

Communications Think Positive Alternatives Exist (CTPAE)

*Documenting transformative journeys of young talents shaped by
LCMC's performance arts coaching under the CTPAE initiative*



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THE SUCCESS STORIES



#LeaveNoYouthBehind

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ABOUT LCMC & CTPAE



Loyola Centre for Media and Communications (LCMC) is an apostolic work of the Society of Jesus commonly known as Jesuits. Our global goal is to power resilience and dignity among children and young people against all social adversities.

we are dedicated to harnessing the power of media to build resilience in the lives of children and young people. Through innovative media strategies, we engage, educate, and inspire youth to overcome challenges, break cycles of adversity, and unlock their full potential. Our approach creates lasting impact by using storytelling, digital platforms, and targeted messaging to address critical issues such as drug abuse, mental health, and social inequality.



CTPAE is a structured project in LCMC aimed at discovering and nurturing the potential of young people by guiding them through a transformative journey from self-exploration to professional success. The project operates with a clear objective: to instill a Think Positive Alternatives Exist mindset, enabling young people to see opportunities where others see limitations.

The program follows a step-by-step process that ensures participants not only develop their talents but also gain the necessary support to turn their ideas into viable career paths.

Philip Lelei



Thanks to the Communication – Think Positive Alternatives Exist (CTPAE) training by Loyola Centre for Media and Communication (LCMC), I have gained practical skills that have completely reshaped my journey as a creative and communicator.

The CTPAE program helped me sharpen my skills in public speaking, content creation, writing, and journal design. With this solid foundation, I recently secured a new opportunity to partner with a CBO called Seeds of Grace as a peer educator—a role that directly aligns with the abilities I developed through LCMC.

Beyond this, the training positioned me for bigger responsibilities in the performing arts space. Earlier this year, I was selected to adjudicate church drama festivals in Eldoret, covering poems, plays, verses, and singing games—from zonal to county level—and I'm now set to adjudicate at the national level, thanks to the AIC Eldoret committee.

My journey in the Kenya Music Festival, which began in 2016, has also taken a new turn since the CTPAE training. Initially tasked with marshalling teams, I have now been entrusted with adjudicating high school and junior secondary items in Nandi County, Elgeiyo Marakwet, and even at the regional level, where I managed secretariat duties, compiled adjudication reports, designed official badges, and created calligraphy for certificates.

I deeply appreciate the empowerment I've received from LCMC, SOS, and the Jesuit community. The exposure and mentorship from the CTPAE training continues to open doors and challenge me to grow. I look forward to more opportunities that will allow me to expand my creativity, especially in writing and journal production.

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My name is Mike Tembo, a spoken word artist at Ndimi Production in Eldoret. Before joining the CTPAE training by LCMC, I struggled with low self-esteem and had never imagined myself as an artist. I was quiet, lacked confidence, and had no experience in arts or communication.

Everything changed when I joined the CTPAE program. During orientation, I discovered spoken word poetry. Though it felt unfamiliar and scary, I gave it a shot – and that decision changed my life. With each session, I found my voice, broke through personal barriers, and learned to express myself through powerful words.

I also discovered photography. I already owned a camera, but CTPAE taught me to use it professionally. Today, photography is not just a passion – it's a source of income and storytelling. Thanks to CTPAE, I'm now a spoken word artist, a photographer, and the Communication Officer for KESCA Uasin Gishu Chapter. I also serve on the media team for a parliamentary candidate in Kapseret, handling photography, blogging, and creative content.

CTPAE gave me the platform and belief I needed. From silence to the spotlight – this is just the beginning.



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Clinton William Zango

A.K.A Clinton McKnight

Mc Knight and friends on the promotional dance gig with Smirnoff Ice

My name is Clinton McKnight, officially Clinton William Zango. I’ve been part of the CTPAE program since its inception, and it’s been nothing short of a transformative journey. Before CTPAE, I struggled with confidence, and though I had the passion for dance, I didn’t truly believe I could make a career out of it. But the training – especially the modules on communication, self-awareness, and presentation – gave me the boost I needed to believe in myself and pursue my talent with boldness.

After the workshop, doors started opening. I was called for a six-month dance contract in Greece. Thanks to the confidence and interview skills I gained from CTPAE – especially through Joy’s mentorship – I aced both phases and got selected. Although visa issues have delayed the trip, I didn’t let that stop me.

