

## **BIO - Councillor YEMI ADENUGA - She BUILDS PEOPLE.**

Councillor Yemi Adenuga, often referred to as "Energy in Motion", is a leadership powerhouse of ideas, who wears different caps at various times, an alluring quality of this audacious social Entrepreneur. Yemi *builds People*.

### ***Her Expertise***

Yemi is:

- a high Impact Global Speaker.
- a Leadership management expert.
- a Confidence building coach.
- an experienced People development Strategist.
- a life transformation Mentor.
- A business woman.
- social entrepreneur.

### ***Her Businesses***

- She is Group CEO: D-Dymensions Communications.
- Director of Programs: MIB INSTITUTE of People Development.
- Founder and Lead Mentor: YAMAL Program (Yemi Adenuga Mentorship and Leadership Program)
- Curator: Energ' Luxury oils and Perfumes (Customised Perfumes, home & body sprays).
- CEO: Energy 'N' motion publishing

### ***Her Education:***

- Post-graduate certificate in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise from the University of Dublin (UCD) Innovation Academy - 2016.
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree (Project Management stream) from the Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom - 2011.
- Bachelors of Business Studies (BBS Honours, Entrepreneurship Stream) from University College Dublin-(UCD) - 2010.
- Diploma in Business Studies (Human Resource Management Stream) from University College Dublin-(UCD) - 2008.
- Higher National Diploma (HND), Business Studies (Business Law stream) and Diploma in Accounting both from Inchicore College of Further Education, Ireland - 2002.
- Studied Accountancy and Mass Communication at the Ogun State Polytechnic, (now Moshood Abiola Polytechnic) Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria 1994 / 1996.

### ***Her Professional Affiliations:***

Yemi is a member of several professional bodies including:

The Institute of leadership and Management, Ireland.

The MBA Association of Ireland.

Project Management Association, Ireland.

She is an associate of the Irish Institute of training and development.

## ***Her Achievements***

Today, Yemi has risen through adversities and challenges, breaking barriers, and making history along the way.

As a history maker, Yemi is:

- The 1st Black-Female Public Representative to be elected in the Republic of Ireland.
- The 1st Migrant Councillor to be elected to Meath County Council.
- The First migrant to ever be written into an Irish school textbook, (the 6th class Geography and Science textbook by folens publishers), making her a topic of study in primary schools across Ireland.
- The first migrant *PEACE COMMISSIONER* for County Meath in Ireland.
- Listed as an Irish woman of influence by the Irish Tatler Magazine.
- Recognised as one of Ireland's 100 women changemakers, powerbrokers and champions of humankind by the Irish Examiner
- Named "*Game-Changer in Irish politics*"... The Irish Independent Weekend Magazine.
- Yemi and her family 'THE ADENUGAS' are the first migrant family to feature on Ireland's Number 1 reality TV program "Gogglebox Ireland" aired on Virgin Media TV.
- The first female presenter to present a programme on the first private Radio station in Nigeria, Ray Power 100fm.
- The director and producer of the first programme ever to be aired, on the first private Television station in Nigeria, Africa Independent Television (AIT).
- Seasoned broadcaster of nearly 3 decades who hosted and produced the Multi-Award-winning TV talk show, 'Sharing with Yemi' which was Nigeria's leading talk show from 1996 – 2000. The program now airs online on Facebook with a viewership as high as 10,000 in an episode.
- 2-time bestselling Author of "The Power of Thank you" and "Exploring Options".
- She is married to Deji Adenuga, Nollywood A-list actor, and is a mother of 4 and grandmother of two handsome boys.
- She is a multi-Award-winning TV- Personality and Global motivational speaker.

## ***Her involvements***

Yemi serves as Ambassador for, and is director on the boards of, several organisations, and is a member of numerous statutory committees and a Special Project Committees in and outside Ireland.

- She is Charity Ambassador for Core Ireland.
- Chairperson of the board of Ard Rí Community National School, Navan, Meath.
- Chair of the Meath Local Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee, Meath.
- Chair of Fine Gael Intercultural Network (FGI).
- Board member of Saoirse Ireland.
- Board member of Meath Enterprise.
- Board member of Comhairle na nÓg.
- Board member of Colaiste na Mí, secondary school, Navan, Meath.
- Board member of Solstice arts centre, Meath.
- Member of Africa advisory Council, Change foundation, California, USA.
- Member of Advisory board for Africa projects, AUNUA, Ireland.
- Member of Meath Local Community Development Committees.

