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# MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

• AISSATA SAKHO RICHARDS

Dear Community,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude and pride for the incredible journey we have embarked on together at the Creative World Digital Art Space (CWDAS). Our mission to empower youth through digital arts, filmmaking, and entrepreneurship has seen remarkable progress, thanks to the unwavering support of our community, partners, and passionate participants.

In the past year, we have launched several impactful initiatives, including the "People Are the Currency" documentary, which shines a light on the resilience and creativity of Liberians. Our programs, such as the Women Mobile Graphic Design Training and the "I Am Art" Children's Program, have provided invaluable skills and opportunities for personal growth, fostering a new generation of leaders and creators.

We are also proud to announce our expansion into the Unpacked EdTech Learning Platform, reaching students across 16 countries. This platform has allowed us to share knowledge and skills on a global scale, empowering more individuals to harness the power of media and technology.

However, our work is far from done. As we look ahead to 2024, we are committed to transforming more homes into accessible digital learning hubs. Our goal is to establish at least five new hubs in underserved communities, ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to explore their creativity and potential.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team, partners, and community members for believing in our vision and for your continued support. Together, we are not only shaping the future of our youth but also driving positive change in our communities.

Let us continue this journey together, empowering one another and making a lasting impact.  
Warm regards,

AISSATA RICHARDS  
Executive Director  
Creative World Digital Art Space (CWDAS)







“CWDAS has helped me discover my passion for filmmaking. I never thought I could create something impactful with just a smartphone, but now I have the skills and the confidence to share my stories.”

— STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE





### Reflection on Our Journey at CWDAS

As we take a moment to reflect on our journey at the Creative World Digital Art Space (CWDAS), we are reminded of the transformative power of creativity, education, and community. This past year has been marked by significant achievements, challenges, and growth, and each experience has shaped our vision and purpose.

### Embracing Change and Growth

At CWDAS, we have witnessed firsthand the remarkable transformations that occur when individuals are given the tools and opportunities to explore their passions. Our students have not only developed technical skills in digital arts, filmmaking, and entrepreneurship but have also grown in confidence and creativity. It is inspiring to see how they have embraced their identities as storytellers and innovators.

### Facing Challenges with Resilience

While we celebrate our successes, we also acknowledge the challenges we have faced along the way. From limited resources to navigating the complexities of remote learning, each obstacle has been an opportunity for growth. Our commitment to adaptability and resilience has allowed us to innovate and find solutions that benefit our students and the community as a whole.

### Looking Ahead with Hope and Determination

As we look ahead, we are filled with hope and determination to expand our reach and impact. The vision of transforming more homes into accessible digital learning hubs drives us to seek partnerships and support. We believe that every young person deserves the opportunity to explore their creativity and access the tools they need to succeed in the digital age.

In conclusion, our journey at CWDAS is a testament to the incredible potential of our youth and the power of community. Together, we will continue to nurture creativity, empower individuals, and create a brighter future for all.







# PROGRAM 2023-2024

# CREATIVE WORLD DIGITAL ART SPACE

## OVERVIEW

Creative World Digital Art Space (CWDAS) is an innovative learning center located in Monrovia, Liberia, dedicated to empowering youth through digital arts, filmmaking, entrepreneurship, and visual creativity. Our mission is to develop the next generation of creative professionals who can harness media as a powerful tool for social change and personal development.

At CWDAS, we provide a supportive environment where young individuals can explore their creative potential, acquire essential digital skills, and engage in meaningful projects that reflect their unique voices and perspectives. Our programs include hands-on training in graphic design, film production, and digital storytelling, allowing participants to gain practical experience while building confidence in their abilities.