I went on to found The Nexus Dance Initiative, where I now train emerging dancers and serve as the dance director. I’ve also led the Soul Sisters crew to become second runners-up at Timbaxo, and served as Dance and Stage Director at the Kitenge Fashion Festival.

Then came one of my biggest moments: I got to perform at the Nairobi Show Grounds alongside Kenyan music legends Nameless and Wahu – artists I grew up admiring. On top of that, I partnered with two fellow CTPAE participants and together we landed a promotional dance gig with Smirnoff Ice, a major brand activation that gave our craft commercial visibility.

None of this would have happened without the foundation that CTPAE gave me. This program changed how I view myself, my art, and the power of discipline and communication. To the LCMC team – thank you for believing in me. Because of CTPAE, I now believe without a doubt that opportunities exist, and talent pays.

Mercy Nangaki



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I'm writing to sincerely thank you for the incredible CTPAE sessions . The experience has not only equipped me with valuable skills but also played a major role in building my confidence and expanding my creative perspective.

I joined the training primarily focused on acting, but through your guidance, I became more open-minded and started exploring new areas. I'm now actively developing my skills in voice-over, photography, and videography, something I hadn't imagined when I first began.

I'm also excited to share that I recently secured a job at a beauty spa, where I'll be handling behind-the-scenes content, voice-overs, and managing their page. This opportunity wouldn't have been possible without the exposure and support I received from your sessions.

Thank you again for your mentorship and the platform you created. I look forward to learning more and possibly reconnecting in future opportunities.

Rodgers Ouma

My name is Rodgers Ouma, a passionate videographer and photographer. Being part of the CTPAE (Communication – Think Positive Alternatives Exist) program has been a truly transformative experience.

Before CTPAE, collaboration was difficult due to limited resources and a lack of direction. But through the Jesuit-led training, we were introduced to the power of storytelling, teamwork, and purpose-driven creativity. We were no longer just individuals with talent — we became a community with a mission.

That mission gave birth to Vibes Arts Creatives, a group I co-founded with fellow creatives like Abdallah, also a CTPAE trainee. Together, we've produced advocacy films like *Shinikizo* (on peer pressure) and *Marita* (on mental health and SRHR), using digital storytelling to inspire and educate.

On a personal level, I've grown immensely — from technical production to public speaking and confidence. My skills earned me an invitation to judge Tubonge Arts, a youth talent platform. And just when we were preparing to start a podcast, CTPAE stepped in again with podcast training, giving us exactly what we needed to launch.

The program didn't just build our capacity — it opened doors. With the transport reimbursement from CTPAE and income from videography and photography gigs made possible by the skills I gained, I was able to purchase a TukTuk. Today, it serves as an additional stream of income, helping me sustain both my creative journey and livelihood.

CTPAE has shaped me into a more skilled, confident, and resourceful individual. It gave me the foundation to grow — not just as an artist, but as an entrepreneur with a purpose. To the CTPAE team and the Jesuit trainers — thank you. You didn't just train us. You walked with us, believed in us, and empowered us to become more.

“ In every sense, the CTPAE program has shaped us into more skilled, more confident, and more united individuals. We are not the same people we were when we started ”



creativity turned into impact – The TukTuk serves as an additional stream of income

Juma Suleiman



“This unexpected opportunity rekindled my ambition and was a direct result of the Jesuits planting seeds of motivation in me.”

My name is Juma Suleiman, a postgraduate IT student. I'd like to thank the Jesuits and their Communication Think Positive Alternative Exists (CTPAE) program for reigniting my academic journey. After a long break from formal education, I received a late-night phone call inviting me to a two-day CTPAE training. That unexpected call shifted my routine and planted a seed of motivation. During the training, we were encouraged to set bold goals for our future. Mine was to improve my skills in emerging IT trends with the aim of managing an IT enterprise

Inspired by the session, I began learning about website management, but I struggled to find clear answers online. Luckily, a link shared on a WhatsApp group led me to IBM's SkillUp program. I enrolled in a free course on the Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence and committed to studying six hours daily. I completed the course, earning a certificate and a digital credential. Driven by the momentum, I joined the CISCO Online Academy and completed a Cyber Threat Management course, followed by enrollment in an Ethical Hacking course, which I'm currently pursuing

