

## **The LEO Africa YELP Project**

An empowered and motivated individual especially in the millennial space can change the narrative of Uganda and most importantly the narrative of Africa.

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Over the last three years, Stanbic partnered with Leo Africa and The YELP project was started to build a network of 150 influential leaders in various sectors across East Africa over a span of 5 years. The chosen fellows are given skills to advance personal leadership goals and empowered to be effective agents of social change in their communities.

The Young and Emerging Leaders Project (YELP) is an initiative of the LÉO Africa Institute that annually **inducts outstanding thought leaders into a fellowship program** designed to train and orient values of self-advancement, integrity, social responsibility, and socioeconomic transformation.

Fellows of the YELP come from **Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Burundi**, and have backgrounds in media, social enterprise, the Arts, innovation, and activism.

The fellowship imparts critical skills needed in leadership that transforms the individual and society around them. This is achieved through **critical reflection sessions, conversations with leaders** from various sectors, **peer-to-peer sharing** and **readings about different leaders** in Africa and the rest of the world.

The program runs for a year and is divided in 3 seminars where they break down several subject topics with different facilitators. In addition to the seminars, the fellows have networking platforms within their respective countries where they regularly follow up on each other's progress!

Young people being equipped with things that are not taught in class, like leadership, is a valuable cause, and initiatives like YELP that encourage that are important. With a huge percentage of the population being under 30, it is our responsibility to support these initiatives and empower the youth of today.

## **2018 Graduation**



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