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Irene Ndidi Ugbah is an educationist the Executive Director of Crestville Academy Abuja, Nigeria. She is the founder of Crestville Development Foundation a gender based NGO. She is a public speaker, girl child advocate and author.

She is a graduate of Abia state university and Pan Atlantic University where she bagged a degree in Geography & Planning 2nd class upper division and certificate in entrepreneurial management respectively.

Irene organizes an annual girl's conference to commemorate the International Day of The Girl Child (IDG) every October 11th. The 2019 edition held in Umuahia, Abia state Nigeria had over 350 girls in attendance. During the school terms Irene and her team visit various secondary schools to speak to girls on taking their education seriously, sexual health etc. They also pay for indigent girl's school fees.

Towards the end of year 2019 Irene and her team extended their work to girls who got pregnant in secondary schools and so had to drop out. They organized skill acquisition and empowerment workshop where they trained girls on how vocational skills such cake making, confectioneries etc. They also gave them start up materials.

The purpose of Irene Ugbah's work with girls are as follows:

- To ensure that girls get access to education
- To ensure that girls are adequately prepared for the future
- To make girls realize that they are complete and can be self-reliant
- To make girls global citizens.

Irene has spoken at World literacy summit, held at Oxford university on the topic: Let's end illiteracy; the girl's perspective and kaleidoscope at the University of Cambridge, on the topic: Factors militating against girl child education in Nigeria in the UK. She was also a panelist on girl child education at the African women conference just to mention a few.

Irene Ugbah was also among the women invited by United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime to deliberate on the 2nd Corruption Report titled Gender and Corruption.

A recipient of Goldman Sachs scholarship 10,000 women program. She is the author of the books LIMITLESS and soon to be released UNSTOPPABLE. She is a wife, mother of three children and most importantly God's daughter.