

The 2017 Annual Report on Cultural Heritage Clubs in Uganda

"Highlighting efforts of young people to protect and promote Uganda's diverse cultural heritage through school cultural heritage clubs"

1. Heritage Clubs In action



Music instruments made by the club members at Manibe Public School, Arua



Heritage club members at Bwera SS, Kasese performing Ekiyebe dance for Bakonzo



Club members at Bright academy in Kasese displaying handcrafts



Heritage club members at St. Mugagga SS Jjalamba reading the 2016 HEP report



Club members at Kabale Trinity College performing Ekizino, a traditional dance for the Bakiga



Club members at Kangole Girls, Napak district after receiving a banner and sign post for their club

5. The International Heritage Competition.

Besides CCFU's usual national heritage competition, an international heritage competition in which young people were tasked to make short videos on cultural activities of their choice was held. Heritage club members from Zimbabwe, Uganda and Sierra Leone took part. In Uganda, Tumusiime Perfect from Kabale Trinity College and Kusolo Paul from Bulucheke SS, Bududa emerged as winners and were awarded Ugandan Shillings 500,000 and 250,000 respectively. The heritage clubs at Henry Fergusson SS and St. Monica High School in Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe also emerged as winners.



Tumusiime Perfect, from Kabale Trinity College, overall winner in Uganda

2. The 2017 National Heritage Competition.

In 2017 the National Cultural Heritage Competition focused on cultural dances and their importance in our local contexts. 197 entries were submitted, from which the 13 best were selected and used to produce the 2018 Heritage Calendar. The winners were recognised during a prize awarding ceremony which took place at the Nommo Gallery in Kampala on 7th December 2017.



Bridget Ategeka from Rubaga Girls' SS, the overall winner receiving her certificate from Prof. Luutu Mukasa Babuuzibwa, CCFU Chairman Board of Trustees



Alice Basemera from Koogere Foundation Community Museum was recognized as the best coordinator in 2017

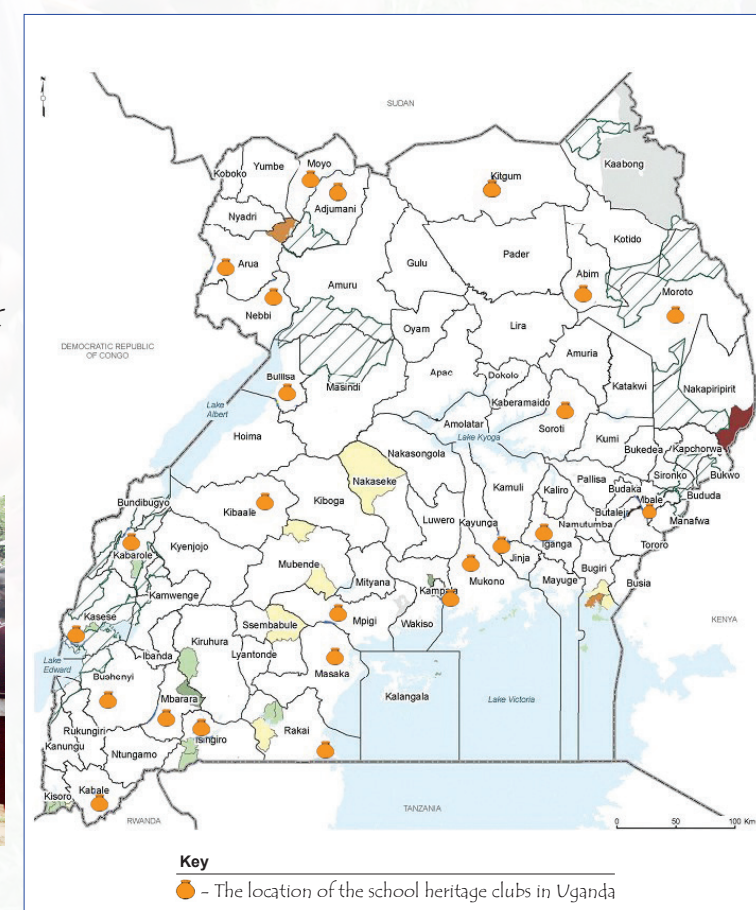
Thanks to all coordinators, heritage club patrons and other partners especially the Straight Talk Foundation for circulating the call for entries and collecting them and providing guidance to heritage clubs.

6. HEP spreads its wings further: New cultural clubs heritage

In 2017, 23 new heritage clubs joined the programme in the clusters of Mpigi, Moroto and Kampala. Club patrons were trained and given copies of the heritage toolkit



Heritage club at Moroto High School receiving a banner for the club



3. The 2018 Heritage Education Competition

To participate, young people up to the age of 20 years are required to draw or paint something that demonstrates beauty (an object, value, practice or style of a house) or make a 3-5 minute video that demonstrate beauty (an object, value, practice, style etc) and explain why it is important in their community. The deadline for submitting entries is 31st August, 2018 (Visit [f](#) Heritage Youth Connect - Uganda for further details about the competition)

4. Benefits from the heritage clubs, What heritage club leaders say?



"I have discovered a lot from the club; It has enabled us to unite all tribes in the school, create friendship amongst members of different tribes and communities and interact and now we are able to tell and explain our family trees. It has also encouraged us to love our cultures and languages."

Musooko Ivan, Chairperson Heritage Club, Jinja SS



"The club reminds me of our cultural norms and customs. It brings moral behaviors among young people and encourages them to conserve their culture. I encourage all students from different schools to cherish their culture."

Nabuyaka Ayub, Chairperson, Heritage Club, Nkoma SS,

"I have participated and won in 2 national heritage competitions (2016 and 2017). That gave me a lot of courage. At school, I am well respected as a winner. Some of our colleagues think it is difficult, but it is not. This year 2018, many people are preparing to participate."

Opio James Okwir, Angal Secondary School, Nebbi



"I have known more than 8 cultures in Uganda. I have learnt languages from different tribes and interacted with new people from different tribes"

Sharon Masika, Chairperson Heritage Club, Bright Academy SS



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