People Are the  
Currency Documentary



Leadership and Public  
Speaking: Equipping  
Leaders to Lead



Women Mobile Graphic  
Design Training



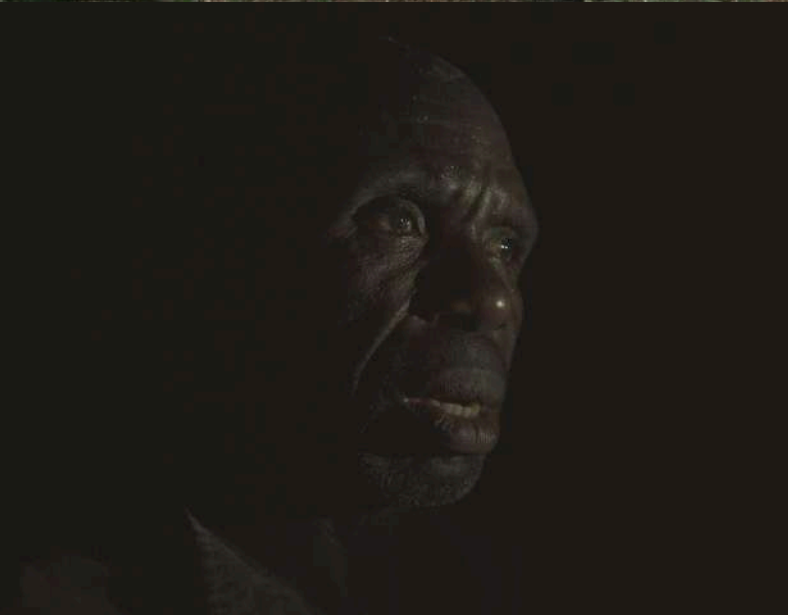
"I Am Art" Children's  
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Accomplishments and  
New programs  
2025-2026 Agenda



# People Are the Currency Documentary





## People Are the Currency Documentary

"People Are the Currency" is a documentary showcasing the efforts of students from Creative World Digital Art Space (CWDAS) in Liberia as they explore themes of community, resilience, and empowerment. Through collaborative filmmaking, the students traveled to five counties to conduct interviews and gather stories, highlighting the diverse perspectives of their peers.

This project not only develops their technical skills in filmmaking but also emphasizes the power of youth voices in driving social change, illustrating that the true wealth of a community lies in its people and their stories.

Through collaborative filmmaking, students traveled to five counties in Liberia, conducting interviews and gathering footage that reflects the diverse perspectives of their peers. The documentary showcases their journey, emphasizing the importance of personal narratives and the role of youth in driving social change.

As they navigate the intricacies of storytelling, cinematography, and editing, these students not only develop technical skills but also gain confidence in their ability to effect change through their art. "People Are the Currency" serves as a powerful reminder that the true wealth of a community lies in its people and their stories.





# People Are the Currency Documentary

## Lead Students

EPHRAIM SIRLEAF



Ephraim Sirleaf, 19, from Clara Town, served as the lead DP and producer for the "People Are the Currency" documentary, traveling to five counties in Liberia to conduct it.

CREDEE BRYANT



Credee Bryant, a 16-year-old from Doe Community and a 10th grader at BW Harris School, served as the 2nd Camera Operator for the project. He also assisted with script and equipment management.

JEREMIAH DAHN



Jeremiah Dahn, a 13-year-old from Doe Community and a 9th grader at Elizabeth Crawford High School, was the lead Director of Photography (DP) and producer for the project. He also contributed to interviews and audio work.

## Lead Mentors

AISSATA S. RICHARDS



Aissata Richards, Founder and Executive Director of CWDAS, is the lead mentor for the project, collaborating with students to help them craft compelling stories and produce an industry-level documentary.

RAMI RAMITTO



Rami Ramitto, a mentor at CWDAS, is a professional filmmaker who supported students by providing equipment and drone footage, ensuring they captured the essential visuals to complete their project.

## Synopsis:

People are the Currency is about the transitional six year presidential power of the nation of Liberia during the 2023 election. Focusing and Highlighting stories from citizens and their point of views about their business status and the future of the economic issues they are facing in real time.

**Impact:** This documentary has received attention both locally and internationally, sparking conversations about the power of storytelling in shaping communities and empowering individuals. Our documentary received two film festival awards and 12,000 views on our youtube channel.





## Leadership and Public Speaking: Equipping Leaders to Lead

The Leadership and Public Speaking: Equipping Leaders to Lead program is designed to develop essential leadership skills and enhance public speaking abilities among youth. Through interactive training sessions, participants learn effective communication strategies, leadership techniques, and how to inspire and engage their communities.





