

The 2016 Annual Report for the Cultural Heritage Clubs

Celebrating 5 years of vibrant secondary school heritage clubs



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Five years of the Cultural Heritage Clubs in Uganda

To date, there are 102 secondary school heritage clubs across the country, with 40 to 60 members in each club.

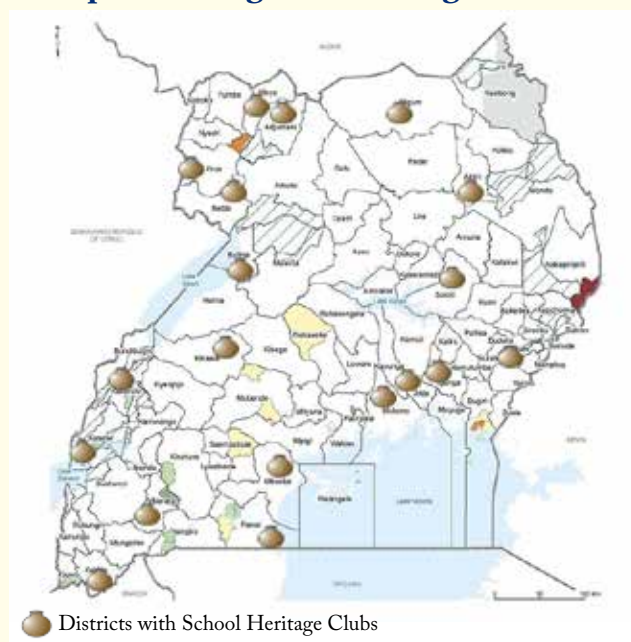
In 2016 we welcomed the following new heritage clubs; Moyo Secondary School, Lohwa Secondary School, Biyaya Secondary School, Bishop Asili Secondary School, Metu Secondary School, Obongi Secondary School and Erepi Primary Teachers College in the Madi sub region and Bududa Secondary School, Bulucheke Secondary School, Mbale High School, Nkoma Secondary School in Mbale.

Kigezi College Butobere in Kabale, Nakalama Secondary School, Iganga, Ssula High school in Iganga and Eastern Hope College and Crane High School, Soroti also established heritage clubs in 2016

Heritage clubs activities

Through a wide range of cultural activities, young people in Uganda have expressed a strong desire and the ability to promote and showcase important elements of Ugandan cultures.

Map of Heritage Clubs in Uganda



Runyeye Dance, Buliisa Secondary School Heritage Club



Karamojong Courtship Dance, Berkley Secondary School Heritage Club, Iganga



Folk song/Dance, St. Charles Secondary School, Kasanga, Bwera



Lakaraka Dance, Kitgum Comprehensive Collge



Tomato garden, Martin Luther Secondary School, Iganga



Promoting traditional wear, Kitgum Comprehensive College



Making money from bags made from banana fibre, Kamuronko Secondary School, Kabale



Cultural exhibition, Kiteredde Vocational Institute,



Banana garden, Kigulu College, Iganga



Making money out of beads, Nakigo Secondary School, Iganga

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Sharing Experiences



“Since I joined the club, I have learned several skills. I can make crafts and participate in debates. I have also learnt to beautify the environment through planting flowers and trees” Masereka George, the chairperson of the heritage club at St. Charles Vocational Secondary School, Kasanga, Bwera-Kasese.



“I joined the heritage club to promote our culture and to improve on our cultures. I encourage my fellow students to join the club as well, so that they promote their cultures” Apolot Mercy in form 1 at Halcyon High School, Soroti.



“I have been able to learn more about my culture because my culture is my life. From the club I have learnt how other cultures are and how to behave in society”. Namono Vonet, a member of the Heritage club at Crane High School, Soroti.



“As a club we help to protect and preserve our cultures for future generations. We also help members to benefit from the heritage club by doing some activities that make money” Omiat David, Chairperson of the heritage club in Gweri Secondary School, Soroti.



