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## **The place of volunteerism in social development of Nigeria: A wake-up call**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This paper is on the place of volunteerism in Social Development of Nigeria. Effort has been made to espouse the concept of volunteerism which came to have a special recognition following the proclamation by the United Nations General Assembly in November 20, 1997 that 2001 he observed as International Year of Volunteers. The characteristics of volunteerism have equally been explained leading to the benefits derivable from it. The social situation existing in Nigeria for and which volunteerism is given special projection has been fully analyzed and the way youths can be enlisted as volunteers to tackle the numerous social problems are fully explained.*

**Keywords:** Volunteerism, Social Development, Youth, Unemployment, HIV/AIDS

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## **Gender equality in education and youth employment through entrepreneurship development**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Advocating and sensitizing gender equality in Nigerian System of Education have become a global issue implicated in culture and current case studies in many research publications, journals, conferences and seminar Papers. However, gender equality have also been identified as critical to the achievement of Economic Development, Youth Employment, Women Empowerment and National Development through Entrepreneurship Development in Nigerian Education. The paper also attempt to examine and evaluate an assessment of gender equality practice in educational system, youth employment through entrepreneurship development in Nigeria. The paper describes similarly the various dimensions of discrimination against gender equality and the factors responsible for and militating around it. The paper also concludes with possible measures towards promoting gender equality in Nigeria, which of course, is necessary for national and manpower development. The paper highlights means of reducing persistent gender inequalities which is necessary not only for reasons of fairness and equity but also out of economic necessity. Greater economic opportunities for Nigerians youth will help to increase labour productivity, and higher female employment opportunity will also widen the base of contributors to social protection systems which will come under increasing pressure due to population ageing. Equally, education should be an avenue and coping strategy to address the gender equality discrimination against boys and girls that remains problem globally. Hence, this paper also offers an overview of gender equality in*

*education in Nigeria and its benefits to women, families and the society at large. It also highlights the ongoing concerns and challenges about education in Nigeria and finally proffer coping strategies which entrepreneurship development skills was one of the major remedies among others. The paper also concludes and recommends some possible suggestions to enhance gender equality and youth employment through the use of entrepreneurial development as an alternative to gender inequality and manpower development in our society.*

**Keywords:** Equality, Gender Inequality, Gender Equality, Youth Employment, Entrepreneurship Development

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## **The evolving role of youth workers**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*In reviewing the field of youth development, of which youth workers are a part, it is clear it has had a long and complex history that is intertwined with other disciplines. More recently youth workers have experienced a transformation of sorts, with youth programs in the past being seen exclusively as a place to play and have fun, whereas today's expectations include a much broader focus on the overall positive development of young people. This evolution has been heavily influenced by a number of societal changes that have placed increasing demands on youth programs. Today's youth workers are faced with the responsibility to promote a young person's development which often includes supporting academic success and graduation from high school, reducing risk-taking behaviors, increasing positive health attitudes, and more. Youth workers have seen their role change dramatically over the past 20 years with greater demands and increased accountability.*

**Keywords:** Youth, Development, Youth Worker, Youth Development, Professional

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## **Impact of competence, gender and locality on youth athletes performance slumps in Nigeria**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The major concern of applied sport psychology is to improve sport performance, sustain athlete's interest and build the capacity of athletes. But the question is, "is this interest applicable to sports organizers and coaches in Nigeria"? However, if every youth who participated in sport in Nigeria from childhood either in the urban or rural area develop self-confidence, perceive ability, increase intrinsic motivation, self-esteem, self-efficacy and high level of competence, the success story of sports in Nigeria would have been different. This paper examines the impact of competence, gender and locality on performance slumps rate among youth athletes in Nigeria. Thus, it is the contention of this paper that performance slump and low competence among youth athletes are debilitating. This should be addressed by coaches and sports organizers through the use of autonomy-support*

strategies (Magean & Vallerand, 2003); use of both urban and rural areas for training, practice and competition (Krist, Ansdottir & Vilhyalmsson, 2001; Kirk, 2005; Kytta, 2002); and youth sport coaches should avoid exploiting youth athletes by placing primary emphasis on winning which often result to burnout and dropout of athletes (Gould, Udry, Tuffey & Loehr, 19996). The Self Determination Theory (SDT) was used to buttress the competence building strategies suggested in this paper (Deci & Ryan, 2000, 2008). This paper contributes to previous research by including athletes from grass root, their competence and locality as additional variables to build on previous work by other researchers on prosocial and antisocial sports behavior. Practical recommendations and future directions are discussed in relation to the current work.

