

***Speak and be
Heard
Giving the Youth a
voice**

The Genesis Club, Croydon

* Introducing TGC – Temi Elubode

- * The age groups

 - “ 11 . 13

 - “ 14 +

- * We meet every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month to discussing events in the news, bible teachings, life challenges and experiences.

- * We go out for a meal as a group on the 1st Friday of each month trying delicacies from other parts of the world.

- * We engage in drama, singing, poetry, dance, fashion shows, sports and other fun activities.

* Our mission

- * Hold forums where youths can freely express their concerns, challenges and views so as to understand the reasons why parental misunderstandings occur.
- * Address issues relating to culture clash between our African heritage and culture of today's generation e.g. using the left hand to offer/accept items, calling everyone uncle and aunty regardless relation, etc.
- * Impacting our youth with values that will put them at an advantage in this diverse, multi-cultural society of today and get them to make the best use of the opportunities available.
- * Help them to aspire/achieve greatness and success to the best of their ability.
- * For our youths to benefit from the positives of both African and Western culture, being aware and proud of their African heritage, ethnic moral values and background.
- * Teach youth self respect and respect for authority.
- * Appreciate the efforts made by the older generation with regards to education, development of talents, life skills and presenting opportunities that they were never exposed to.

*Case Study – Bola Omoegun

- * One of the youths in the church had decided on subjects he wanted to take in his education in school and had a difference of opinion with his father around the choices he was making
- * He raised the question around why parents wouldn't allow their children to make this choice themselves
- * This led to a lively debate with parents and youths taking sides and it seemed to be heading towards a parents vs. youths debate
- * However one of the parents who was also a teacher shared her experience which involved parent and child jointly researching the career prospects aligned to the youths subject combination
- * This suggestion was taken on-board and successfully tried by the family which resulted in the youth selecting a subject combination with real career prospects which pleased his parents

***Our Parent/Youth Forum- here's what we do Adetutu Ojo**

- *Time/frequency . once a quater**
- *Format of forum . open discussion**
- *Set of questions contributed by youth and posed to parents during an interactive session to get their views and opinions.**

*End goal...

- *Helps teach our youth to make the conscious effort to love, visit and spend time with friends, neighbours and extended family.
- *Bridges the gap between the 2 generations.
- *Merges the African and Western culture so as to get the best of both worlds and help youth use it to their advantage.

*Questions

- * Why do my parents treat the oldest child different from the youngest?
- * Sometimes my parents focus on the bad things I have done, which is very discouraging for doing good. What do I do?
- * Why do my parents ask me to do things they could easily do themselves?
- * Why won't my parents let me pick subjects of my choice?
- * I would like to go to a different 6th form college than the ones my parent choice. I applied and got all my offers but was rejected by my parents choice. What should I do?
- * I struggle with being able to sit down and study for a long time? What can I do? What's the best way to revise?
- * Why don't my parents take my opinions/feelings into consideration?

*The End

*If you would like more information about our group and what we do, please see any one of the team members during the break.

*Thank you for listening.