

LEARNING ACROSS BORDERS: TEACH FOR SIERRA LEONE HOSTS TEACH FOR ITALY ALUMNI COORDINATOR



Cross section of the TFSL team

Teach For Sierra Leone (TFSL) was honoured to host Chiara Colazzo, Alumni Coordinator at Teach For Italy, on a learning and exchange visit on 8th and 9th January 2026 aimed at

strengthening collaboration within the Teach For All network, and deepening mutual learning across contexts. The visit provided an important platform for dialogue, reflection, and sharing of best practices in advancing educational equity.

During her time with the organisation, Chiara engaged in thoughtful and in-depth discussions with key members of the Teach For Sierra Leone Leadership team.

The discussions highlighted TFSL’s work across different provinces, its strong partnerships with schools and



Chiara with the Head of Alumni at TFSL

partners, and ongoing efforts to strengthen teacher leadership and improve student learning through targeted training, coaching, and systemic collaboration.

TFSL STRENGTHENS COACHING CAPACITY THROUGH TARL TRAINING OF TRAINERS

Teach For Sierra Leone (TFSL) successfully concluded a three-day Training of Trainers workshop on the Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) approach, held from Tuesday, 13th to Thursday, 15th January 2026, at the Mount Zion Training Center.

The training brought together TFSL coaches alongside members of the Training and MERL teams, equipping them with the knowledge and practical skills required to effectively



implement TaRL methodologies across classrooms.

Over the three days, participants deepened their understanding of the TaRL approach, its objectives, and role in improving foundational literacy and numeracy outcomes for learners. The sessions combined theory with practice through interactive discussions, hands-on activities, lesson simulations, and practical demonstrations focused on learner-centred instruction and data-informed teaching practices.



TFSL CEO JOINS EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN NGO COORDINATION



Our CEO, Madam Josephine M. Saidu, attended the launch of the SLANGO Registration Web Portal on 5th January

2026 at the Latter Day Saints Hall, Dworzak. The event brought together key NGO and INGO stakeholders and marked an important step toward improving efficiency, transparency, and coordination within the sector.

TFSL remains committed to promoting accountability, strengthening institutional systems, supporting initiatives that enhance effective



coordination and sustainable development across Sierra Leone’s NGO and INGO sectors.

TFSL CONDUCTS REFRESHER AND TARL TRAINING FOR COHORT 6 FELLOWS



Teach For Sierra Leone (TFSL) successfully conducted a refresher and Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) training for Cohort 6 Fellows from 19th to 22nd January 2026. The training was designed to strengthen pedagogical

skills of our fellows and equip them with effective strategies to improve learning outcomes for students across their classrooms.

During the training, fellows not only revisited key TaRL methodologies but also received teaching and learning materials to implement the strategies effectively. The sessions encouraged interactive learning, peer collaboration, and practical demonstrations to ensure fellows are confident in applying TaRL approaches in real classroom settings.

Our Training and Support Manager Daniel Patiwa, took our fellows through one of the refresher sessions on who we are (TFSL) and what we do



as an organisation. Our Coach and Program Officer, Edwina Jah, led a session on TaRL literacy, guiding fellows on practical approaches to help students reach the appropriate learning levels.

TFSL OBSERVES NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE WEEK, HONORING PEACE AND UNITY

In observance of National Remembrance Week from 18th to 22nd January, a cross-section of Teach For Sierra Leone (TFSL) management, staff, and Cohort 6 Fellows paused their TaRL training to stand in solidarity with the government and people of Sierra Leone to reflecting on peace, unity, and collective responsibility.

This moment of remembrance aligns with TFSL's mission of creating a truly



liberatory society by expanding educational opportunities and

developing values-driven leaders who contribute positively to their communities.

Through shared prayer and quiet reflection, participants honored the memory of those who endured unimaginable suffering during Sierra Leone's 11-year civil war, with particular remembrance of the women and girls who were killed, violated, or left with lasting trauma.

TFSL STAFF RETREAT 2026 IN THE GAMBIA



On 25th January 2026, all staff of Teach For Sierra Leone (TFSL) departed Sierra Leone for Banjul, The Gambia for our annual staff retreat. During the retreat, all staff, including clerical staff, presented their work plans and aspirations for 2026, fostering a shared vision for the year ahead.

The retreat also featured team-building activities, which strengthened collaboration, communication, and camaraderie across departments. The week-long retreat concluded with a reflection session, evaluating the retreat objectives and reinforcing commitment to TFSL's mission of transforming education and developing values-driven leaders across Sierra Leone.

The team made an unofficial quick stop at the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education in Banjul, The Gambia.

A key output of their time together in The Gambia, was the development of a 5-year Strategic Plan (2026-2030) for the organisation.

