



What is Mine to Do?



Week 4: Champion



Why is this important?

Champion, verb: to support, defend, or fight for a person, belief, right, or principle enthusiastically.

At All We Can, our Champions are those supporters who make a particular commitment to promote the work of All We Can in their local context, receiving additional support and communication from the All We Can team in the process. Every social movement needs committed volunteers, and we are no different.

We're not asking you to be a hero in someone else's journey, we're asking people to consider if they could be a humble champion for doing development differently.

That looks like beating the drum for regular, unrestricted income to support our local partners who are best placed to come alongside individuals and communities. It looks like a commitment to long-term relationships, where trust and capacity are built, and to decolonise the way we offer help and support.



Jeremiah champions the local communities he works with in Liberia, could you do the same?
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Is this mine to do?



Can you let go of control?

All We Can trusts our partners to understand, measure and demonstrate how money is best spent for the long-term benefit of the local communities and individuals they work with. Being a Champion means advocating for this approach, and therefore letting go of some of the control that other approaches to development may offer.



Do you have time?

Of the 6 commitments we are inviting people to consider this Lent, this one involves the greatest investment of time.

Movements need people. Can you give time to a movement where we don't lift people out of poverty, but partner with them so they can be their own heroes?

There are lots of ways to show commitment and support the movement – the other cards this month are essential pieces of that bigger picture. 'Champion' is an invitation to a further commitment – joining the All We Can Team!



Sign up to be a Champion and receive your Champion pledge card.

How do I do it?

Take a digital pilgrimage to our website where you can sign up as one of our Champions at allwecan.org.uk/champion. If you commit to this, we also make some promises to you of how we will support and build your capacity, working in partnership with you to champion global justice in your local community.

Being a Champion may look like using our worship resources to lead services in your church, being a co-ordinator for a Partner Church, putting up posters, or putting on fundraising events. You may also like to volunteer to join us at events and festivals to engage with people as we go around the country, raising funds and awareness.



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Who does this help?

When you champion the work of All We Can in your local context, it helps us support people like Daniel.

Daniel Gboe founded ERDI (Efficient Research and Development Institute) with his wife, in the rural region of Nimba, Liberia. ERDI works through existing community structures to equip local leaders to tackle injustice in their communities.

Early on, Daniel realised if he wanted to make the biggest impact, he needed to look beyond his own knowledge to the expertise in the local community, who brought the ideas that shaped the direction of travel. ERDI works across an interconnected network of smaller charities and local community groups, building capacity by sharing the time and knowledge they have while working with the national government towards the interconnected outcomes created by the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. Daniel, alone, couldn't have a fraction of success without partnering in multiple different ways. Neither can we. Is partnering with us as a Champion something that is yours to do?



Daniel Gboe, founder of All We Can's local partner ERDI, stands outside their headquarters in Liberia.
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