

LMU TRAINS SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Over 70 secondary school teachers of various subjects benefitted from the training workshop for secondary school teachers in Omu-Aran organised by the Directorate of University Wide Courses (UWC), Landmark University on 5th November, 2016.

The workshop themed, *“Skills Building and Empowerment Workshop for English Language Teachers in Nigerian Secondary Schools”* was towards enhancing students’ proficiency in the English Language within the host community.

While declaring the programme open, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan reiterated that for the University to lay claim to the world-class status she envisioned, her impact must be felt by communities around. Admonishing the English Language teachers to serve as models for proficiency in the use the language, the Vice-Chancellor wholeheartedly welcomed all participants to the workshop, congratulating them on the all-encompassing impact of the workshop.

A presentation by Mrs. Olusola Akanmode, a faculty in the Directorate, UWC on the topic **“Skills Building and Empowerment Workshop on the Use of English for Teachers in Nigerian Secondary Schools”**, brought forward the undeniable status of the English language globally and the need for teachers to improve on their use of the language to become competent teachers of any subject. She said the language, though foreign to Nigeria, has become domesticated, functioning as the shared communication tool in all aspects of our national life. She also emphasized the importance of good level of competence in the language for high level performance in teaching and learning. While expressing dissatisfaction with the poor performance of senior secondary school students in their external examinations and the factors responsible for it, Mrs. Akanmode enthused that teachers should be good models to the students by communicating in the grammatical and acceptable English language at all times. Also, a computer-based test was conducted for the teachers to assess their proficiency in the language.

The participants were delighted to have participated in such a programme stating that the impact on the teachers and students across secondary schools in Omu-Aran could not be overemphasised. They thanked the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo for the Vision of Landmark University that has impacted them. They further appreciated Management for the privilege granted them to be part of the educative workshop and passionately requested that such event should continue to hold periodically, serving as a means of improving the knowledge of all teachers within Omu-Aran and environs.

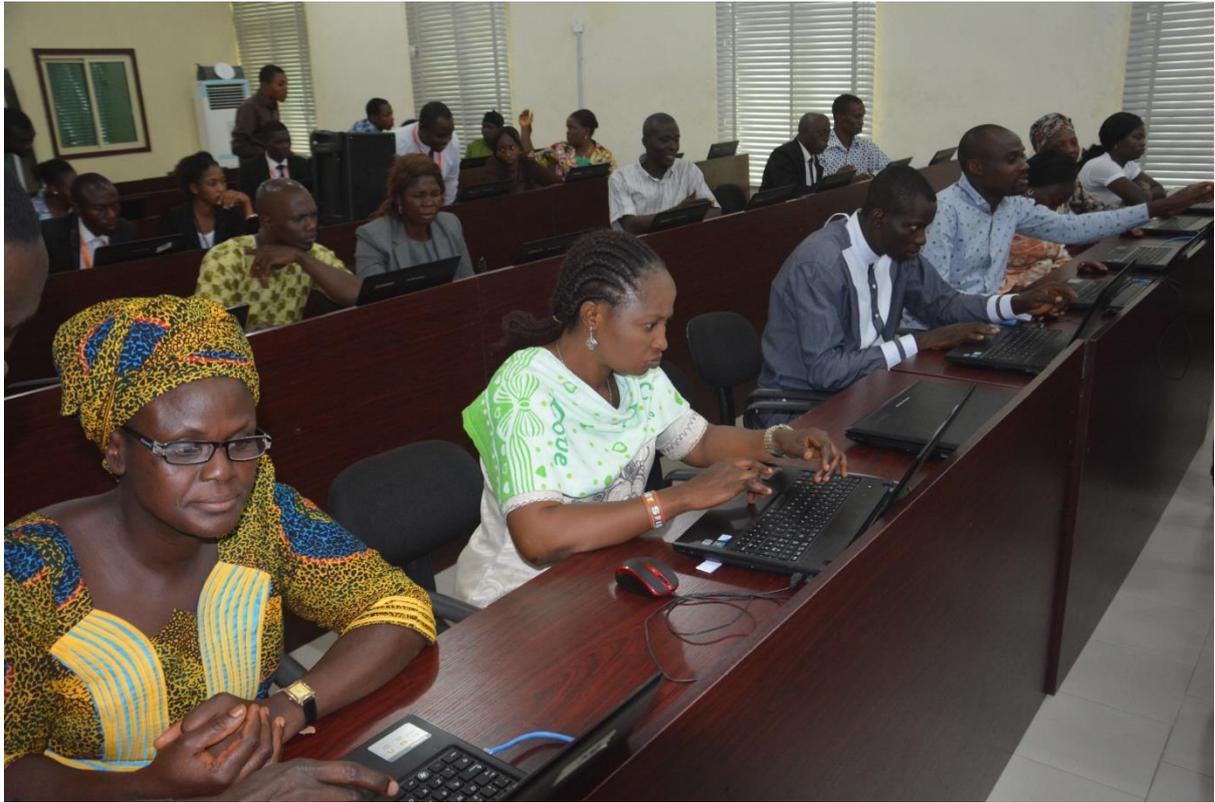
In attendance at the workshop were five representatives each from fourteen schools in Omu-Aran and environs which were: Omu-Aran High School, Government Secondary School, Omu-Aran, Ogbo Grammar School, Government Christian College, Obi International School, Adeoti College, Landmark University Secondary School, Thomas Adewumi International College, Oko, ECWA Girls Secondary School, Comprehensive High School, Oko, Ofe-Aran Commercial College, Aperan Comprehensive College, and Progressive Secondary School.



A cross section of participants at the workshop



The members of Management and Participants in a group photograph at the end of the workshop



A cross section of participants during ICT Training at the University Computer Laboratory