## Leadership and Public Speaking: Equipping Leaders to Lead

### Lead Mentors

ANDREW S. KETTOR



Andrew Kettor is a mentor at CWDAS and serves as the Youth President of Doe Community, where he focuses on driving social change and advocacy efforts

JOEL D. BROPLEH



Joel D. Bropleh facilitated the public speaking training at CWDAS. He is a certified leader and ambassador, with extensive training in youth education across Liberia.

DIAMOND G. KAMU



Diamond G. Kamu was a guest speaker for the CWDAS training. He is a coach and educator focused on projects aimed at strengthening education in Liberia.

This program focused on developing leadership skills and public speaking abilities among youth, with the goal of empowering the next generation of leaders.

#### Participants:

A total of 57 students received training in leadership strategies, public speaking techniques, and effective community leadership.

#### Key Outcomes:

Students reported greater confidence in public speaking and taking on leadership roles. Several participants have already begun organizing local events and community discussions, putting their new skills into action.





## Women Mobile Graphic Design Training

The Women Mobile Graphic Design Training program is a one-month initiative aimed at empowering women and young individuals by equipping them with essential graphic design skills using mobile technology.





## Leadership and Public Speaking: Equipping Leaders to Lead

### Lead Mentors

EPHRAIM SIRLEAF



Ephraim Sirleaf serves as the space coordinator at CWDAS, where he leads the youth leadership team and facilitates video editing classes and film programs, helping students develop their skills in digital media and storytelling.

RAMI RAMITTO



Rami Ramitto, a mentor at CWDAS, is a professional filmmaker who provided students with film and editing classes. He also taught them drone operation, ensuring they captured the necessary visuals to complete their projects

VARNEY GRAY



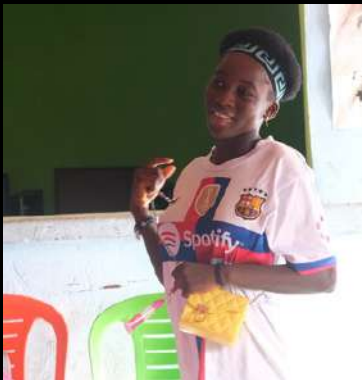
Varney Gray is the founder of My Dream Africa NGO, with expertise in graphic design and public speaking within the education sector.

This one-month graphic design training program aimed to empower women and young individuals by equipping them with essential digital skills. In partnership with My Dream Africa, an NGO focused on youth empowerment through education and skills development, the sessions were held three times a week—on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays—from May 13 to June 12, 2024. The program was designed to foster creativity and enhance participants' technical proficiency in graphic design.

#### ● Number of Students Impacted:

The program had a total of 19 students. Out of these:

- 11 were women (adults)
- 8 were teenagers and kids





## "I Am Art" Children's Program

The "I Am Art" Children's Program is an after-school initiative designed for children aged 5 to 14, aimed at nurturing creativity and self-expression through various artistic activities.



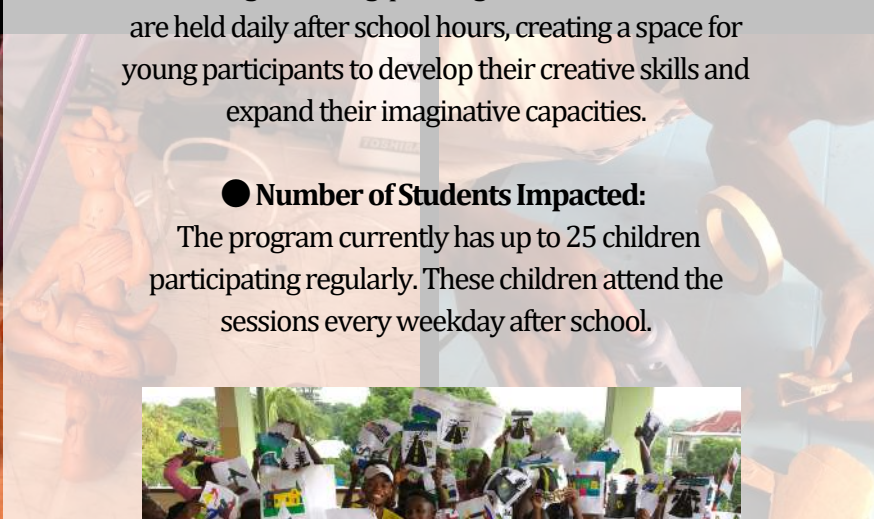
### "I Am Art" Children's Program

#### ● Program Description:

"I Am Art" is an ongoing art and craft program designed to nurture creativity and self-expression in children aged 5 to 14 years. The program focuses on helping children explore their artistic talents through various art forms, encouraging them to express their thoughts and ideas through drawing, painting, and craft. The sessions are held daily after school hours, creating a space for young participants to develop their creative skills and expand their imaginative capacities.

