Open Streets Abuja Initiative

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About Open Streets Abuja

- Open streets is an initiative of Ochenuel Mobility, a non profit arm of the Ochenuel Group
- Ochenuel Mobility is a leading sustainable urban mobility development and road safety organization engaged in research, advocacy and capacity building across Africa
- Main organization incorporated in 2012, but open streets as an initiative began in 2016

- We are the host of Africa Sustainable urban Mobility Course, a weeklong capacity building program for decision makers and other stakeholders across Africa which edition holds in Nigeria and Ghana since 2019
About Open Streets Abuja

Vision
To return the city back to the people for the benefit of man and his earth
How we started

• We called for volunteers and set up a technical team to design our operational strategy; now we have 23 active volunteers, that pulls a crowd whenever we want
• We reached out to the city authority; the Federal Capital Territory Administration and the Federal Capital Development Authority
• We reached out to the Police, Federal Road Safety Corps and the Department of Road Traffic services
• This process took a whole 3 yrs (2016 to 2019) to get everyone on board
• We relied 100% on personal funds for the first and second edition

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The city authority call us

After submitting our reports with recommendations, the city authority called us, we sat with them and working towards recovery of cycle lanes, and other ideas.
City leaders sign commitments

During open streets, everybody learns, everybody decides, to do something different, leaders sign commitments.
 Fun

Children cycling and skating competitions, dace, games, sack race, family seat out, etc
Education
Street debate, Poetry, street art, traffic education lyrics, pamphlets, etc
They wish we can have this every week, is that too much to ask?
Cycling
Cycling riding/bike maintenance training, etc
In each of the events, we make loud statements

Environment and Health
Air quality test, basic health check
We make loud statements

We had 58% improvement in air quality on the portion of road.
We Call on all Authorities to Implement 30km/h as Default Speed in Abuja

The Entire Road Portion will be closed to vehicular traffic for 6hrs (7am - 1pm). Residents and visitors will enjoy freedom to explore the neighbourhood and play.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Street debate and poems
- Street art exhibitions
- Street dance
- Street football
- Children cycling & Skating Competition
- Amputee and wheel chair race
- Games (Chess, Scrabble, Draft, Cards etc)
- Neighbourhood seat out
- Family sack race
- Family cycling lesson
- Neighbourhood workout and yoga
- Any other positive family social activities desired by any family.

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE AWARDS

TELL US YOUR INTEREST THROUGH A MESSAGE ON WHATAPP TO 08055994943

For Further Details

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• It is time to stop the game, cities are for people, let's give it back to them
• When we put people first, we will remember their health, environment and wellbeing, we will remember nature
• Excuses are nice, just that they don't change things, the best way to change a thing is to change it, NOW
• If we don't crush the car, the Car will crash all of us, now or later
Today the need is more obvious to transform our cities as car-centric development are intensifying across African cities. From the climate crises to congestions to road fatalities and endless; let's get to work. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.
We strive on a robust volunteer team and collaboration. Click video below.

SO THEN, WE NEED PARTNERS

- We are currently hosting open streets twice a year, we want it monthly.
- We are limited by funds but we will not rest.
- The city is excited and deeply involved, though not funding us.

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