



# THE KIMMIE WEEKS

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# ABOUT KIMMIE WEEKS

Someone started digging a shallow grave for Kimmie Weeks when he was 10 years old. He had been suffering from cholera, which hit after chickenpox and before yellow jaundice. He was emaciated and dehydrated but saw no doctor, no nurse. This was war, after all—civil war in Liberia.

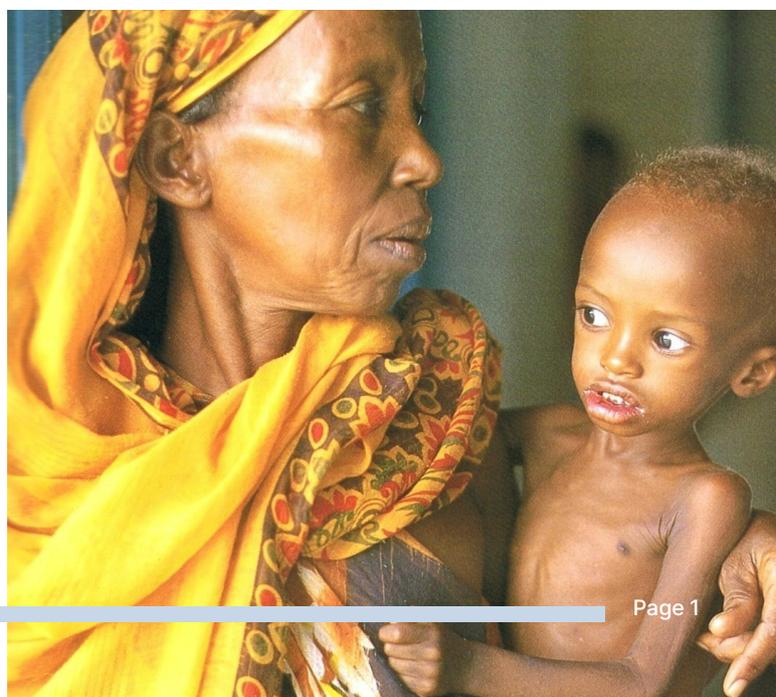
When they could no longer find a pulse in his chest, an older refugee decided Kimmie was dead. He told someone to wrap him up, and young men tossed him on a garbage pile where all the refugees' bodies went. The rest of Kimmie's life could have been erased had his mother not returned and run out, searching through the decaying bodies and shaking him back to life. This formative experience at such a young age led Kimmie to dedicate the rest of his life to working for change.

Four years later, he co-founded Voice of the Future Inc., and went to establish the Children's Bureau of Information. These grassroots organizations fought for freedom for Liberia's children. In 1996, as a young teen, he launched the Children's Disarmament Campaign, mobilizing thousands of children his age to advocate for the disarmament of Liberia's 20,000 child soldiers.

In 1998, he released a groundbreaking report on the Liberian government's involvement in the training of child soldiers. Several government attempts were made to assassinate him. Aided by a foreign government and traveling as a traditional dancer in a dance troupe to evade state security forces, Kimmie fled Liberia and was later granted political asylum in the United States.

Arriving in the US and still eager to make a difference in the lives of children and young people in Africa, he established Youth Action International. Since its establishment, Youth Action International's programs have benefited over 500,000 people in six postwar African countries.

*Kimmie Weeks faced starvation when he was nine years old and was pronounced dead and nearly buried alive.*





“After experiencing the horrors of war as a child, Kimmie has dedicated his life to fight for the rights of children.”

*At age 16, Kimmie Weeks fought for the disarmament of 20,000 child soldiers. He was later forced into exile as the result of his work.*

Kimmie has been featured on major international news networks and in books and publications, including *Peace in Our Lifetime* alongside Nelson Mandela, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

He received a masters from the University of Pennsylvania and an honorary doctorate degree from Amherst College. He currently serves as Executive Director of Youth Action International. and as Senior Director of Africa for Integrum Scientific, and has embraced regenerative agriculture as a strategy to bring prosperity and peace.

