



**INWELLE  
STUDY AND  
RESOURCE  
CENTRE:**

**BROADENING THE HORIZON  
FOR YOUTHS AND WOMEN**

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## Report On Our Progress From May – August 2012



### HIGHLIGHTS

- **REPORT ON PARTNERSHIPS**
- **ANNOUNCING THE SIXTH INWELLE CENTRE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM**
- **INWELLE CENTRE MOVING FORWARD**

In August, Inwelle Centre did it again. We started our second Satellite Centre at Inyi Town, Igboeze North Local Government area, Enugu State. The Centre donated one thousand (1000) books and two computers to the community to start a resource centre. This is a greatly underserved community, a boarder town that has been neglected for a long time. Below is information about Inyi as provided by one of its illustrious sons.



**Professor Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D. , Executive Director, Inwelle Study and Resource Centre, Enugu**

**PROFILE OF INYI, ENUGU-EZIKE**  
**POPULATION:** 25, 000.

#### **ISSUES FACING THE TOWN ACADEMICALLY**

##### **Poverty:**

About 95% of the inhabitants are palm wine tappers and subsistence farmers.

##### **Marginalization:**

The town suffers marginalization as an effect of the Nigeria civil war during which major politicians and leaders in the town were killed

##### **Government neglect:**

This is a border town and suffers neglect. Few schools in the community are through self effort. There is no nearby tertiary institution.

##### **Unemployment:**

The few youths who attended higher institutions are unemployed and this discourages others.

**No electricity:** The town is without electricity supply and there is no standard generating plant . Therefore they rely on portable generators for electricity supply

##### **Poor communication network;**

No internet facility to link the youths to the global community.

There is no gain-saying the fact that Inyi, Enugu-Ezike, in Igbo Eze North Local Government Area of Enugu State, Nigeria is grossly underdeveloped. The effects of the Nigeria Biafra



**Ken Ugwu**

Civil War on the town will take decades to heal. Being a border town, it was at Inyi that the Nigerian troops fired their first shot. History had it that the town members were joyously celebrating a traditional annual festival when the enemy troop struck and tested their might on the poor rural and farmers. No family was left without losing members of their own to the genocide.

The town cannot boast of any powerful politician or civil servant both at the local, state and federal governments. When we say we backward, it is an understatement. We will appreciate any assistance from any quarter aimed at narrowing the bridge between the town and their immediate neighbours.

**Ken Ugwu**





## INWELLE STUDY AND RESOURCE CENTRE, INYI ENUGU-EZIKE SATELLITE CENTRE COMMISSIONED

History was made on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 when the Inyi, Enugu-Ezike Satellite Centre of Inwelle Study and Resource Centre, Pipeline Estate, Amaorji Nike was commissioned by the Chairman of Igbo Eze North Local Government Area, Hon. Bonaventure Onuh represented by the Supervisory Counsellor for Education, Hon. Emenike Ojobe.

In her keynote address, the founder of the Inwelle Study and Resource Centre, Professor Christiana Okechukwu, Ph.D represented by Mr. Ifeanyi Onah, a member of the Board of Trustee of the Centre noted that the establishment of the Satellite Centre at Inyi, Enugu-Ezike was to inculcate the



habit and culture of reading amongst youths of the rural community. The centre will also go a long way in putting the rural students at par with their urban counterparts during external examinations.

One thousand textbooks on different subjects and two computer systems were donated in the first phase. Mr. Onah assured the community that more donations are on the way and appealed to individuals to support the centre by provision of additional books with local contents.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of Inyi Community Development Committee, Bro Vincent Mary Odo described the centre as "God Sent".



Other dignitaries that graced the occasion included the traditional ruler of the community, Igwe Hyacinth Alumona and members of his cabinet. The representative of the Regent of Umuokolo autonomous community, Ichie Gabriel Abugu and his adorable wife, Mary were also in attendance. Others were the Chairman of Inyi Town Union, Nze Michael Ugwuanyi, Chief Theophilus Ogbonna, Prince Austin Alumona, Hon. Kenneth Eze, Chief Thomas Ogbonna (Ezedinobi) and many others too numerous to mention. The immediate past principal of Comprehensive Secondary School, Inyi, Mr. Titus Omenma was also in attendance. The staff and students of the school led by the incumbent principal, Mr. Romanus Odo were equally in attendance. School children were on ground and with several other cultural troupes too; the guests were lavishly entertained.









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### **CENTRE VISION:**

Inwelle Centre seeks to create a world in which indigent youths and women can acquire the necessary skill that will enable them to take charge of their future. This we do by combining life skills, job skills and remedial education as a tool for making them employable and self-employable.

### **CENTRE MISSION:**

The Centre's mission is to alleviate the difficulty faced by indigent youths, and women who want to improve their lot, by assisting them to get the remedial education needed to enter a higher institution and by helping them acquire computer and job skills that will enable them work and earn money to be able to pay for their education. In this way the participants become self-developers.



### **Inwelle Centre Library on Wheels and Community Partnership Project and Community Partnership with Inwelle Centre To Establish a Resource Centre:**

At the end of the one week of the Library on Wheel Project in a Community, the Centre will equip the Satellite Centre with one thousand books, two computers at a ceremony to mark the beginning of the partnership.

Inwelle Centre community involvement is a major focus for 2012-2013 Programme Year. Our satellite centre programme which started August 2011 is being expanded to include more communities.

### **Specifications for Partnership:**

- Community involvement leading to sustainability and self-sufficiency
- Outline of programme of Activities that reflect Inwelle Centre vision and mission Commitment to sending annual report to Inwelle Centre, not later than February of the following year after a programme year
- Providing a room equipped with shelves and access to the internet
- Sending two or three youths to be trained at Inwelle Centre to learn how to run the satellite centre
- Commitment to paying stipends to the youths who run the centre.

### **Announcement!!!**

### **SIXTH INWELLE CENTRE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM**

**Theme:** Leveraging Girls to Seek Careers in Hi-tech Computer fields.

**Date:** December 20, 2012

**Time:** 10 a.m. to noon

**Venue:** Inwelle Centre Conference Room, 5 Inwelle Avenue, Amorji Nike Enugu

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### **Appeals for Donations**

We appeal for donations towards our two major projects for the years 2012-2013.

#### **Catch-them Young Project**

This will run all year long. Every month, 20 young girls from primary 6 to JS3 or even up to SS2 will be taught the basic use of the computer. **To sponsor a child costs \$30.00**

#### **Inwelle Library on Wheels Project**

This targets communities which are willing to empower indigent youths, especially females aged 18 –25 who will be trained in computer skills and will be provided a place to practice their skills and use the internet. **To support one person in the community costs \$100.00**

#### **Mass Computer Literacy**

We continue to offer free computer literacy training youths and women at our facility and the use of our library and internet, **To sponsor a participant costs \$100.00**