#### ● Number of Students Impacted:

The program currently has up to 25 children participating regularly. These children attend the sessions every weekday after school.



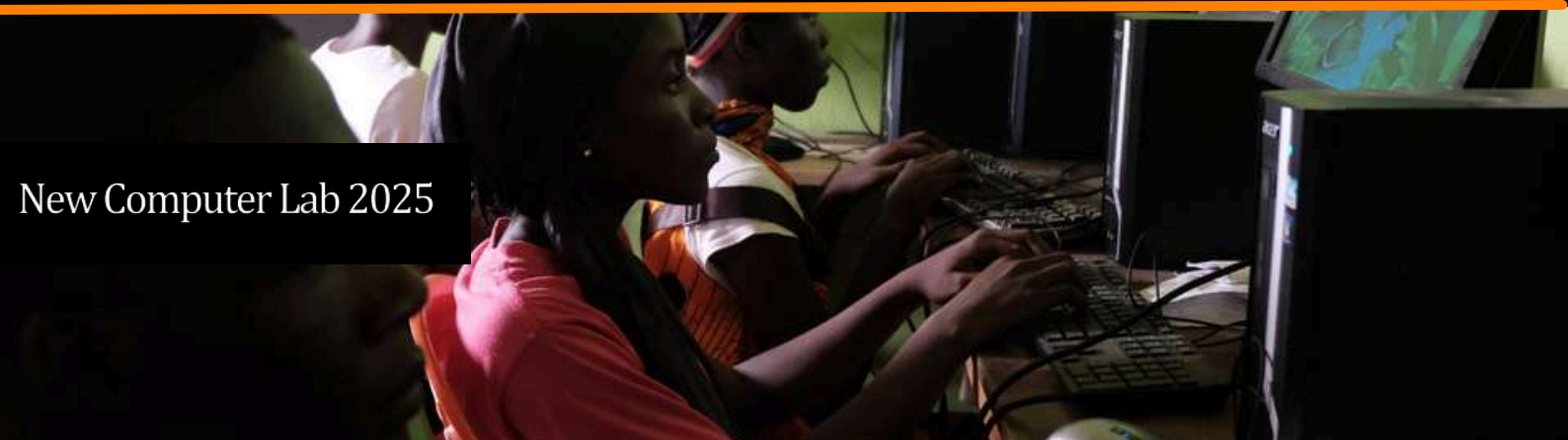




# CREATIVE WORLD DIGITAL ART SPACE

PROGRAMS +  
WORKSHOPS

## Accomplishments and New programs 2025-2026 Agenda



New Computer Lab 2025



OPEN LAB DAZE - EVERY  
SATURDAY VIDEO EDITING +  
GOOGLE SUITE WORKSHOPS



CO-SPACE OPPORTUNITY FOR TECH  
INNOVATORS



TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM



## New Computer Lab 2025

**Overview: A successful community-driven fundraiser that raised \$3,176 to set up a computer lab at CWDAS.**

**DONATE YOUR JUNK: HELP CREATIVE WORLD BUILD A COMPUTER LAB**



\$3,176 raised of \$5,000 goal

57 donations

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Donate now

This fundraiser is located near you.

Anonymous  
\$30 · 5 d

Star Roberts  
\$20 · 9 d

Christie Bringetto  
\$20 · 12 d

Aissata Richards is organizing this fundraiser.

We successfully reached our goal in the latest fundraiser, supported by 57 contributors, to acquire new laptops for our computer lab. This lab now provides local youth with access to digital tools and learning resources.

### **Achievements:**

Purchased 60 refurbished laptops equipped with essential software for graphic design, video editing, and animation.

