

# Inspiring the Next Generation to Work for Positive Social Change

Talks and Workshops with Gary Foxcroft

## A bit about me...

I am a fairly normal, Northern lad with some quite exceptional stories and learning to share. I am also an award-winning human rights activist and social entrepreneur with a passion for inspiring young people to bring about positive social change. With my warm, down-to-earth, style and ability to engage and enthuse audiences, I make the perfect speaker to help the young people that you work with to aspire to greater things.



Gary with young girl accused of witchcraft that he and his wife rescued.

## Some of my achievements...

Established Charity – Stepping Stones Nigeria – in 2005. The charity is now the leading international child rights charity working in the dangerous and volatile Niger Delta region and it's work has saved and changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of children.

Featured in two multiple award-winning "Dispatches" documentaries – Saving Africa's Witch Children (2008) and Return to Africa's Witch Children (2009).

Presented a number of papers to UN bodies in Geneva to demand for action to prevent children from being accused of witchcraft.

Co-founder of four other organisations. Two in Nigeria (Stepping Stones Model School and SSNCEF) and two in UK (Universal Learning Solutions CIC and Witchcraft and Human Rights Information Network CIC).

Turned down the opportunity to get an OBE (politely).



Young Nigerian Girl Demanding Her Rights at Protest Organised by Gary

Winning a BAFTA for Saving Africa's Witch Children in 2009



Gary Lobbying Nigerian Governor to Enact the Child Rights Act and Act to Protect Children Accused of Witchcraft.

## What I can talk about...

Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the young people that you work with. I can talk and provide workshops on a wide-variety of themes. Many times they will focus simply on sharing the sometimes funny, often tragic and always uplifting experiences of the last few years of my life. But I have also talked to a wide-variety of groups on a number of other subjects, such as:

- Setting up and running charities:  
How to do it and some of the challenges that may be faced
- Charity Vs Social Enterprise:  
Exploring the Pros and Cons
- Fighting for the Rights of Children  
Accused of Witchcraft  
in the Niger Delta: Lessons Learned
- Effective Advocacy Tools for  
Upholding Children's Rights
- Violations of Human Rights in the UK  
and Across the World due to the Beliefs  
in Witchcraft and Spirit Possession



## Session Formats

Again these can be tailored to meet your needs. However they usually take the following form:

- 1 - 2 hour classroom based session
- 1 hour Assembly
- Half or Full day Motivational Workshop

## Who is this For?

Over the years I have talked at a large number of schools, universities, youth centres, churches and community events. I take great pleasure in sharing my experiences with young people from all walks of life – school pupils, young entrepreneurs, disaffected youth, university students and young offenders – and can easily adapt my style to suit all audiences.

## Benefits

My talks and workshops will help the young people that you work with to:

1. Realise their own potential to be an entrepreneur and help motivate them to change the world (in whatever way this may be!)
2. Learn more about establishing charities and social enterprises and understand what it may take to do this.
3. Better understand human rights and what it takes to uphold them around the world.
4. Promote positive thinking.
5. Aspire to greater things.

## Testimonials

“Gary delivered a fantastic motivational workshop to over 100 international students, which was very well received by all. So many wanted to ask questions at the end that we would have needed to double the time to answer them all!”

Patricia Byrne-Roberts - Senior Lecturer, University of Central Lancashire

“Gary’s session at our youth centre was an inspiring lesson for our kids about how each of them has the potential to change the world around them. His soft and down-to-earth style had the kids encaptured and enthused throughout”

Lou Rhodes – Youth and Community Worker

## Fees

All of the costs vary according to the duration of the talk or workshop. In general they are in the region of £200-400 plus transport.

However, for less well-off groups, I am able to make a discount.

Please contact me for more information: [gary@whrin.org](mailto:gary@whrin.org) | [www.whrin.org](http://www.whrin.org) |   whrin

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing how we can help make a positive change in the lives of the children that you work with.