

## My internship Experience

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**M**y internship at United Nations Information Centre, Accra, has been an unforgettable experience, and such a great opportunity. The working assignments are diverse; such as media monitoring, planning events, writing invitations, taking pictures, drafting news stories, reports, press releases, preparing statements among others. With UNIC Accra, I got to learn and discover new things every day.

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It has been inspirational to work in such a supportive

office where dedicated staff truly enjoy what they do. Working here at UNIC Accra has allowed me to get a better understanding of the work of the UN as a whole. You get the opportunity to be independent, as well as work in teams, be creative, try new things, and develop your skills and qualification at a different level. Besides, by working and living in Ghana, I have acquired international and cultural experience which I see as an asset in an organization such as the UN.

I especially enjoyed the event we organized to mark the Day of the African Child. We prepared a drawing competition for school children to sharpen their ability to visualize and communicate via drawing. I took pictures and helped to select the best drawings, and wrote a news story about it. This was really GREAT!

18 July was Nelson Mandela International Day. We marked the day by giving 67 minutes of their time to “advancing knowledge through service” at Salem Senior High School. I talked to the students about how they should use Mandela as an inspiration to believe in themselves, to reach their goals, and to do good deeds to others. I really loved how some of the students came up to me after class and wanted to learn more about Nelson Mandela.



Camilla and a group of Salem SHS students after the Nelson Mandela Day outreach activity

This experience will have a tremendous influence in my future career. In fact it has aroused my passion to work with the United Nations. Even though my internship period is over, I am considering applying for new internships at other UNIC offices around the world. I strongly recommend this internship to ambitious students who would like to pursue a career in an international organization.