

MARY TAIWO AJIDE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES



STEM Judge – ESB Science Blast, Dublin, Ireland

March 2024

- ◆ Participated as a Judge in fostering an interest in science and developing essential 21st-century skills for the 2024 Science Blast outreach event organized for primary STEM education in Dublin, Ireland.

African Scholar Association Ireland (AFSAI), Dublin, Ireland

Jan 2024- Present

Mentorship Committee Member:

- ◆ One of the committee members for the AfSAI mentorship programme.
- ◆ Contributes towards the technical development of the AfSAI website.

Women in Technology in Nigeria (WITIN), Lagos state, Nigeria

Nov 2023- Present

Girls Advisory Council Member and Associate Member:

- ◆ Ensure the commitment towards gender equality, inclusion, and diversity through technology.
- ◆ Contributes valuable insights, innovative ideas, and collective wisdom that will drive WITIN's mission forward.

UCD Festival Crew Member – Science and Innovation (Engineering Hub)

June 2023

- ◆ Ensured the optimal operations of the activities taken in the Engineering Hub of the festival.
- ◆ One of the crew members at the in-person UCD festival organised in 2023.

UCD Engineering Your Future – Ph.D. Student Assistant

May 2023

- ◆ Involved in ensuring the smooth running of the Engineering your future event; a week long summer school program organised for Irish secondary school transition (16 - 17 years) students.

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UCD Alumna Panellist

Feb 2023

- ◆ One of the alumni panellist at the Jumpstart Live 2023 – Integrating into the Irish workplace.

UCD Alumna Mentor

Jan 2023 – Present

- ◆ Volunteers as one of the alumni mentor on UCD alumni network platform for prospective mentee.

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UCD Alumni Panellists

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- ◆ Participated as one of the alumnae panellists (speaker) at the Jumpstart Live 2022 which involves giving advice to current UCD students.

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Project Supervisor (Remote Assistant), Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo state, NG

Sept 2019 – Present

- ◆ Volunteer remotely at IUO department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering in assisting final year students (500 level/stage 5) on projects/research assigned to them in partial fulfilment of their degree. In addition, I give advice on career pathways, progression, and prospects.

UCD Alumni Volunteer Speakers

Feb 2021

- ◆ One of the speakers at the Jumpstart Live: Integrating into the Irish workplace – an event organised for current UCD student. YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mr7FNeu8co&t=9s>



Girls in Tech Inc, Global NGO – Business Data Analyst, Region: Dublin, Ireland

May 2020 – Sept 2020

Theme: Science, Education, and Technology

Girls in Tech, are passionate about inclusivity because tech today requires people of all skills and backgrounds. They are committed to building the diverse and inclusive tech workforce the world needs. And they aim to see every person accepted, confident, and valued in tech — just as they are.

Skills acquired:

- ◆ Data Intelligence, Data Cleaning, CRM, Data Management, Sales force User Basic, NPSP Data Model.

UCD student ambassador, Dublin 4, Ireland Post graduate student representative

Sept 2018 – Sept 2019

- ◆ Participated in giving advice and guidance to prospective chemical engineering graduate student.

Drug free quality control awareness team, Ebonyi state, Nigeria

Nov 2015 – Oct 2016

Theme: Health:

- ◆ Created various awareness program scheme in Abakaliki village located in Nigeria on the danger of abuse, distribution and cultivation of illegal drugs.

Drug free quality control awareness team, Ebonyi state, Nigeria

Nov 2015 – Nov 2016

Theme: Poverty alleviation:

- ◆ Major participant and creator of various awareness program schemes in Abakaliki village located in Nigeria on the danger of abuse, distribution, and cultivation of illegal drugs. This program helped to bring awareness to Abakaliki youth and adults on the illicit sale and use of drugs. In particular, we established a scheme that would necessitate the continuity of the program.

Literacy Educator/Researcher (Adult Education)

Sept 2015 – Oct 2016

Theme: Education

- ◆ Educated adult students within the age 40 – 65 on mathematics that would assist in the running of their small-scale business.
- ◆ Created evening tutorial lessons involving all major core science subjects for underprivileged youth unable to attend day school.

Newscaster, Igbinedion University Okada

Aug 2010 – Nov 2014

Theme: Environment

- ◆ Student representative in Presenting of news bit at IUO, radio station every noon working day.
- ◆ I raised awareness on environmental issues affecting the community.

Women in management and Business, WimBiz, Lagos state, Nigeria

2015

IUO – University Representative

- ◆ Participated in the development of women advancement in entrepreneurship.
- ◆ Involved in exploring innovative means to initiate the empowerment of women in business.
- ◆ Exploiting knowledge regarding challenges hindering women progression in business