The CTPAE program gave me the confidence to take that first step. I've now earned two professional certificates and developed a disciplined study routine that's transforming my life. I am truly grateful to the Jesuits and CTPAE coordinators for their encouragement. I look forward to using my new skills to secure meaningful work and build a stable future

Maxwell Ilavuna

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Hello, I am Maxwell Ilavuna, a chef and also an actor from Eldoret. I have been under guardianship care. I have been mentored a lot by the meetings facilitated by Jesuits/ SOS, through the recent meeting, Communication Think Positive Alternative Exist, I have learnt some skills in photography and poster making in which it enabled me get the opportunity to be among the marketing team and Chef position at Comfy Inn Hotel, Eldoret after passing my interview held 02/10/2024. I also learnt to be self-reliant and teamwork. My regards to the Great team of Jesuits/ SOS/ KESCA. May God bless your mission and vision in mentorship programs for the youths and nurturing talents, also ensuring #Leave No Youth Behind is a success.



Miriam Jepchumba

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Miriam Jepchumba here from the CTPAE training, am so delighted by the growth Jesuits has impacted in my career, I only had theory knowledge from college, better enough I am practically instilled thanks to the platform SOS has created in collaboration with leave no youth behind. As if that's not enough am now working with Kijiji Pictures a photography company just after the first training. I can't wait to see how far I get at the end of this whole program, am also passionate with growth and al be sure to use this platform to the fullest.

Darwin Edagiza

“CTPAE helped me believe in the power of my own voice and talent.”

I am thrilled to share that I have successfully secured a position with Impulse, an online writing and marketing company. I am eager to contribute my skills and be part of such an innovative team through your help and guidance.

Being part of the CTPAE (Communication – Think Positive Alternatives Exist) program has opened doors I never imagined possible. Together with two of my teammates from CTPAE, I landed a promotional dance gig with Smirnoff Ice—an opportunity that boosted both my confidence and professional experience. I also participated in the Red Bull dancing competition, where I proudly reached the semi-finals and clinched second position. CTPAE helped me believe in the power of my own voice and talent.



Darwin and friends on the promotional dance gig with Smirnoff Ice

ALI GAETANO



“ I secured a job as a social media manager and a data clerick officer in arecruitment agency in town.Shout out to SOS and team LCMC-Jesuits for the opportunity that you gave me, it enabled me to gain confidence and have positive impact in my daily activities more so in my business and way of thinking. ”

