

Our Values Champions

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“Restless Development is special to me because we value young people and place them at the core of everything we do.”

Her Restless Story

Rumbidzayi first joined Restless Development as volunteer in Chimanimani, Zimbabwe in 2010. From there, she rejoined the organisation in 2013 as an intern also in Chimanimani before becoming Assistant Programme Coordinator for the International Citizen Service (ICS) Programme in 2015. Rumbidzayi was nominated as values champion by her peers in July, with colleagues recognising her dedication, professionalism and passion for Restless Development, our programmes and people.

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

“My favorite part of Restless Development is working with the volunteers. Working on the ICS programme has developed me professionally and personally. I learn a lot from each cycle that comes, lessons that help me even in my conduct with those outside of Restless. I am even more concerned about the issues affecting young people globally and I have become an active citizen more than I was before.”

How do you keep our values alive day to day?

“Everything that we do is youth led. We trust our volunteers to lead development in the communities they work in, enabling them to be the link between the organisation and the community. We also give our team leaders opportunities to represent the organisation at different stakeholder meetings, airing the concerns of the young people.”

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

“Everything that we are doing is for a worthy cause, and we see young people taking up decision making positions and influencing positive change in their communities, we should stand up, be proud and declare that we are Restless.”



Listen to what else Rumbidzayi has to say about our Values [here](#).



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