

Our Values Champions

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Margaret (middle) celebrating
International Youth Day



“In my 27 years of working with young people, it’s only at Restless Development where we have walked the talk! Young people truly leading in all that we do.”

Her Restless Story

Margaret joined Restless Development in 2012 as the Generation of Leaders Programme Manager. In 2013 she was appointed as a Senior Programme Manager where she oversaw the design of flagship projects in Tanzania including Girls Leadership Project and participation of young people in re-writing the constitution of Tanzania- Kijana Wajibika. Margaret has been Director in Tanzania since November 2014 and has been recognised as a values champion by her peers for her leadership, support and passion. She received a record number of nominations and was described as a motivation and inspiration to all staff and volunteers she worked with.

Which of our Values speaks to you the most and why?

“The Heart value. I am very passionate about young people. They are my life and I believe they have what it takes to change the world. Each day I work alongside young people to support them come up with home grown innovative solutions to their present day challenges. I have diligently been there for them, empowered them to speak for themselves and wherever need arises, speak for them. I am not just about to give up on this call to serve with and for young people. The values (head, voice and hands) are embedded deeply in the value (heart) that speaks most about me.”



What do you think makes Restless Development so special?

“What makes Restless Development special is the fact that young people are at the Centre of all that we do. They lead every area of our work and this on its own continuously invigorates my passion for youth work. Their power to improve their lives and change their communities astounding.”

What’s your favourite part of Restless Development...in your job or beyond?

“The opportunity to lead and share my ideas without fear of intimidation. The space given to me not just to support but witness the accomplishments of young people and their career growth fills my heart with joy.”

If you could say one thing to your colleagues across Restless Development, what would it be?

“Restless Development values are truly empowering not only for the young people but with the staff who interact with the values every day. You will never go wrong while at Restless Development as long as you are what you serve.”



As part of ongoing celebration of our values, a values champion will be profiled every month. Champions were nominated by their peers and selected based on their commitment to the Values and ideals of Restless Development. To learn more about our values, visit www.restlessdevelopment.org/our-values