EUGENE KIPTOO



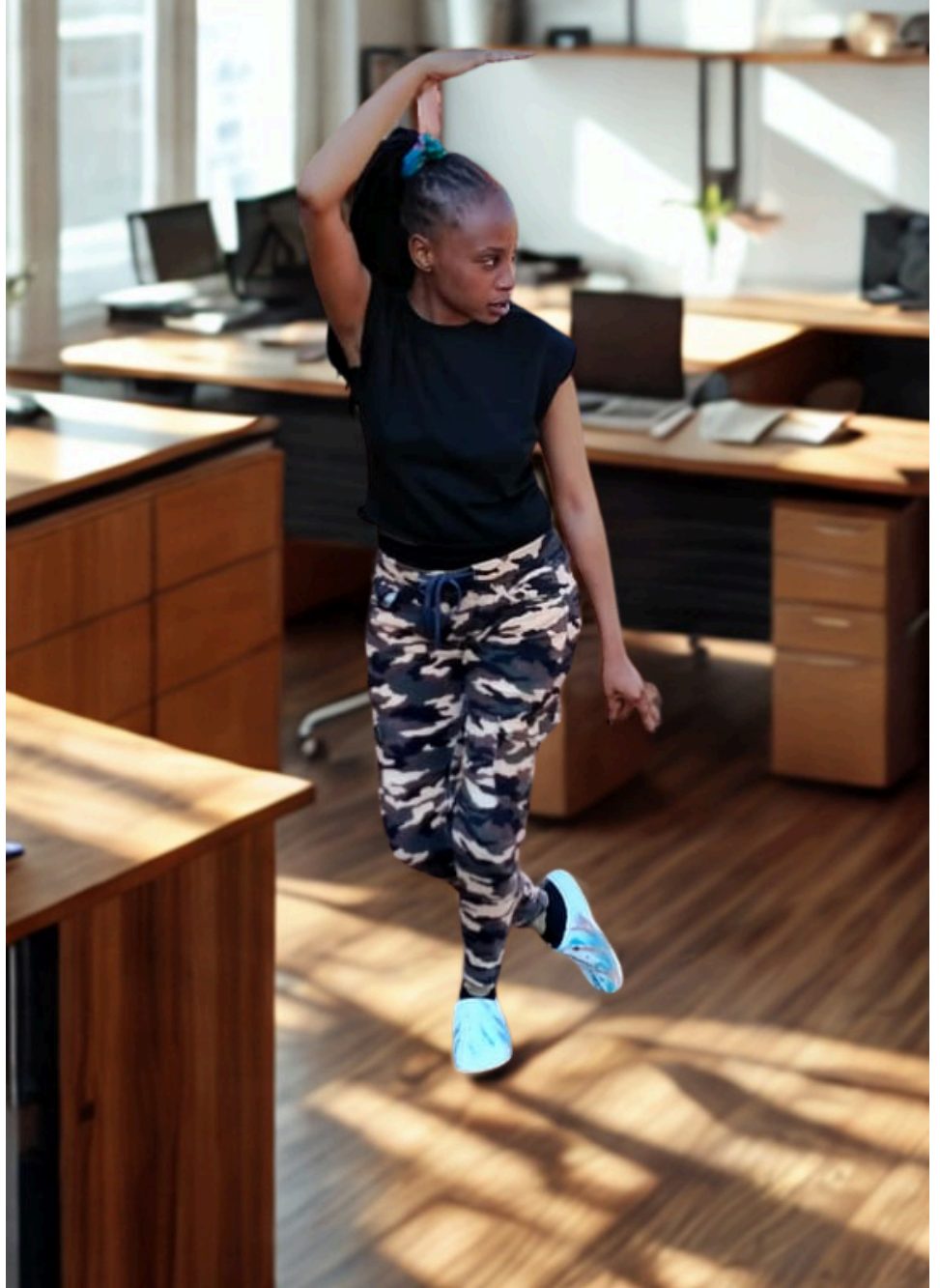
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I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the training I received. It has been incredibly impactful, and I truly appreciate the opportunity. I am excited to share that I recently secured a six-month contract job in graphic design and video editing—skills I gained during the training. This opportunity has been a significant step forward for me, and I owe a great deal of my growth to the training sessions.

Please continue with these training programs, as they are life-changing for young care leavers like myself. Your efforts are making a real difference, and I am truly grateful.

Dianah Cheptoo

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I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the Jesuits Training. The skills and knowledge I have gained during the training have been so valuable to me. Your engaging teaching style made it not only informative but also very enjoyable for me. I particularly appreciate about photography, blogging, the principles of life and group dynamics which we recently discussed about. Kudos to you guys at least I now know the category I perfectly fit in.

I am so excited to apply what I have learnt and confident that these skills will enhance my performance and contribute positively to our team. Thank you once again and I look forward to any opportunities and continuing to learn from you.

Sharon Jelimo

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I am writing to you to share some exciting news about my recent job acquisition, which I owe in part to the "Think Positive Alternative Exists" training conducted by Jesuits. The training provided me with invaluable insights into effective communication strategies and positive thinking, which have proven instrumental in both my personal and professional development. The interactive sessions have allowed me to enhance my skills in areas such as active listening, team work and collaborative problem-solving.

I incorporated the techniques and knowledge I gained from the Jesuits training into my application and interview process, and I was thrilled to receive an offer for the role. I believe that the confidence and skills I developed during the training played a key role in helping me stand out.

I am now an employee at a Boutique shop, selling ladies' designer clothes.

