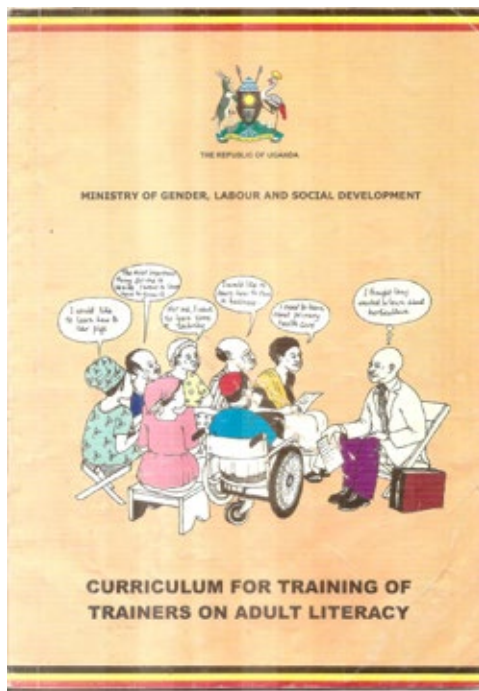




EULOGISING UGANDA'S INCLUSIVE ALE CHAMPION

**Fredrick Lukabwe Kisirikko
1959 - 2023**



Fred was among the team of adult education experts and practitioners who developed the curriculum for training of trainers on adult literacy in 2005. This was the first edition; and among the several resource materials produced by the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development.

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Tribute to the fallen Inclusive ALE Champion

Writing to pay tribute to **Fred Lukabwe Kisirikko** is a good choice by his friends and colleagues in the interrelated fields of Disability Inclusion and Adult Education. Immediately after the sad news of his death on December 26, 2023, sympathy messages with tributes poured in on several social media platforms. The several tributes that you are about to read in this eulogy celebrate the life of a prominent practitioner and passionate advocate of the principles and values of inclusion and social justice in education and development.

Several individuals testify to the fact that Fred made immense contributions to Uganda's Adult Learning and Education (ALE) practice and policy landscape in several ways. As a writer and co-author, his name features prominently on pages of several resource materials by, for instance, the Ministry of Gender and Labour and Social Development. A couple of testimonies in this eulogy single out his ever loud and clear voice for disability responsive character and format of content. Whether it was about the font size of texts, illustrations, images or speech volume and PowerPoint presentations, Fred would never keep quiet if such were not sensitive and responsive to disabilities such as visual impairments.

It is very clear to many of us who knew Fred that he was a unique human being who was fearless in defending his rights and privileges as a person with disability. The beauty with Fred, was his powerful mind that he used himself as a shining example in defence and promotion of inclusive development. He inspired dozens of people; and the testimonies to this unique quality include Annet Luwambo's tribute who writes that Fred 'touched her life at a tender age'.

It is further clear to us who are close to the theory and practice of ALE that Fred possessed inherent values and principles as a real emancipatory adult educator with the required critical awareness of societal injustices against population groups such as (PWDs). As a practising adult educator, he knew well how to use text and words to name and condemn perpetuation of discrimination through education curriculum, content, pedagogy and resources. It is evident that the Man had a strong belief in the power of education and learning; and at his funeral in Seeta-Namulonge, Wakiso District, his loving children were all praises for their Daddy. They told the mourners that their father was a real champion who always stood firmly on matters of education access to everyone including his adopted dependents. His belief in the power of education for all was tied closely to his belief in everyone's right to access quality education and learning opportunities.

Driven by these beliefs and values, Fred transcended typical community development terrain to become a profound social activist and a passionate campaigner of culture and local languages as instruments for meaningful learning. Those of us who are familiar with Uganda's history of Adult Education policy advocacy networks such as the Uganda Adult Education Network (UGAADEN) and National Adult Education Association of Uganda (NAEAU) will always remember his mark and contribution. I am fully aware that his colleagues and friends in the Disability Movement will always miss Fred. I am aware, he was a visible tower in the struggle for inclusive development and social transformation.

I trust that this Fred Lukabwe Kisirikko eulogy can contribute to individual reflections on the continued relevance of the values and principles of inclusion and social justice in the theory, policy and practice of ALE today and tomorrow. I am grateful to all our ALE friends and colleagues who contributed financial resources to the burial expenses and for the graphic design costs of this eulogy. In a special way, I thank the editorial team comprising Mr. Caesar Kyebakola, Dr. Majanja Zaaly'embikke, Mr. Bakaye Lubega, Prof. Ephraim Lemmy Nuwagaba, Ms. MaryClare Nyirenda Katusabe, and Mr. Anthony Okech.

