PORT HARCOURT ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK (PHEN)

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

Building Wealth. Building Rivers State.

Who we are
A community bringing together entrepreneurs, founders, business owners, professionals, students, freelancers, investors and creators to connect, learn, collaborate and build.

A platform for entrepreneurial connection, practical learning, venture development and community-led opportunity creation.

01 | About PHEN

Port Harcourt Entrepreneurs Network (PHEN) is an entrepreneurship-focused community based in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria. It brings together people at different stages of their entrepreneurial and professional journeys — from aspiring entrepreneurs and students to founders, established business owners, professionals, freelancers, investors and creators.

PHEN creates spaces and initiatives through which members can build relationships, exchange knowledge, explore opportunities, develop practical skills and work together on ideas and solutions. Its approach combines community, entrepreneurship education, venture-building and local ecosystem development.

Our Vision

To contribute to a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in Rivers State where people can turn ideas into viable ventures, businesses can grow through collaboration and opportunity, and communities benefit from enterprise, innovation and job creation.

Our Mission

To connect and equip entrepreneurs, aspiring founders, professionals and young people through practical entrepreneurship education, networking, collaboration and initiatives that help people identify problems, develop solutions and build sustainable businesses.

Our Values: P.H.E.N.

P — PROGRESS	We value learning, measurable improvement and forward movement. We encourage people and ventures to keep developing.
H — HUSTLE	We respect disciplined effort, resourcefulness, consistency and the willingness to take practical action.
E — ENTERPRISE	We believe in building, testing and growing ideas into useful products, services and sustainable ventures.
N — NETWORK	We believe relationships, collaboration and shared knowledge create opportunities that individuals may not build alone.

Who the Community Serves

PHEN welcomes people and organisations interested in entrepreneurship and ecosystem development, including aspiring entrepreneurs, startup founders, small and growing business owners, students and young people, professionals, freelancers, investors, creators, mentors, educators, community leaders, schools, churches, public institutions, companies and development organisations.

02 | Activities and Initiatives

PHEN uses community activities and programmes to encourage practical learning, collaboration and enterprise development. The following describes programme areas and initiatives associated with the network; availability and cohort dates are announced separately.

Community Meetups and Networking

Spaces for entrepreneurs, professionals, students and builders to meet, exchange ideas, build relationships and explore collaboration.

PHEN Young Builders Programme

An entrepreneurship and practical problem-solving programme designed for young people. Activities have included teamwork, creativity, leadership, problem identification and exploring how ideas can become useful solutions.

PHEN BuildLab

A venture-building programme being formalised around a practical cycle: build, sell, learn from the market, rebuild and sell again. It is designed to help aspiring entrepreneurs and early-stage founders test ideas with real customers.

I CAN BUILD

A community-focused initiative built around the theme “From Limitation to Possibility.” Its direction is to encourage people to recognise possibilities, develop problem-solving mindsets and take practical action in their communities.

Business Idea Workshops

Collaborative sessions to investigate real problems and opportunities, gather evidence, challenge assumptions and develop ideas that may be built and tested.

Entrepreneurship Education and Institutional Engagement

Engagement with schools, churches, community organisations, public institutions and other partners to make practical entrepreneurship learning more accessible.

Rivers State Community, Media and Opportunity Initiatives

Exploration of ways to document local businesses, people, challenges and opportunities across Rivers State, and connect community knowledge with builders and ventures.

How PHEN Works

CONNECT Bring people together	**LEARN** Build practical knowledge	**BUILD** Develop and test solutions	**GROW** Improve through feedback and collaboration

03 | Engage With PHEN

For Individuals

Individuals can engage with PHEN by applying for membership, attending announced community activities, participating in relevant programmes, sharing expertise, volunteering and collaborating with other members. Membership and programme applications are subject to the published requirements and terms for each offering.

For Schools, Churches and Community Organisations

Institutions and community organisations can explore hosting or sponsoring entrepreneurship education, youth development activities, workshops and community initiatives. PHEN can discuss the target audience, programme objectives, delivery format, participant numbers, implementation schedule and budget with interested partners.

For Government Agencies, Companies and Development Partners

PHEN welcomes conversations with organisations interested in entrepreneurship development, practical skills, business support, youth engagement, community initiatives and local ecosystem development. Potential areas of engagement include programme sponsorship, institutional delivery, venue and resource support, mentorship, technical contributions and strategic partnerships.

Ways to Engage

• Become a PHEN member.

• Attend a PHEN meetup or announced activity.

• Apply for an available programme or workshop.

• Volunteer expertise, mentorship or operational support.

• Host or sponsor a PHEN programme.

• Discuss an institutional partnership or collaboration.

Connect with PHEN
Website: Add the verified official PHEN website URL
Email: Add the verified official PHEN contact email
Social media: Add verified official PHEN handles

Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria

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This profile is an overview of PHEN's identity, direction and programme areas. Specific programme dates, eligibility, fees, selection processes and partnership terms are communicated in the relevant programme documents or official announcements. Programme participation and outcomes are not guaranteed by this profile.