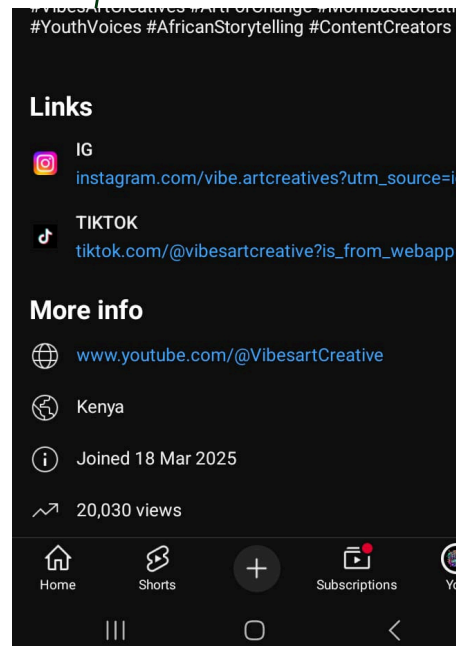
I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to participate in the "Communication Think Positive Alternative Exists" program and for the support I've been receiving throughout the ongoing process. I am so excited about the impact I can make in my new job. I'm also excited about my future.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support.

Abdallah Nyae



“It was at Loyola Centre for Media and Communications (LCMC) that I learned how to turn my writing and artistic passion into income and real-world impact.”



My name is Abdallah Nyae, a proud Young Care Leaver from Jomvu, Mombasa. I began writing stories in my notebook – my first piece, Sikitiko, was eventually acted and uploaded on YouTube through Shrinny Young Talents.

My real breakthrough came when I joined the Leave No Youth Behind project by SOS Children’s Villages Kenya, which connected me to training by the Jesuit Loyola Centre for Media and Communication (LCMC). It was at LCMC that I learned how to turn my writing and artistic passion into income and real-world impact.

Since then, I’ve written several scripts for performance, including the acclaimed 28-episode series Shinikizo (Seasons 1 & 2), which addresses peer pressure and youth struggles. I personally wrote two of the episodes, and today, Shinikizo has garnered over 20,000 views and counting on VibesArt Creative’s YouTube channel – a clear sign that our stories are being heard and making an impact.

I’ve also created the short film Maisha Yangu, which explores life after care homes, and another project titled Ndoto, set to be released on August 10. These works have opened even more doors: I’ve collaborated with Streeties Entertainment, Kali Movies Production, and several schools – and I’ve been paid for many of these creative projects.

With this momentum, I launched my own brand called Dulack TV, where I now train other young people to write and use art to educate and influence their communities.

I’m deeply grateful to Kahindi Gharama for linking me to SOS, and to my teacher Madam Joy Kesenwa, whose mentorship shaped me. A special thank you to the LCMC team – Joy, Cynthia, and Jared – for believing in my talent and walking with me on this journey.

This is just the beginning. My dream is to write not just for Mombasa – but for the whole of Kenya.

Britney Akinyi

“CTPAE gave me the courage to walk out, the skills to step up, and the confidence to pitch my dream into reality”

During my journey of growth, I met the LCMC team. It has been such a great journey, with all the mentorship, guidance, learning and unlearning on how to be the person I want to be. CTPAE has helped me grow in very many ways. I have gained more confidence to go get what I want and leave a visible impact. My journey of growth is about me, yes, and also a change of narrative about careleavers coming out from our traumas in the past and actually working hard but smart to thrive and succeed in life.



