

Chi Anestin Lum is a teacher of English and French as foreign languages with the Ministry of Secondary Education in Cameroon. She currently serves at Government Technical College, Ndimi situated some 180km away from the capital city of Cameroon. Her hard work has earned her both national and international awards such her participation in the Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement program in Spring 2021; her designation as TransformELT's Model Teacher, in 2020, which led to her contribution to the production of a video teacher training resource; her selection as Master Trainer for British Council's English Connects project in Cameroon since 2019 and her participation in the Young African Leaders Initiative in 2018; amongst others.

Anestin's talents and motivations are not limited to the classroom. She cares deeply about the welfare of children in a society plagued by social ills. She is a gifted lady who combines her profession with a genuine concern for the community in which she lives. She is an equal opportunity and education for all advocate and volunteers with many associations to carry out educational coaching in schools. She is also a volunteer mentor with *Open Dreams*, a HALI Network member organization, which seeks to equalize access to educational opportunities by helping high achieving low income students to secure scholarships in prestigious universities around the globe.

Anestin dreams of a world where educational disparities will become almost inexistent, making room for access to quality learning for all. This dream motivated the creation of *WeKonnekt*, a not-for-profit organization that seeks to foster connecting classroom projects and international exchange visit partnerships between schools in Cameroon and those abroad.

Anestin learned about the African Community Center while on placement at the University of Massachusetts Lowell under the Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement program and is excited to volunteer to teach French and share experiences.