

You Don't Have to Fit In

A THEATRE FOR DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE BY ADOLESCENTS ON SEXUAL, MENTAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Date: July 25, 2025 Time: 9:30 AM Venue: Taifa Polyclinic















Ghana Education Service (GES)

Programme Outline

Part 1

9:30am - 9:45am	Arrival and Registration
9:45am – 9:50am	Opening Prayer
9:50am - 9:55am	Introduction of Invited Guests
9:55am – 10:00am	Welcome Address from Medical Superintendent
10:00am - 10:05am	Poetry Recital on Adolescent Reproductive Health
10:05am - 10:10am	Introduction of Project/Intervention (Prof. Irene Agyepong)
10:10am – 11:15am	Theatre Production
11:15am - 12:00pm	Dialogue with Audience (Moderator)
12:00pm - 12:05pm	Summary of Key Points (M.C)
12:05pm – 12:15pm	Dance Session
12:15pm – 12:20pm	Message from P.I (Prof. Irene Agyepong)
12:20pm – 12:25pm	Closing Remarks from Medical Superintendent
12:25pm – 12:30pm	Vote of Thanks
12:30pm – 12:35pm	Closing Prayer
12:35pm – 12:45pm	Formation of Focus Groups
Part 2	

12:45pm - 1:30pm

Reflections with Stakeholders (Focus Group Discussions/ Survey)

M.Cs: Priscilla Prempeh and Linda Ntiri Safo Moderator: Dr. Emelia Afi Agblevor

Synopsis

Nhyira and Araba Atta step into boarding school life with different parenting styles and dreams of success, but temptations from Nana Kwame's wild gang and the allure of forbidden activities lead to heartbreaking consequences. The play explores how youthful curiosity, peer pressure, and lack of guidance can shatter innocence and futures.

Cast

- 1. Justina Dapaah Mrs Akoto
- 2. Michelle Ahenkorah Annor Nhyira
- 3. Hillary Yayra Auntie Sophie
- 4. Louisa Tetteh Dede Araba Atta
- 5. Godfred Safo Joojo
- 6. Gad Nkansah Nana Kwame
- 7. Collins Awinigangiye Koded
- 8. Jessica Asante Naomi
- 9. Kelvin Asare Class rep
- 10. Gerald Asumani Antwi Mr Gyan
- 11. Richmond Kesse-Kye Mr Akoto
- 12. Josephine Obenewaa Madam Baaba
- 13. Emmanuel Asante Classroom scene
- 14. Senior Yeboah Classroom scene

Cast

- 15. Junior Yeboah Party scene
- 16. David Acheampong Party scene
- 17. Desmond Ntim Party scene
- 18. Agnes Boateng Party & Classroom scene
- 19. Josephine Addai Party & Classroom scene
- 20. Menalik Nkrumah Boateng Party & Classroom scene
- 21. Jessica Omari Party & Classroom scene
- 22. Aisha Dauda Nurse
- 23. Princess Kwakyewaa Classroom & Party Scene
- 24. Magdalene Mensah Girl passing by & Classroom scene
- 25. Adom Asamoah Doctor

Stage Crew

- 1. Isabella Ohemeng Stage Manager
- 2. Emmanuel Fittz Stage Hand
- 3. Princess Kwakyewaa Stage Hand
- 4. Adom Asamoah Stage Hand
- 5. David Acheampong Stage Hand
- 6. Agnes Boateng Stage Hand

Script

Co-created with Adolescents, AdoWA Team, Health workers, Community Members, Roverman and Selected Stakeholders

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