



UNIVERSITY GRADUATE!



GESL RADIO APPEARANCES!



INNOVATIVE WORKSHOPS!

GESL NEWS!

2019 has been speeding by, and we can't wait to catch you up on what has been going on so far! Utilizing our new office space, our girls have continued gaining new knowledge at workshops ranging from Leadership to Critical Thinking to Sexual and Reproductive Health, and have delighted in thinking about their futures with Career and Decision Making workshops as well. Learning from dynamic and powerful female mentors has



continued to skyrocket, as we carried out our 3rd IGNITE lecture to a packed audience. GESL was featured in both radio and publication, and watching their peers' successes has kept our girls excited. We have maintained strong relationships with our parents, sponsors and communities, and hope to continue with this even more in the future!

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Your donations help us to keep GESL's workshops and programming afloat year-round! Visit www.girlsempowermentsummitsl.org to donate today!

GESL HAPPENINGS!

COLLEGE GRADUATE!



2019 has seen GESL's first college graduate!!! CONGRATULATIONS to GESL alum, Janet, who graduated from college with a Bachelor of Development from Unimak! We are so proud of you!

TOP BECE SCORERS!

We would be remiss to not give a shout out to our girls with the highest BECE exam scores this year! Here's to our top 3 scorers: Lydia, Abigail, and Hawa! Congratulations ladies!



GESL'S NEW GIRLS!

GESL recently accepted 50 new girls to our program, bringing our number up to 200! At Orientation our new girls got to meet each other, meet our older girls & GESL Alumni! Fun was had all around, as all the girls did some fun workshops and started to build lifelong sisterhood bonds!

IGNITE CONTINUES!

Our IGNITE series has continued strong this year! Our third installment welcomed a packed house eager to hear insights from our guest speakers. Nicky Coker (activist/lecturer), Miriam Sesay (Educaid Sierra Leone), and Agatha Levi (Rainbo Initiative) shared their thoughts on whether schools are safe spaces to empower girls or if they are barriers to progress. It was an event we won't soon forget, full of passionate discussion! Thank you to this event's sponsors Africell Sierra Leone, Afriqia HR Solutions, and British Council Sierra Leone! Check out this lecture and all prior IGNITE lectures in podcast form at www.soundcloud.com/girlsempowermentsierraleone/



NEW OFFICE SPACE!

After years of wanting an office space we could call our own, GESL opened its new office, a safe space for our girls and a dream come true! This office is a part of a larger shared office space with partners Afriqia HR Solutions!



DID YOU KNOW

Our girls say Mentorship by female mentors in our program helps them remain in school!

GESL PRESS!



WOMENSMEDIACENTER.COM

Building Sierra Leone's next generation of feminists - Women's Media Center

GESL Featured on F-Bomb!

We couldn't be more excited that our programming was featured in an article on Women's Media Center's F-Bomb! The article discusses nurturing the next generation of feminists and what our programming is doing to move this forward! Here's to our future leaders! [Check out the article here!](#)

GESL on the Radio!

GESL was invited by Purposeful Productions to sit on a panel on Culture Radio to discuss the campaign on the ban on pregnant girls. [Give a listen](#) to learn more about this topic, and GESL's stance!



DID YOU KNOW

Our girls gain Technology skills needed to help them grow. This is a resource most girls in secondary schools in Sierra Leone do not have access to.

GESL WORKSHOPS!



We've held many workshops in 2019, but all of them share a common goal, which is boosting our girls' confidence levels and helping them to grow into tomorrow's leaders. From Leadership to Public Speaking, Critical Thinking and Decision-Making to Sexual Reproductive Health, Mental Health, and Career Planning, our girls' expanded learning about these topics ensures that the lessons learned will not only stick but hopefully be shared to other peers in their communities. Through helping girls to realise their skills and also plan for their future careers, girls have been able to spot talents and gifts they may be able to apply to future endeavors, all while bonding with their peers and developing lifelong friendships!



WAYS TO HELP

VOLUNTEER

As always, we love to meet volunteers who are willing to offer their aid! Out-of-country? That's ok! We have plenty of opportunities available for those who want to give back. If this interests you, please email us at info@girlsempowermentsummitl.org

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We would like to thank our amazing sponsors **Afrigas, Africell, Afriqia HR Solutions, Fundacion Mujeres Por Africa** and our mentor community for their ongoing support of our programs!

THANK YOU, SUPPORTERS!

Above all else, thank you to all of you amazing GESL supporters! All of this is made possible by your ongoing support. Thank you from our GESL family to yours!