



CHILD LABOR

**Learn4work
campaign on
Child Labour
practices in
Ghana among
Dutch schools
and educational
Institutions in
The Netherlands**

Child Labour refers to the employment of children in any form of work that deprives the children of their childhood, interferes in their ability to attend regular school; it is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and harmful to the wellbeing of the child.

A campaign on Child labour is necessary because child labour has been on the increase in recent years. Research indicates that regions as Sub Saharan Africa has the highest prevalence of child labour. On average, within the least developed countries, nearly one in four children (ages 5 to 14) is engaged in child labour activities – UNICEF Statistics, accessed on 7th April 2015. Again, the ILO convention declaration on fundamental principles and rights of work shows that child labour practices are harmful to the physical, psychological, emotional development of young people.



To help reduce child labour practices, an innovative project “Learn4work” has been introduced. Learn4work is a poverty reduction programme which aims at improving vocational education in Africa. The project links African and Dutch organizations within private and public sector. Also it connects the educational institutions with the labour market. Learn4work seeks to strengthen partnership within schools and training centers, train teachers , pupils and exchange knowledge and experience. Learn4work is designed by Educans (a dutch organization). The project is financed by Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs. Learn4work provides co-financing, training and advice to Dutch –African partnership organizations, schools, companies and private sectors.

The campaign on Learn4work seeks to raise awareness of ongoing child labour practices existing within the fishing industry in Ghana. Under this, measures are taken to inform the community about the dangers of involving children in child labour practices and importance of sending these children back to school or giving them the opportunity to learn a vocational trade for the betterment of their future. The campaign will target mainly Dutch school children in Dutch schools and educational institutions within Netherlands.

AfroEuro Foundation (a Non Governmental Organization operating in Netherlands) along with Challenging Heights (also a Non Governmental Organisation in Ghana) shall partner to do a promotion of the project among Dutch schools and community in Netherlands. Challenging Heights seeks to protect and improve the lives of young people and their communities affected by child trafficking and the worst forms of child labour.

AfroEuro Foundation and Challenging Heights will work together in raising awareness and also highlighting interventional measures being undertaken to retrieve children involved in child labour giving them the opportunity to either go back to schools or be engaged in vocational skill training. The campaign will be taking place in South Holland.

Furthermore, the campaign will educate the Dutch educational institutions about the challenges Ghanaian school children face in accessing education and the need to promote intercultural exchanges and understanding between Ghana and Netherlands.

Based on this, we are currently looking for interested educational institutions, teachers, students, youth ambassadors, non-profit organizations, volunteers and institutions with passion to support raise awareness on child labour practices. By doing this, we believe we can help educate more people about child labour practices and its impact. This simple step taken can go a long way in helping to end Child Labour practices and its consequences.

Also if you are a teacher, pupil or an educational institution and you wish to be part of our training workshops, or you would like to be updated about Learn4work operations in Ghana, kindly get in touch. Again, the youth can also be trained as Youth Ambassadors to support in raising awareness on child labour within your peers. Interested persons and institutions should please contact us via on:

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