



Hands on citizenship education - students learning how to run elections and student government in their schools.

Ten, one day long seminars for student peer educators were held in September – 260 students from fifty schools (thirty five voluntary sector, fifteen government), as far afield as Mamfe, Wum, Nkambe, Kumba, Bamenda, Douala, Limbe and Yaoundé travelled with their teachers to one of the ten satellite centres to upgrade their electoral and leadership knowledge. The students, reps from each class in their respective schools, were charged to return home and brief their class mates on their roles and responsibilities in school elections and towards student government through out the school year.

The students below, from forms one to five at BHS Yaoundé, stayed alert and engaged from 8 am until the end of the afternoon, on a Saturday – the selection and management of their leaders is a subject they apparently take very seriously: they know that a bullying or unfair prefect can make school life miserable, that a diplomatic head boy or head girl solves



problems and prevents conflicts. Some schools will elect next years prefects in October/November, others vote in February.