

Promoting Decency

TEENS Uganda started in 2006 and was registered (2007, Reg. No. S. 5914/7289 under NGO Board and 2010 Reg. No. LUB/550/KCCA) as youth led organization focused on promoting healthy lives in communities, youth (socio-economic) empowerment, and addressing environmental concerns in a human rights perspective (RBA). Our programmes affect local communities and reflected in the National Development Plan (NDP).

Mission:

Our purpose is to foster capacity development within Ugandan youths by addressing two major issues: addressing their rights as well as life skills.

Aim: The organization looks towards safeguarding and improving the health of all community residents through education, screening, monitoring and direct service programmes in all areas of communities looking amongst others; Districts, schools, youth centers, etc.

THE STATUS OF YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT:

- Globally, in 2009 there were 80.7 million young people struggling to find work
- The global youth unemployment rate rose from 11.9 to 13.0 per cent between 2007 and 2009.
- 24% of Uganda's fast growing population are young people between 18-30 yrs
- Every year, Uganda graduates over 100,000 job seekers majority of whom are young people (23-30yrs)
- **Youth unemployment rate in Uganda stands at a whopping about 83%**

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Despair is not an option, Hope is!

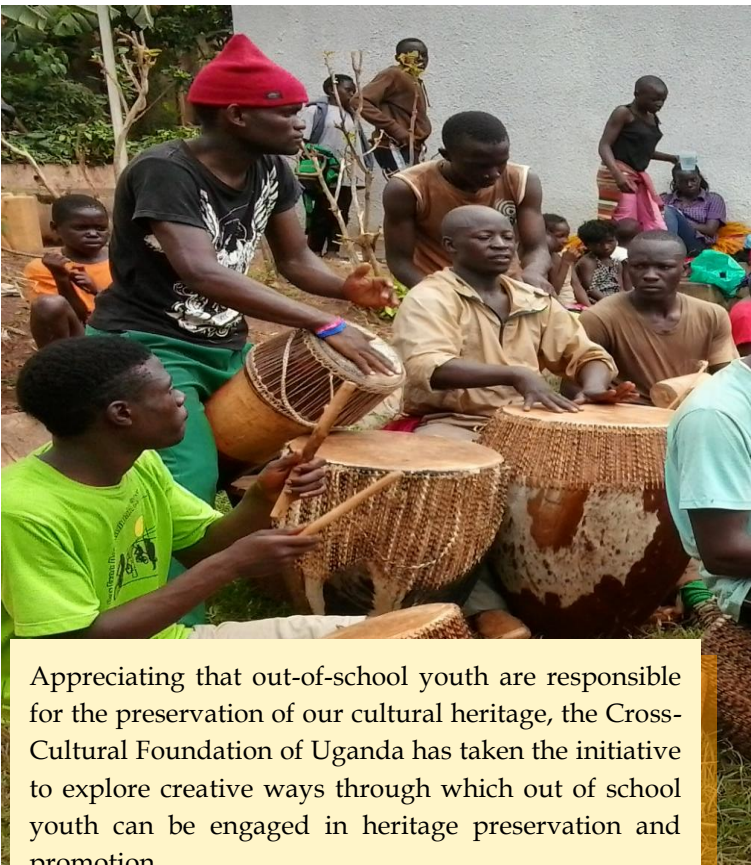


Information sharing Platforms



National Youth Congress

As youth are both partners and stakeholders in today's efforts to foster dialogue and mutual understanding, their meaningful participation in larger processes and a clear recognition of their efforts and initiatives are essential to the success of any endeavour especially in area of sustainable development. The congress is an interactive, high profile meeting of youth delegates from different socio-economic and political backgrounds bringing together the civil society, Networks to a platform upon which young people can voice their opinions, concerns, and formally discuss some of the major issues impacting on them in Uganda.



Appreciating that out-of-school youth are responsible for the preservation of our cultural heritage, the Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda has taken the initiative to explore creative ways through which out of school youth can be engaged in heritage preservation and promotion.

Promoting Mutual Understanding



The organization works hand in hand with Kawaala Health Centre III and therefore had established the Kawaala Teenage youth Centre (KTYC) as a centre for youth where they can have access to free information, treatment, voluntary/ HIV counseling & Testing (HCT). TEENS Uses the centre space for training peer educators to support the advancement to youth friendly services in order to reach more vulnerable groups with fear of seeking health support. The center is also used a referral point for health and support and other medical assistance to our young target group in the Lubaga sub-county faced with some of the common life challenges.

GREEN TRANSPORT: TEENS Uganda subscribes to the Uganda Sustainable Transport Network (UST-Network) that seek to promote green, safe, non congested transport that translates into health disciplines in prevention of respiratory diseases i.e. hypertension, diabetes, Obesity, etc



TEENS UGANDA CULTURAL TROUP PRACTICING

Training dance training and crafts making has been the most successful activity under this Heritage Education Programme (HEP). TEENS Uganda is also setting up a youth community Museum in anticipation that by interacting with the youth, they can perceive themselves as custodians of own cultural heritage and derive a sense of identity, self esteem and motivation from this.