

TEMITOPE IFEBESAN is a dynamic education leader, known for her visionary approach to elevating learning outcomes and championing equity in education across Africa. Currently, she serves as the Coordinator of the ALforEducation Leading and Learning Program at African Leadership Academy, where she leads the design, development, and delivery of the fellowship program to support and empower Africa's master teachers. In her role, she collaborates with a community of passionate educators, leading initiatives that shape African teaching and learning standards and promoting professional growth for educators committed to transforming their classrooms and communities.

Temitope's commitment to education reform is rooted in 12 years of dedicated experience employing transformative pedagogy to facilitate deep learning for students and impactful professional development for teachers, resulting in productive outcomes. She has directly taught over 850 students and worked with over 1,200 teachers, guiding them to achieve outstanding status in their learning and practices. She is an alumna of Teach for Nigeria, where she not only taught and mentored students in underserved communities but also took on leadership roles that catalysed broader change. She served as a two-time Program Coordinator at TFN Training Institute, conducting sessions on 21st-century teaching and teacher-leadership. She also worked as a teacher trainer with Profuturo to provide relevant digital education to public school teachers across 3 states in Nigeria, thereby contributing to narrowing the education gap for millions of children without access to quality education.

Temitope is an alumna of the Teach For All Global Girls' Education Fellowship, where she served on the leadership team as a Community Champion; a former Network Connector for Teach For All; and a former Governing Council member at Babes Redefined International. As the first President of the Teach for Nigeria Alumni Association, she laid the foundation for alumni engagement that continues to inspire and activate educational leaders across the country. Her impact has been further amplified through participation in the Teach For All Leading From Lived Experience Fellowship.

Temitope is especially passionate about gender equity, advocating for increased access to quality education for girls in underserved communities. Her self-funded project, which provides scholarships and mentorship to at-risk girls, is a testament to her dedication to bridging educational gaps.

Temitope was Director of Communications and Partnerships at the Teacher Leader Institute, where her strategic expertise in partnership building and advocacy fuelled the organisation's mission to create sustainable change in education. Her work included building collaboration across educational and community sectors, amplifying teachers' voices, and establishing partnerships that bridge resources with impactful teaching practices.

Temitope's career reflects a blend of strategic leadership, community-building, and hands-on teaching experience. Her background as an educator, mentor, and leader shapes her belief that African education will thrive when teachers are empowered and communities are engaged in collective leadership. In her quest to empower teachers, Temitope has designed and delivered teacher training programs at several schools across Nigeria. While being committed to driving systemic change and remains an inspiring force for educators dedicated to building a brighter future for African children and youth, Temitope aspires to be Nigeria's Minister of Education in the nearest future.