- Member of the Joint policing committee, Meath.
- Member of the Meath County council Climate action forum.
- Served as board member of National Women's Council of Ireland (NCI), Ireland.
- Served as two-time Chairperson of the Board of Management of Cultúr Migrants Centre, Meath.
- Served as the Chairperson of the steering committee of the M.I.M.E project (Migrants Integrating in Meath Equally), Ireland.
- Served as Vice-President of the Meath Intercultural Network (MIN).
- Was project Manager for Cultúr Migrant Centre, Ireland.
- Worked with a team of other PLA researchers to carry out a thorough and very successful research project work which led to the development of an Integration Strategy in County Meath.

### ***Her projects***

- Yemi is a Social Entrepreneur and a women and youth advocate.
- She is founder and president of SHEROES GLOBAL, a social enterprise that inspires, empowers, and impacts women and Young people to be more and celebrates them when they dare to be more through their various life changing programs and projects.
- She is founder of the YAMAL PROGRAM (YEMI ADENUGA MENTORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM) a global mentorship program for women and young people in various areas of life including business, leadership and relationship. Yemi has mentored about 20,000 mentees in over 25 years.
- She is founder and Curator of THE GODMOTHERS NETWORK, a global network of female leaders who mentor young women to build confidence, become and occupy space.
- She is the founder of THE BOYS TO MEN PROJECT, A SHEROES GLOBAL INITIATIVE aimed at raising boys to be GOOD MEN.
- She is the Festival Director of CULTUREFEST, an annual celebration of diversity and inclusion through the arts in the republic of Ireland under the umbrella of Nigerian Carnival Ireland.
- She is the founder of the EXPLORING OPTIONS PROJECT aimed at inspiring young people to think of a possible career path early in life and use their skills while in school or vocational training. Through the project, Yemi gives her second book, 'Exploring options...a guide to making career choices' free to young people. Till date, she has given out 12,500 copies of the book.

### ***Her Story***

Yemi's story is that of determination, courage, and perseverance.

This wife, mum of 4 and Glam'ma of two grandsons was born and raised in a polygamous home where her father had 7 wives and 27 children. She is number 16. Her mother was the last of the 7 wives with 6 biological daughters, 4 stepdaughters, but no son. Her mother raised 10 girls and was told by her husband's family that the 10 girls would never equal 1 boy, that they would amount to nothing, and be nobodies who will all end up on the streets of Lagos as prostitutes. Yemi was only 13 years old when she heard those words. Those words became the motivation for Yemi's determination to be somebody.

Yemi believes that: *“NOBODY has the right to tell ANYBODY they cannot be SOMEBODY, and ANYBODY who is determined to be SOMEBODY can be”.*

Against all odds, Yemi turned the words of her father's family around to make her life meaningful and impactful. With nothing but a dream to be somebody, a determination to discover her purpose and an openness to embrace possibilities, Yemi built valuable life skills, learnt to recognize, take, and use opportunities well and is now paying it forward through her people-building programs that change lives positively across the globe.

### ***Her Values:***

Yemi's Core values are:

C- consistency

R - Respect for self and others

I - Integrity

D - Do unto others as you'll have them do unto you.

L - Love for God, self, Family and real friends.

### ***Her Passion:***

Yemi is passionate about her faith, family, friends and building women and young people.

### ***Her mission and mentorship program***

This change agent is on a mission to empower and build women & young people globally.

Through her mentorship program, ***'The Yemi Adenuga Mentorship and Leadership program' (YAMAL PROGRAM)***, this dynamic storyteller and role model demonstrates by her own examples, determination and hard work, that any goal can be achieved, building the confidence of her mentees, and enabling them to take the key to their own success.

### ***Her life motto***

Yemi's motto in life is: What is worth doing, is worth doing well.

### ***Her Success Mantra***

Where there is a will, there is always a way.

### ***Her 8 Principles to live by***

1. Find and define Yourself
2. Set your Values.
3. Pray, love, live.
4. Find a MENTOR.
5. Believe in something higher than you.
6. Stand for something or fall for everything.
7. Find and pursue your passion and purpose.
8. Surround yourself with the right NETWORK.