“My role is to teach other club members the past ways of eating, dressing, dancing and how we are affected by the new cultures”. Okello Francis; I am a cultural educator in my club at Light Secondary School, Soroti.

Patrons sharing



“It is amazing to see young people embracing their cultures and beliefs. The school needs the club very much because every time there’s a function at the school, it is the heritage club to perform”

Besigye Robert, a teacher and Patron of the heritage club at Kabale Secondary School.



“The club has encouraged students and the staff members to live together as one despite our different beliefs, our different totems and practices. The club promotes unity” Nakalazi Zamulab, a teacher and Heritage Club Patron at Kasese Secondary School.

The 2016 Competition

In 2016 the National Cultural Heritage Competition focused on traditional games and sports and their importance in our local contexts. 260 students submitted entries from which the 13 best entries were selected and used to produce the 2017 Heritage Calendar. 13 winners were recognized with different prizes including cash awards during a prize awarding ceremony which took place at the Uganda Museum in Kampala on 1st December 2016.

Congratulations to Mr. Ben Ndiwalana (Sacred Heart Kiteredde Secondary School), Mr. Saturday Collins (Kabale Trinity College) and Mr. Okot Alfred Moon (Kitgum Comprehensive College) who were awarded as exemplary patrons and recognized for their consistency in managing and maintaining vibrant heritage clubs.



Mr. Tayebwa (speaking), receives the first prize on behalf of Joshua Muyinza from Ms Rosie Agoi (second left), Secretary General for Uganda National Commission for UNESCO. Looking on (extreme left) Ms. Emily Drani, the Executive Director of CCFU and Ms Betty Ssentongo, Joshua’s Mother (extreme right).



Ndiwalana Ben



Saturday Collins



Okot Alfred

The 2017 Competition

To participate, young people up to the age of 20 years are required to draw or paint any traditional dance, indicate its local name and why it is important in their community. The deadline for submitting entries is **1st September 2017**.



Winning illustration for 2016 Competition by Joshua Muyinza

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How well are we managing our clubs?


To manage our clubs well, here are a few simple things to do. Tick against things you have done

- Discuss and agree on objectives for our club
- Choose our leaders, making sure girls and boys are represented
- Hold regular meetings with the club members for heritage activities and progress
- Refer to the Heritage toolkit for ideas
- Discuss and agree on rules and regulations for our club
- Request the school administration for space to keep club property, and for club meetings and exhibit our cultural items
- Start up income generating activities for the club by sale of passports or membership cards
- Collect membership fees
- Keep records of our income and save money for heritage activities

A simple game about our traditional or cultural dances

No.	Name of a dance	Name where the dance originates
1	Orunyeye	Bunyoro
2	Entogoro	
4	Ekizino	
5	Ekitaguriro	
6	Agwara	
7	Nalufuka	
8	Tamena Ibuga	
9	Kadodi	
10	Lakaraka / Larakaraka	
11	Bwola	
12	Duluka	
13	Bakisimba Muwogola	
14	Nankasa	
15	Amaggunju	
16	Ajosi	
17	Akogo	
18	Tongocika	
19	Elilia	
20	Ocutu	
21	Mure	
22	Bigwala	
23	Umushagiriro	
24	Itore	
25	Owaro	
26	Gaze	
27	Ekaro	
28	Ekoche	
29	Otole	

Keeping in touch!

To connect with other heritage club members across the country, share ideas and stories, please visit  “Heritage Youth Connect—Uganda” or www.crossculturalfoundation.or.ug.

Heritage “Medals”

Win a Heritage Medal!



A cultural enthusiast from Kilembe Secondary School, Kasese

What next after secondary school?

Dear outgoing Heritage Club members, thank you for your contribution to your club...but what next?

Would like to continue promoting cultural heritage at home and at university?

Write to us at CCFU and share your ideas! We are waiting to hear from you.



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