Installed a reliable internet connection to support online learning and workshops.

### **Community Impact for 2025:**

More than 150 students and young professionals will regularly use the lab for learning, freelancing, and creative projects.



## OPEN LAB DAZE - EVERY SATURDAY VIDEO EDITING + GOOGLE SUITE WORKSHOPS



Join us every Saturday at the Creative World Digital Art Space in Clara Town, Monrovia, Liberia, for our Open Lab Daze Program - 2025

**Workshops Offered:**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Introduction to Google Suites**  
-Learn the basics of Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, and more. Perfect for beginners looking to enhance their digital literacy skills!

**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Introduction to Video Editing**  
Dive into the fundamentals of video editing and start creating your own projects. Ideal for aspiring filmmakers and content creators!

## CO-SPACE OPPORTUNITY FOR TECH INNOVATORS



**Creative World Digital Art Space** located in Bushrod island, Clara Town is excited to announce a unique opportunity for digital innovators and startups seeking a collaborative and inspiring workspace.

We believe in fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and community-building, and to support this vision, we are offering **free co-working space** to selected digital innovators for a limited period.

**Benefits:**

- Free access to our fully-equipped co-working space for a specified duration.
- Provide 10GB of data each month.
- Networking opportunities with like-minded innovators and entrepreneurs.
- Access to mentorship and workshops on various aspects of business and technology.
- Opportunities for collaboration and partnerships within the co-working community.



## TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM



### "Giving Creative Teachers a Place in Education" New Program 2025 Looking for Partnerships

Creative teachers are crucial in Liberia's public education system as they enhance student engagement, making learning enjoyable and relevant. By incorporating arts and hands-on activities, they foster interest in various subjects and encourage critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Creative educators also promote cultural relevance by integrating local contexts and experiences into the curriculum, helping students connect their learning to their communities. Ultimately, they inspire students to express themselves, think innovatively, and prepare for future challenges in a rapidly changing world.

The Teacher Training Program is an initiative aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of educators to better support student learning in the digital age. This program focuses on equipping teachers with effective teaching methodologies, innovative instructional techniques, and the integration of technology into the classroom.

Through a series of workshops and hands-on training sessions, participants learn how to create engaging lesson plans, utilize digital tools for interactive learning, and foster a supportive and inclusive classroom environment. The program also emphasizes the importance of continuous professional development, encouraging educators to share best practices and collaborate with peers.

By empowering teachers with the skills they need to succeed, the Teacher Training Program aims to improve educational outcomes for students, ensuring that they are prepared to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.





## SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERSHIPS

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS  
LIBERIAN FILM UNION  
LIBERIAN SENATE  
TED TALK SINKOR  
NEC

STRIVE LIBERIA  
BOSSS TV  
TAMMA TV  
LIBERIAN RED CROSS  
ON SLOT FILMS  
BROOKLYN ARTS COUNCIL  
FOREVER FLOW LIBERIA NGO  
WELT HUNGER HLIFE

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED? SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM

WE ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND OUR AFTER SCHOOL ART SPACES LOCALLY AND REGIONAL. IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO PARTNER WITH US PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US. THESE COLLABORATIONS WILL HELP OUR NEXT ROUND OF PROGRAMMING AS WELL. ALL DONATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR FREE PROGRAMMING OFFERED AT CREATIVE WORLD DIGITAL ART SPACE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO OUR ORG, PLEASE SEND A TO THE EMAIL LISTED BELOW:

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SOCIETIESOFUNITY@GMAIL.COM





# WATCH OUR STUDENT FILMS

Watch on FB/Youtube

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Explore the creative talents of our students through their compelling films, produced as part of their training at Creative World Digital Art Space (CWDAS). These student films showcase diverse stories and perspectives, reflecting the unique experiences and voices of young filmmakers in Liberia. Each project highlights the skills they've developed in storytelling, cinematography, and editing, demonstrating their ability to address important social issues and engage audiences. By watching these films, you can witness the impact of our programs and support the next generation of creative professionals as they use media to inspire change and foster community connection.

## People Are the Currency Documentary (2023)



## Creative World Student Short Films (2021-2022)