*Kimmie Weeks receives World's Children's Prize form the Crown Princess of Sweden.*



## HONORS AND AWARDS

- **The World's Children's Prize**  
Presented by the World's Children's Prize Foundation and the Queen of Sweden
- **Golden Image Award**  
Golden Image Award Foundation
- **Youth Peace Award**  
International Leadership Foundation
- **Outstanding Achievement Award**  
Chicago Bright Foundation
- **National Excellence Award**  
Liberia National Excellence Award
- **Shinning World Leadership Award**  
The Supreme Master Ching Hai International Association
- **Knight Grand Commander**  
Republic of Liberia
- **The Golden Brick Award**  
DoSomething
- **Youth Leadership Award**  
African Student's Association
- **Bishop George D. Brown Leadership Award**  
B.W.Harris Episcopal School
- **Martin Luther King Medallion**  
Florida International University
- **Bishop George D. Brown Leadership Award**  
B.W.Harris Episcopal School
- **Goodwill Games Medallion for Heroism**  
Time Warner Co.

# UNLEASH INSPIRATION WITH **KIMMIE WEEKS!**

Are you searching for a captivating and motivational speaker to ignite the minds of your students, conference attendees, or event participants?

Kimmie Weeks, an internationally acclaimed activist and humanitarian is ready to share his unique perspective and offer a customized experience for your event.

## FOUR REASONS TO INVITE KIMMIE WEEKS TO YOUR NEXT EVENT:

### A Remarkable Journey

Kimmie Weeks has overcome adversity and has a life story that will inspire all who hear it. From his early childhood experiences during Liberia's civil war to his growth as a global advocate for positive change, Kimmie's story is a testament to the indomitable spirit of the human soul.

### Global Impact

His work has touched lives around the world; he's a powerful force for change and has dedicated his life to improving the welfare of the most vulnerable. He brings deep insight into global issues, resilience, and community empowerment.

### Thought Leadership

Kimmie is a thought leader in international development, education, and social change. His innovative ideas and practical solutions have been featured in leading publications and organizations.

### Unforgettable Speaker

He is an engaging and dynamic speaker who can connect with diverse audiences. He has an exceptional ability to inspire, motivate, and challenge the status quo.

## PAST SPEECHES

- 50th Anniversary of USAID
- Amherst College
- Americorps National Convention, VT
- Case Western Reserve University
- Children International Summer Villages (CISV)
- Columbia University
- Davidson College
- Florida Central University
- Florida International University
- Georgetown College, KY
- Georgetown University
- Global Youth Leadership Forum
- Hamilton College
- International School of Oman
- International School of Luxemburg
- International School of Nice
- John Hopkins University
- University of Vermont
- West Michigan University
- Liberian Senate and Legislature
- Middlebury College
- Mount Holyoke College
- National Youth Leadership Conference
- Northfield Mount Hermon School
- Oberlin College
- Penn State University
- Smith College
- St. John's University
- State of the World Forum
- United Nations
- University of Alaska
- University of Mass. (Amherst)

**“Great survivors were molded from Liberia's bloody civil war. Among the violence and tragedy, new leaders emerged, including activist Kimmie Weeks”**



## SPEAKING TOPICS

- Resilience in the face of adversity
- Global citizenship and responsibility
- Education as a catalyst for change
- Humanitarian challenges and solutions
- Fostering positive social change
- Living a life of impact
- Regenerative farming as the pathway to stability in Africa

**“ You inspire me, politically and emotionally. Your experiences have caused me to see both the evil and beauty of men. ”**

**JORDAN, CANADA**

## YOUR INVITATION TO ACT

Don't miss the opportunity to bring Kimmie Weeks to your school, conference or event. By inviting him, you'll not only engage your audience but also encourage them to take meaningful action in the face of today's challenges. Let Kimmie Weeks transform your event into an unforgettable experience!

Contact us today to secure Kimmie Weeks as your keynote speaker: [info@kimmieweeks.com](mailto:info@kimmieweeks.com)  
Learn More: [www.kimmieweeks.com](http://www.kimmieweeks.com)

*Speaking engagements typically include an honorarium, travel expenses, and accommodations. Our team will respond within 24 hours of receiving your message and will work closely with you to meet your event size and budget.*

## ABOUT YOUTH ACTION INTERNATIONAL (YAI)

Established by Kimmie Weeks in 2006 while a student at Amherst College, Youth Action International's (YAI) mission is to increase digital literacy and computer proficiency for young people in postwar African countries. With 95% of high school students in Liberia and Sierra Leone not being able to turn on a computer, let alone utilize it, YAI's goal is to put a computer training lab in every high school in both countries within five years. Each lab includes computers, internet access and solar power. Labs benefit students during school hours as well as young people in the community after school hours.





Please contact us today to secure Kimmie Weeks as your next keynote speaker. Simply send a no obligation inquiry to:

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