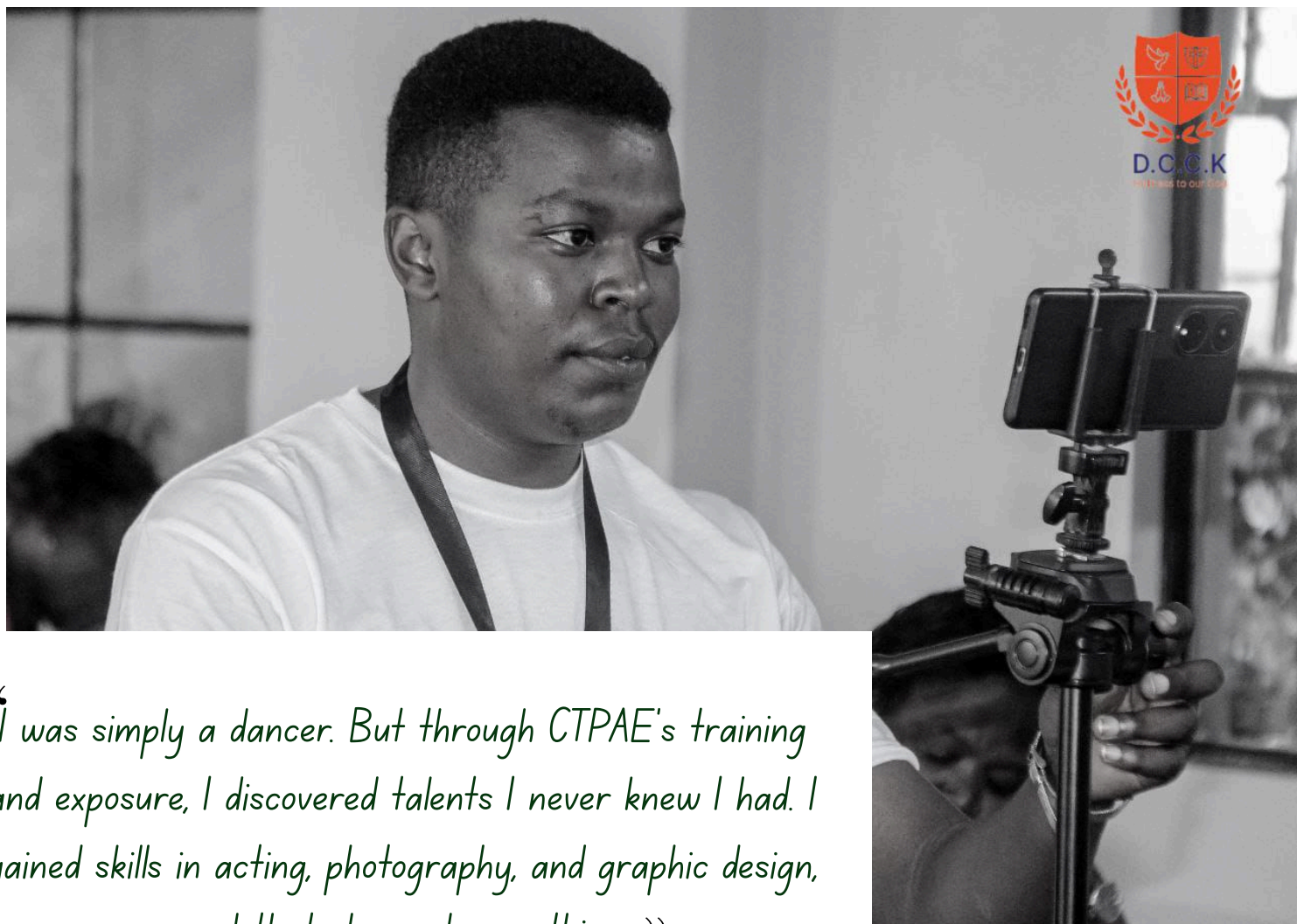
In my journey since I met the CTPAE team, I was employed at a workspace that I knew I really had to move out of and go somewhere better, where my work could be appreciated more and I could also gain experience.

So, after learning the interview skills, I walked out of the place I was and went to the spa I wanted to be employed at, did my interview, and passed and got employed the same day. From then, I knew that I had a purpose and could actually do it. This is in the beauty industry.

I worked there for a while, and when the time for growth came again, I did not think twice. I have always wanted to pitch about my business – about Samz Beauty Beats, my brand – and Alhamdulillah, CTPAE has helped me a lot in my pitching. I took into consideration all the pitching techniques, and on the 10th of July 2025, I pitched about my business.

It was not easy after the training – the business planning for a week plus, and the internalising of everything I have learnt so far – but I successfully got the award of being among the top 10 finalists. All thanks! This is an achievement that I have always wanted to get, and I thank CTPAE for building up on my skills and making me this empowered.

SIMON MWANGI



“I was simply a dancer. But through CTPAE's training and exposure, I discovered talents I never knew I had. I gained skills in acting, photography, and graphic design, and that changed everything.”

Hello, I'm Simon Mwangi, also known as Don Simon. I'd like to sincerely thank LCMC and the Communication – Think Positive Alternatives Exist (CTPAE) program for the incredible transformation I've experienced.

When I first joined, I was simply a dancer. But through CTPAE's training and exposure, I discovered talents I never knew I had. I gained skills in acting, photography, and graphic design, and that changed everything.

Today, I design posters, baptism cards, and church materials – and it has become a reliable source of income. Back in my hometown, I approached a local cyber café to ask if they offered design services. When they said no, I proposed a partnership. Now, they refer all their clients to me whenever design work is needed – and I earn from every job.

