





Call for Application

YouthAction.Ng - DoSomething Changemakers Hub

Community Activators (CA)



Evidenced from the #EndSARS protests last year was the reality that young Nigerians from every corner of the country and abroad are interested in some form of social action, they are geared up and motivated to do something to stop the agonising experiences from the recklessness of our leaders but the with limited understanding and capacity on what can be done and how. In an effort to bridge this capacity gap, we have been recently funded under the From Protest to Action project to create a digital learning platform where youth leaders and everyday Nigerians can access training to help their social action journey, connecting with resources and tools for social change. The platform is more than a learning portal, it's a community for social change-makers, from campuses to communities to connect and resource their social impact effort.

The portal will be deployed on www.youthaction.ng/dosomething with enhanced UX/UI and responsive design, mobile-friendly learning platform and social network for change leaders, courses will be local context-focused, yet rich enough to incorporate best practices with quizzes, animations, video, articles and links for convenient learning. Additional modules and learning materials will be added later. The Hub will also be designed as a collaboration platform and social network to provide opportunities for users

to exchange ideas, collaborate and network on similar issues to sustain and amplify impact. To ensure mobilisation and engagement on the platform, we are recruiting **Community Activators** to help us advance this mission of maximum exposure and capacity development of young activists and change leaders across Nigeria.

Who are **Community Activators**

Community Activators are volunteer community engagement individuals who will be working with us to ensure mobilisation, engagement and coordination of users of the DoSomeThing platform. We are particularly interested in recruiting student leaders, youth leaders, emerging community leaders and changemakers who have already established some interest in social change and cultivated some form of followership and interest in activating a New Nigeria. CAs will support the building and sustenance of our Community of Practice on the platform.

Role of Community Activators

Each CAs will be expected to liaise and engage at least 50 youth leaders and community change-makers from their sphere of influence to access and use the DoSomething Digital Hub. They includes:

- Actively ensure the recruitment of young Nigerians as active citizens to sign up and engage on the **DoSomething** platform. CAs will commit to ensuring they support, recruit and engage at least 50 youth leaders throughout their engagement. They will help mentor and keep registered users under their care interested in their learning efforts and social action projects.
- Follow up and shadowing to resolve issues and encourage completion of courses and modules.
- Serve as Ambassadors of the DoSomething for New Nigeria Social Impact Platform -
- *Time Commitment:* We anticipate an average of 6-10hrs a week of engagement for about 6 months on average.
- While CAs are volunteers, as a gesture of support we will cover a modest cost for engaging peers and mentoring of users. Cost is expected to cover a modest reimbursement for Internet, telephone and related costs*.
- CAs must be available to attend a Virtual Training Session and Walkthrough on the Platform as scheduled.
- Upon completion, all CAs will receive special recognition as "Champions of New Nigeria - Changemakers Activators Ambassador" They will also be inducted into CCs Social Impact Activators Alumni Group.

Care for a **#NewNigeria?** Join Our Movement to Build.

Application for the first cohort of CAs is ongoing and applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. - Application received on or before 5th November will receive priority consideration.

To **apply** or find more information please visit - <u>www.citizencommons.org/fpa</u> Also, you can access the Application <u>directly here</u>

About the From **Protest to Action: Activating**

^{*}Cost reimbursements will be based on deliverables to be determined during training.

'Our' New Nigeria Project

'From Protest to Action: Activating our New Nigeria" seeks to leverage the increased passion of young Nigerians to demand accountability from all levels of government? as well as take forward some of the learnings from the shortcomings of the #EndSARS protests. Conceived as an initiative to answer some of the key questions such as how do we ensure that renewed interest of youth is not wasted and the #EndSARS protests do not go by the way of previous citizens' actions? How do we ensure adequate protection and safety for youth leaders working to stick it all out, speak amid government crackdown and anti-citizens actions? How do we ensure the rights of protesters, women, and vulnerable groups are protected as they continue to demand and fight for their rights?

- First, it will expand the recently launched Youth Alliance for New Nigeria (YANN)
 Campaign as a digital knowledge exchange hub DoSomething Social Action
 Hub- this collective action platform is designed to mobilize, empower and resource
 young Nigerians in their renewed interest to demand accountability and deliver a
 new Nigeria.
- Second, through the instrumentation of the **Community Change Champion Program**; we seek to identify, train and engage 20 high potential youth leaders who emerged from the protest and other networks, create a community of action and resources as well as training that empowers them with key skills, access mentorship and networks of leaders, institutions and resources that can strengthen their work as change champions.
- Third, we will organize the first-ever **Youth Conversations for New Nigeria:** a series of national debates and community town hall consultations designed to create awareness and highlight policy issues of importance to young Nigerians from communities to campuses.
- And lastly, through the Legal Commons partnership, we will identify a number of
 policy issues of importance to young Nigerians and advanced public interest cases
 to test the validity of these policies and advocate for change through the
 instrumentation of the law. We will also provide legal support for youth leaders and
 activists who need it.

The project is funded under the Voice project, implemented by Oxfam and Hivos and funded by the Glocal financed by the Ministry of International Affairs, Government of Netherlands

About Citizens Common

Citizens' Common Advocacy International is a citizen action organisation, committed to empowering everyday citizens to take social action targeted at solving small and big societal challenges using the power of community, collaboration, innovation and technology. Through our Community Spaces, we provide the platform to incubate social ideas, engage in community dialogue, explore policy solutions, resource social entrepreneurs, civic leaders and community activists in their resolve to find innovative solutions to social problems. We are an emerging social impact organisation committed to resourcing a generation of social changemakers in their effort to hold the government accountable, promote active citizen participation, and make democracy work for the people.

- We incubate and resource social ideas and organizations for increased citizen action to improve the quality of democracy, social accountability, peace, social, political and economic transformation.
- We facilitate citizens' input in policymaking through structured conversations on topical issues, campaigns and advocacy, creating platforms to cultivate civic dialogue, engage leaders and policymakers and find collective action for common good through dialogue, research and technology and innovation.

- We work with students and youth leaders to develop their character and leadership positioning them to be active citizens and responsible leaders.
- We position and resource citizens' ability to hold public leaders accountable using a variety of tools and instrumentation such as advocacy, citizen action, judicial actions, policy debates, administrative appeals and feedback loop for the public service delivery.
- We create the platform (Community Spaces) that engages, empowers and resources everyday people to take action, hold government accountable and explore innovative solutions to solve social issues.

Our interventions are targeted as promoting the principles of a truly democratic, just, peace and just society, ensuring accountable governance and open government, advancing citizens rights and civic engagement, activating citizen action for social impact makers and promoting the success of the sustainable development goals.

