# Panel Discussion: From Barriers to Belonging: Building Diverse & Inclusive Tech Communities

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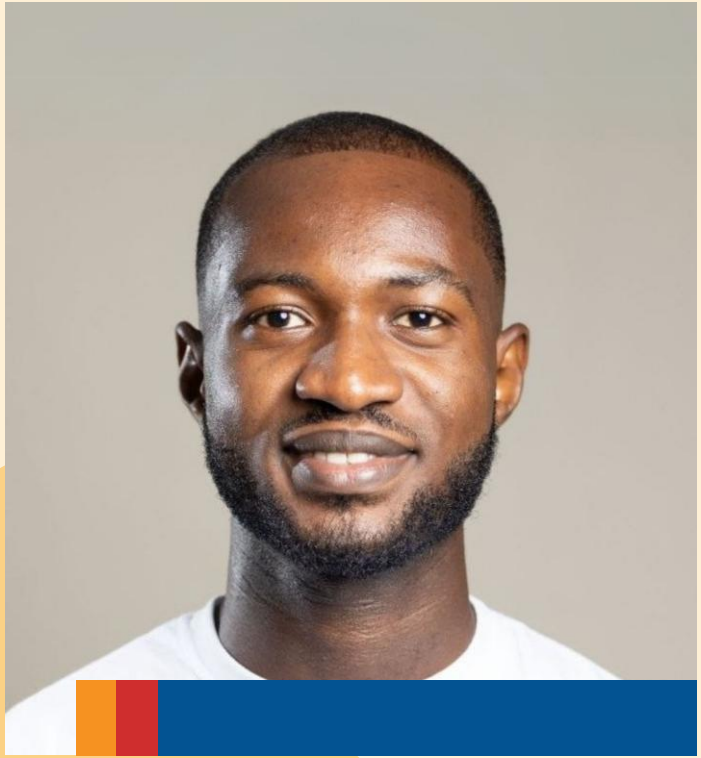
Samuel Osei is the WordPress Meetup Organizer in Kumasi, Ghana. He is a strong advocate for the power of local tech communities, Samuel draws from his experience serving in multiple community roles.



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# Building Inclusive WordPress Communities

- Actively seek and welcome individuals from diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives.
- Ensure fair treatment, access, and opportunity for all community members.
- Create an environment where all voices are heard, respected, and considered.
- Make every member feel connected and valued within the community.

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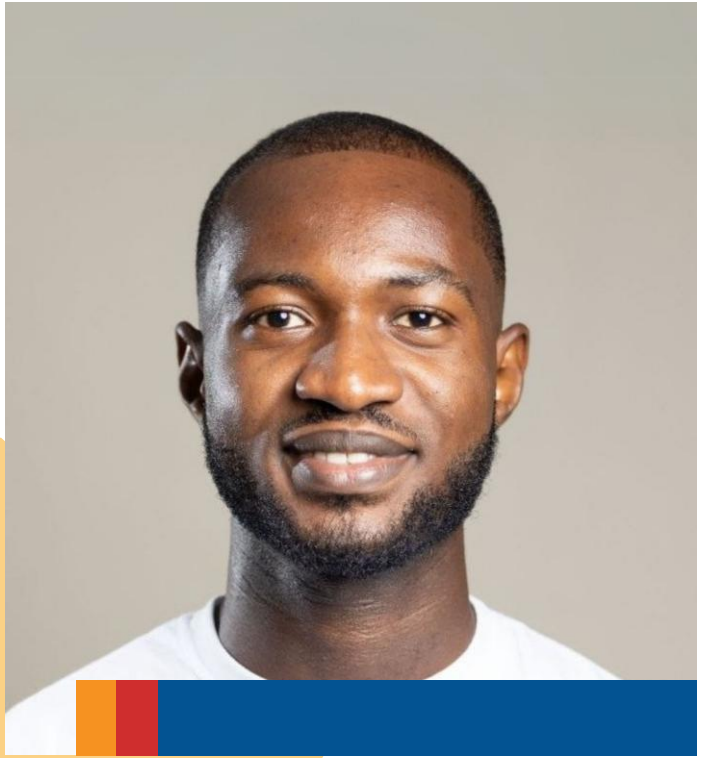

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I am a student of computer science at Women's Institute of Technology  and  Innovation (WITI) Kind ,welcoming excited to learn and grow

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# Foundations of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and belonging

**Diversity:** Representation matters; diverse teams drive innovation.
**Equity:** Fair access to opportunities and resources.
**Inclusion:** Creating an environment where everyone feels valued and respected.
**Belonging:** Fostering a sense of community and connection.
**Intentional Action:** Ongoing effort, commitment, and self-reflection.
**Accountability:** Holding ourselves and others accountable for DEIB behaviors.
**Inclusive Culture:** Celebrating diversity, promoting equity, and fostering inclusion and belonging.

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# Thank you!

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