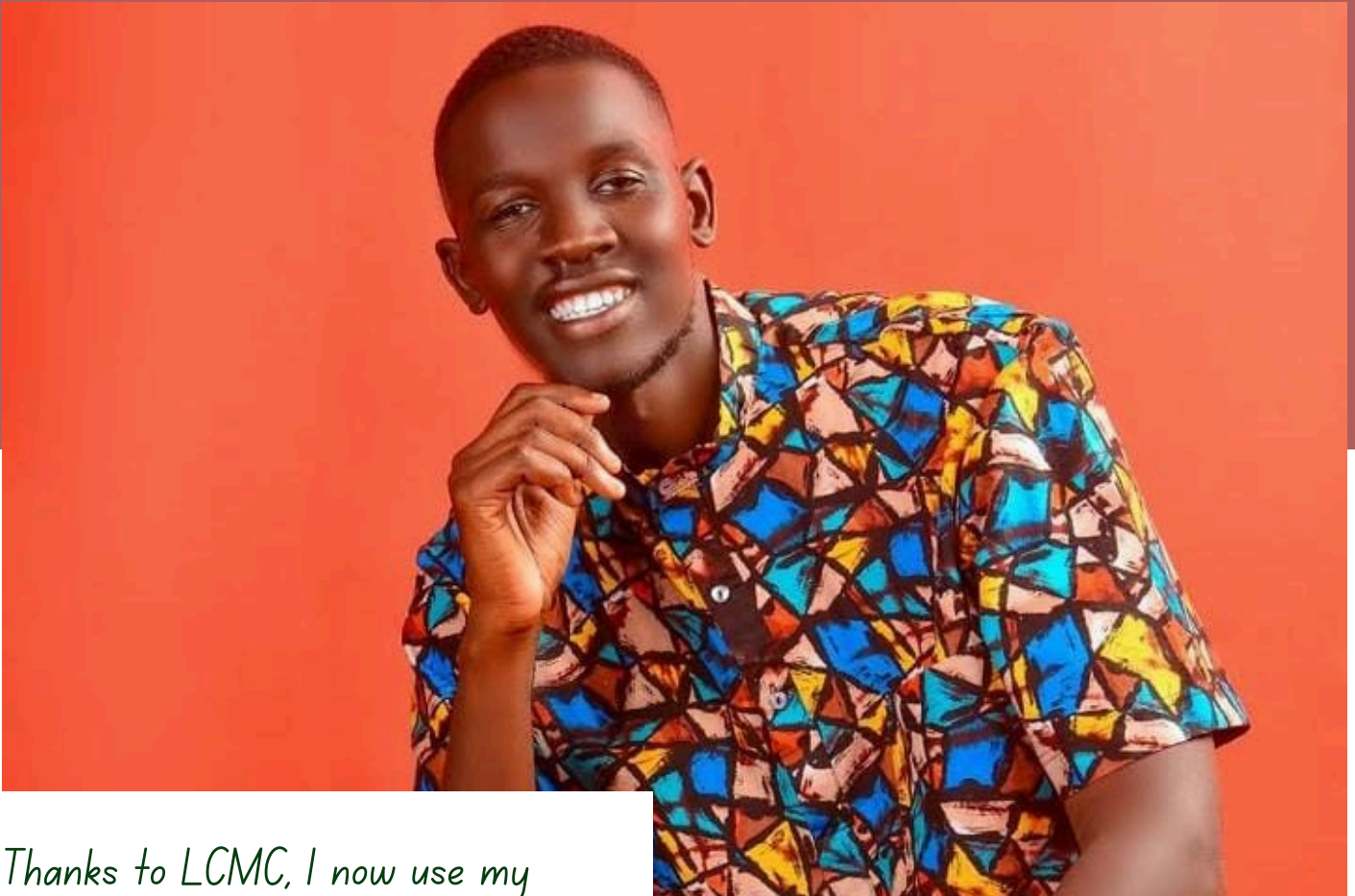
But the journey didn't stop there.

Because of the skills, discipline, and confidence I built through CTPAE, I recently had the incredible opportunity to play in the live recording album for celebrated Kenyan gospel artists Emmy Kosgei and Mercy Masika. This gig marked a turning point in my artistic journey – being part of such a high-level production would have felt impossible before the training.