**Keywords:** Competence, Gender, Locality, Youth athletes, Performance slumps.

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## **Promoting youth empowerment through engagement with cooperatives**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The young people should commit to the cooperative movement, to promote youth empowerment through engagement with cooperatives. In the context of multiple global crises, youth led social movements and the need for a new development consensus .In recognize that youth development is an increasingly urgent concern that encompasses social, economic, political and environmental dimensions and has taken more central focus for decision-makers at all levels of the economy. In further recognize that young people have long been, and increasingly are, disproportionately affected by unemployment, underemployment, disempowerment and disengagement. Through effective involvement with cooperatives, young people can work together with governments, civil-society, NGOs and other stakeholders, to overcome these challenges. Simultaneously, that emphasizes the need for cooperatives to engage with young people in order to adapt to changing environments, sustain and develop them. The study also takes into account young people without distinction, recognizing the diversity within this group, including specific issues of gender, race, ethnicity, economic background. The study presents this statement recognizing the differing economic, social, and political development contexts among countries. The study also asserts special attention to be given to those groups and countries experiencing adverse pressures. Conclusively, the study emphasizes the specific potential that exists in developing countries for cooperative and youth empowerment; suggested strategies to overcome the challenges; conclusion and the way forward.*

**Keyword:** Cooperative, Cooperative Society, Empowerment, Youth Empowerment

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## **Role of parenting style, gender and socio-economic status on criminal behaviour tendency among undergraduates**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The study investigated the role of parenting style, Gender and socio economic status on criminal behaviour tendency among undergraduate in Abakaliki, south East Nigeria. A total of 500 participants comprising of 100 students (50 males and 50 females). The Extravagant life style*

*Assessment Scale (ELAS) was used to test the criminal behavior tendency of undergraduates: Results showed that there was significant difference in parenting style,  $F(1, 488) = 8.60$   $P < 0.001$ ; significance gender difference,  $F(1,488) = 6.41$ ,  $P < 0.001$  and significant difference in socio economic status  $F(2,488) = 4.51$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ; Parenting style X Gender interaction effect was statistically significant  $F(2,488) = 3.30$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ; parenting style X Socio- economic status interaction effect was statistically significant  $F(2,488) = 3.123$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ; Gender X socio economic status interaction effect was statistically significant  $F(2,488) = 5.05$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ; Parenting style X Gender X Socio economic status interaction effect was statistically significant  $F(2,488) = 4.03$ ,  $P < 0.001$ . The implications of these findings to criminal behavior tendency of undergraduates were discussed.*

**Keywords:** Parenting style, Gender, Socio economic status, undergraduate, Criminal behaviour tendency.

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## **The future of youth development: Multiple wisdoms, alternate pathways and aligned accountability**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Based on trends and events observed or experienced by the author over the last 30 years in research, evaluation and practice, this article examines three challenges facing and shaping the future of the youth programs as contexts for development. The first challenge surrounds how the field comes to understand value and integrate different forms of knowing -- particularly quantitative data. The second challenge represents how the field shifts from proving it makes a difference to improving the ways it makes a difference by expanding the pathways to impact. The third challenge regards how the field responds to and shapes accountability pressures in ways that better align accountability rather than succumb to it. Implications of each challenge for effectively bridging research and practice are noted.*

**Keywords:** Youth, Development, Youth Development, Multiple Wisdom, Accountability

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## **Influence of entrepreneurship development on unemployment reduction in Nigeria (2009-2013)**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The focus of this paper is on influence of entrepreneurial development on unemployment reduction in Nigeria. It examines the ethical factors and stage of development required of the entrepreneur in order to enable him performs his strategic functions in organizational strategic management in Nigeria. It states how entrepreneurship development serves as a panacea for unemployment reduction in Nigeria. It further states mechanisms to boost employment through entrepreneurship development in Nigeria and the constraining factors that militate against its achievement. Finally, it concludes and recommends major priorities and agenda to enhance the entrepreneurial development in Nigeria.*

**Keywords:** Entrepreneurship, Development, Unemployment, Unemployment Reduction, Entrepreneurship Development

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## **National security issues and challenges in Nigeria: Which way forward**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This paper attempts to examine and evaluate the origin, causes, and suggested solutions to National Security Issues and challenges. The paper highlights the ongoing concerns, challenges and proffers solutions which citing Mr. President as the only authority that should acknowledge the failure of the security agencies and provide complete overhaul of the Security Agencies to pre-empt these security breaches. In particular, the failure of the intelligence services to contain the recurring security breaches. Such as the spate of bombings which has once more brought to limelight the need for a Sovereign National Conference. And until these structural distortions and anomalies are addressed, the monster of insecurity will loom large. The paper recommends that Mr. President has the power to act decisively to execute his office, and this can be achieved by implementing the anti-terrorism law and punish culprits of such heinous crimes capable of causing instability in the nation. This paper also discusses the instrumentality of effective use of the Islamic panacea in tackling moral degeneration and insecurity that have both become the bane of Nigeria. From this paper, we see that it is expressly stated in our Constitution that the Government(s) is ultimately responsible for the security of lives, property, etc of the people of Nigeria.*

**Keywords:** Security, National Security, National Development, Boko Haram, Insecurity

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## **Understanding the Processes and Practices of Youth Development**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This paper presents research on youth development by focusing on the challenges youth face in learning teamwork and in coming to terms with diversity. These are both essential competencies for navigating the “real world” of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We examine how youth experience these challenges within programs; also how they present second-order challenges to practitioners. The underlying message of this article is that it is essential for researchers to see programs from the point of view of the people in them. Researchers have learned quite a bit of what can be learned from arm’s length: those programs can make a difference in youths’ lives and that certain features of settings are associated with these changes. To go further, researchers need to work side-by-side with practitioners and youth to understand their complex worlds as they experience them.*

**Keyword:** Youth, Development, Youth Development Empowerment, Processes

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