higher Institutions Program (PEHIP)



This year, PEPNET began a meaningful partnerships with the **Department of History and Diplomatic Studies, University of Abuja** and the **Sultan Maccindo Institute for Peace** to introduce peace education into higher education. We also hosted a **virtual training session** in September, empowering university leaders and stakeholders to incorporate peace studies into their academic structures.

3. Back to School for Peace Program: A Pilot Phase



In Mpape, our Back to School for Peace program supported out-of-school children by helping them reintegrate into formal education. With the support of local volunteers, we successfully enrolled one child into Junior Secondary School 1 and provided financial assistance for another to sit for her WAEC exams.

4. Peace Lovers Connect (PLC)



In December, we hosted the highly successful **Peace Lovers Connect (PLC)** event in Abuja, bringing together over 23 participants for a day of peace-themed activities. This included a **movie screening –'A Girl From Mogadishu'** commemorate the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, **reflections and discussions**, debate, and a **talent/Creativity for Peace."**



This event fostered collaboration, dialogue, and inspired participants to explore new ways to contribute to peace in their communities.

5. Global Recognition and Representation



We are proud to highlight the exceptional accomplishments of Moses ABOLADE, PEPNET Ambassador and Community of Democracies Youth Lead for Nigeria. His unwavering dedication to peacebuilding has earned him multiple prestigious accolades, further elevating PEPNET's influence on the global stage:

Erdarh Lowell Peace Award: Presented by the **World Citizens Peace** organization, this award celebrates Moses' impactful contributions to promoting peace and inclusivity.



Global Peace Leadership Award: Conferred by the Global Peace Foundation during the Global Peace Leadership Conference (GPLC) in Nairobi, Kenya, this award recognizes Moses' exemplary leadership and dedication to fostering global unity.

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RICK LOVE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Rick Love Innovators' Award: Presented by **Peace Catalyst International** at **PeaceCON 2024**; the international peacebuilding conference organized by the Alliance for Peacebuilding in New York; this award not only highlighted Moses' innovative work but also showcased PEPNET's transformative contributions to global peace efforts.



Board Member of the Youth Democratic Network (YDN): Amb. ABOLADE has been inaugurated as a **Board Member of the Youth Democratic Network (YDN)**, reflecting his leadership in strengthening democratic engagement and youth inclusion.

6. Office Space and Operational Growth

In November, PEPNET secured a **temporary office space** within the **Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA)** conference room. This development has enhanced our capacity to plan and coordinate our initiatives, providing a professional space to support our operational activities.



Gallery of Media and Event Speaking Engagements

We are delighted to share a collection of memorable moments from recent events and collaborations with distinguished organizations, including: **United Nations Nigeria, Palladium Group, Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), Godspeed Leadership and Mentorship Development Initiative (GLEMDI), Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP), Centre for Peace Advocacy and Sustainable Development (CEPASD), The Peace Pad, Peace Ed Gateway, Network of Nigerian NGOs (NNGO), Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA), Servelead Initiative, Building Blocks for Peace Foundation, CALDEV Whyte Collections Initiative, African Writers Connect, and many more!**



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These engagements and many others highlight our ongoing efforts to promote peace, education, and sustainable development through partnerships and impactful dialogue.

Gratitude for Support and Recognitions in 2024

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed organizations and institutions that supported, recognized, and collaborated with PEPNET throughout 2024. Your engagement has been instrumental in advancing our mission to creatively teach peace for development.

To the **United Nations Nigeria -UNIC, UNFPA, UN-WOMEN, UNDP, Community of Democracies (CoD), University of Abuja, Sultan Maccindo Institute for Peace, Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP), Palladium Group, Servelead Initiative, Building Blocks for Peace Foundation, Centre for Peace Advocacy and Sustainable Development (CEPASD), Peace Ed Gateway, The Peace Pad, Network of Nigerian NGOs (NNGO), Godspeed Leadership and Mentorship Development Initiative (GLEMDI), Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA), African Writers Connect, CALDEV Africa, Whyte Collections Initiative, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), United States Institutes for Peace (USIP), Impact Hub,** and others, we deeply appreciate your collaboration and trust in engaging PEPNET through consultancy, event and workshop engagement, facilitation, moderation (event host), among others.

To the organizations that recognized our contributions to peacebuilding with prestigious awards, we express our profound gratitude:

- **World Citizens Peace Organization** for the Erdarh Lowell Peace Award
- **Global Peace Foundation** for the Global Peace Leadership Award
- **Peace Catalyst International** for the Rick Love Innovators' Award

These recognitions serve as a testament to the dedication and impact of PEPNET and its leadership.

Challenges and Looking Ahead to 2025

While 2024 was a year of significant achievement, we faced several challenges, including financial constraints, limited resources, and the complexities of working in an underserved community like Mpape. However, these obstacles have only strengthened our resolve to make a lasting impact. As we move into 2025, we are excited to scale our efforts and address these challenges head-on. With your support, we are poised to achieve even greater success and continue making a profound impact on individuals and communities.

Your Support Matters

As we reflect on 2024 and look ahead to 2025, we are profoundly grateful for the unwavering support of our partners, collaborators, and supporters. Your contributions have been pivotal in driving our mission forward, enabling us to touch countless lives through peace education, advocacy, and capacity building.

Sincerely,

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Creatively Teaching Peace for Development

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