

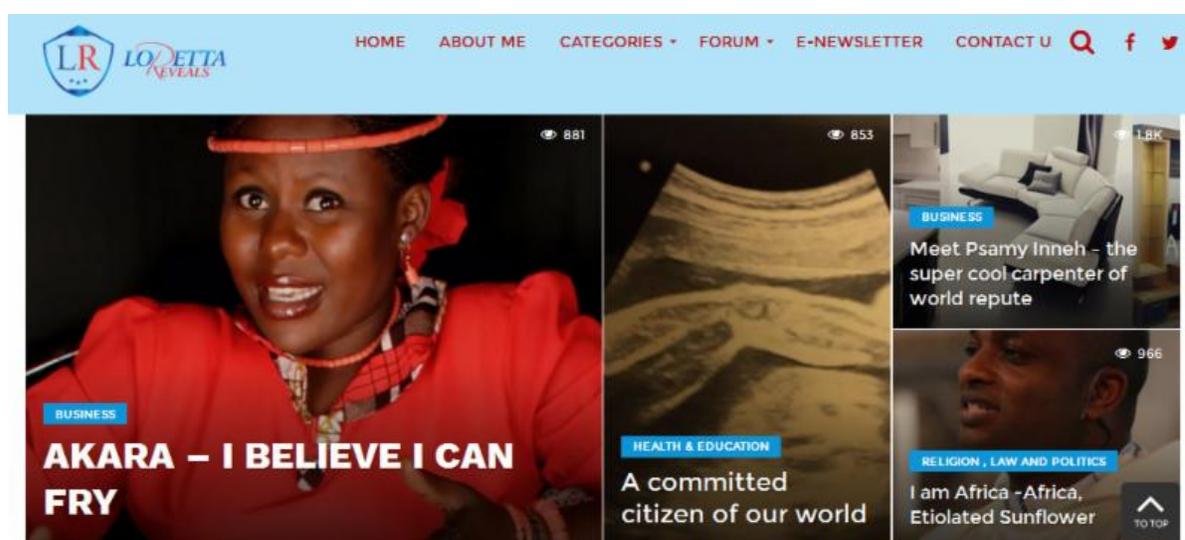


Hello ,

Welcome to June. In the words of one of our readers, "May on the LR Space, was very dynamic and fluid. It had a diverse array of inspiring guest features - one could not predict where LR would take us next".

Chinenye Stellamary Odili, a graduate of accounting, inspired us with her story of determination '**Akara'- I believe I can fry**. She told us how she overcame the societal belief and stigma in Nigeria that the average Akara seller is uneducated and belongs to the lowly social strata. She has smashed the stereotype that a woman who at best is a Secondary School dropout, without any hope of landing a high paying office job and without the finance and intellect to start a mini small scale business is the Akara fryer. Today, she contributes to the development of her nation and has become an employer of labour.

A committed citizen of our world and first Nigerian Full Academic Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the United Kingdom, **Professor Dilly Anumba** was one of our collaborators in "borderless motivation" for the month of May. He explained to us, "how it is natural to crave positive validation from others, but learning to validate oneself rather than taking too much to heart, others' views about one is a success recipe".



We also met with **Psamy Inneh, the super cool carpenter of world repute**. His free

training programme started in 2015, has graduated about 10 apprentices who are now in the business of furniture making and who will in turn pass on the knowledge gained to others and even to their next generation. **Inneh Onyeka Samuel**, a trained soil scientist and now, the Managing Director of Andin Furniture Nigeria Limited, told us how 'no dream is too small and no dream is too big. If you think it you can achieve it. Always shut your ears to the naysayers and let your success do all the talking'.

May started with reflections from the mind of one of those persons who stimulates our deep-seated introspection on what our mission is on Earth, while at the same time, keeping us attuned to our spiritual side. Our first guest feature was **Rev. Father Michael Achile Umameh**, is a Nigerian-born catholic priest, a doctoral student of Mathematics Education, University of Leeds. A published poet, critic, social commentator and avid promoter of Indigenous African Literature.

His feature motivational Poem - *I am Africa; Africa, etiolated Sunflower*, portrayed the blessings and power of the African continent. It highlighted the need for Africans to realize that we can turn around not just our continent but also our world, for good. However, first, we need to unapologetically, believe in our self.

*"Does my full throated and deep-seated laughter incense you?
Does the universe of wealth under my African soil irritate you?
Or does the rounded shoulder of my sons,.....
Africa, still rising, young and stronger, a sunflower, etiolated and
variegated.....
Sorry mate, I can't help, I am endowed".*

June on the LR Space will only get better and bigger. Our team is working hard to continue feeding you with motivational contents every week from guest features far and wide. As promised, our e-book which came on board in the Month of May, is worth your time. Trust us. This is the 1st of our e-books series and it is titled **10 Big Achievement Principles (BAPs)**. It is another enriching package for those who care to seek "inspirational soul food". Since you have read this Newsletter up to this point, you are rewarded by a link to the e-book.

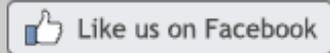
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We will leave you with the saying of a member of the LR Team.

(To not know, can be excused. However, to not know, and know that you do not know and yet, you do not seek to know, is a crime against not only yourself, but against humanity. Loretta Ogboro-Okor, 2016)

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