CTPAE not only broadened my skillset, it also shifted my mindset. I now see possibilities where I once saw limits. I have multiple income streams and a renewed belief in my potential.

To the LCMC and Jesuit training team – thank you. You didn't just teach me skills; you helped me redefine my life. I'll forever be grateful. May God bless you.

AMON KIPKOECH



“Thanks to LCMC, I now use my lens to tell stories that matter”

I recently had the incredible opportunity to serve as the official photographer for a three-day World Environment Day celebration (SOY), organized by the County Government of Uasin Gishu in collaboration with NEMA and Wastrack. It was a true honor to document such a powerful event centered on environmental action, community engagement, and sustainability.

This experience was deeply meaningful to me—it marked a milestone in my photography journey and a testament to how far I’ve come. I am sincerely grateful to LCMC and SOS Children’s Villages for equipping me with the skills, training, and confidence to pursue photography professionally. Their mentorship played a vital role in preparing me for moments like this.

Thank you to the County Government, NEMA, Wastrack, and all participating partners for trusting me to capture the essence of this impactful event. I’m proud to use my lens to tell stories that matter

MOMBASA TEAM



ELDORRET TEAM

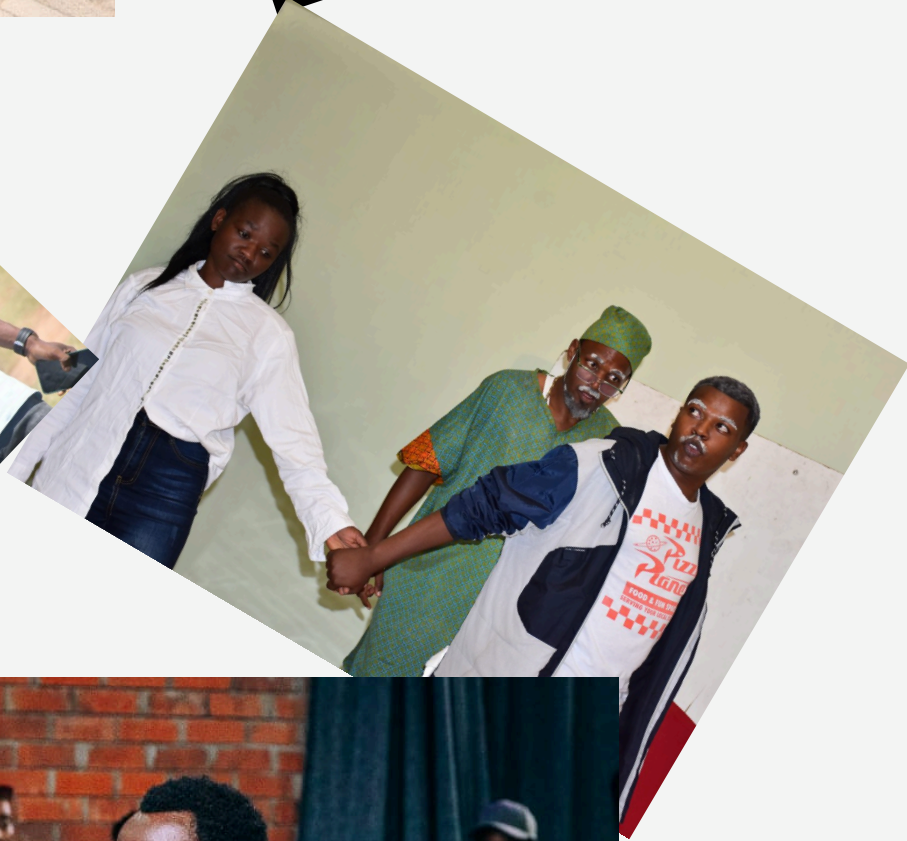


CTPAE IN SESSION



THE THINKING THAT POWERS THE ACTION

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SEALING THE JOURNEY WITH PRIDE



Each of them has a story !



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THE TALES OF VICTORY



EVERY MILESTONE SHARED IN THESE PAGES IS A
TESTAMENT TO WHAT'S POSSIBLE WHEN COMPASSION
MEETS COMMITMENT.

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