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Daughter's account of Papa's education and career milestones

On December 4, 1959, in Sseeta, Namulonge - Busukuma, Jjajjas Azaaliya Kiyingi Ssebowa and Norah Peresika Nakirigya celebrated the arrival of a bright light into their lives. They named him Fred Lukabwe Kisirikko. However, fate had other plans: a childhood marked not only by innocence, but also by the harsh grip of polio. Despite this, adversity bred resilience, and the challenge produced a man of extraordinary determination. He walked his journey with unwavering support from his loving parents and siblings.

His educational journey began like any other, navigating the walls of Nabalanda Nursery School and later Namulonge Primary School. However, it was at Madera School of the Blind, Iganga, where his path took a profound turn. Here, amidst the whispers of Braille and the melody of learning, he discovered the depths of his potential. Passing with distinction, he embarked on the grand stage of Makerere University in 1984, where he graduated with a B.Arts (Hons) Literature in English, Music, Dance and Drama. The corridors of academia became his stage, where his intellect blossomed and his passion for change ignited. In 1992, he deepened his knowledge with a certificate from YMCA Kampala Group administration, followed by a venture into project planning and management at Makerere University in 1994, in addition to many other short courses.

Armed with knowledge and unwavering determination, he joined the public service. He waged a silent war against inequality at his first workplace, the Ministry of Culture and Community Development (MoCCD), which was later restructured to become the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development. Dad, driven by an unwavering commitment to combating marginalisation, became a beacon of empowerment for the disenfranchised. The ministry embodied his mission of amplifying the voices of the voiceless. From his pivotal roles in various professional bodies to his tireless advocacy for disability rights, his legacy of inclusion echoed throughout his endeavours.

On 5 September 1987, love graced his life in the form of Mrs. Harriet Namuli Lukabwe, and together they created a beautiful family tapestry adorned with love and unity. Their children, Esther Namitala Racheal, Ssalongo Ernest Sserunkuuma and Nelissa Nantumbwe Juliet, are the living testament to their shared journey. As true Africans, they welcomed and nurtured many other children, including Jackline Suubi Isingwirwe, the late Tendo Denis Ssebale, Dorothy Nalugya, Rebecca Zawedde, and many other wonderful children and grandchildren. The lineage they cultivated attested to the limitless depths of paternal devotion.

His ambitions to reduce all forms of marginalisation by empowering and training the marginalised, particularly people with disabilities, women, and the illiterate in rural areas, so that they could participate as partners in their countries' development processes, went beyond the scope of public service. He did this through several organisations. He was the Chairman of Ekibiina ky'olulimi oluganda, served on the Building Committee, the Directorate of Engineering and Technical Services, KCCA, the Wakiso District Service Commission, the Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development, Uganda National Association of the Blind, Enhance Abilities Initiatives and he chaired the National Adult Education Association of Uganda, International Theater Institute, among other organisations, lending his voice to the voiceless and his strength to the weak.

Music and musical instruments pulsed through his veins, creating a symphony of passion and purpose. From composing anthems that echoed the heartbeat of unity, such as the Timuna Primary School anthem, 2023, and the Action for Development ACFODE anthem, 2006, to composing, directing, and producing anthems such as the Ekibiina Ky'olulimi Oluganda anthem, 2022; the Rotary Club of Kawempe anthem, 2019; the Christian Men's Fellowship, Namirembe Diocese anthem, 2013; the Older Persons anthem, 2009; and the Literacy anthem, 2000. He was also a member of the team that composed anthems such as the East African Community anthem from 2009 to 2010 and the music and lyrics for the Women's anthem in 1984. His creativity, expertise and love of music led him to write and compose modern songs as well as gospel music, including Yafa ku lwange, Echoes of Christ choir, Wulira okusaba kwange, Joldan crossers, Oli mulungi gyendi, New Moon Choirs, Azuukidde, and Gospel Melodies Choirs. His melodies moved hearts and ignited flames of hope.



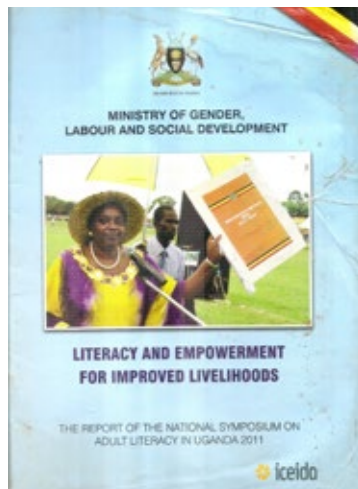
Dad was an all-around person who fulfilled the roles of devoted family man, respected community leader, dedicated social/development worker, founding member, resource mobiliser, talented instrumentalist, creative composer, skilled playwright and analyst, passionate musician, and insightful poet. He was an avid religion/church enthusiast, a patriot, an extremely devoted and loyal Muganda, a cultural enthusiast, and a linguist who loved Luganda and languages in general, and he believed that language formed a country "olulimi lye gwanga". In addition, he served on several task force committees.

Despite the magnitude of his accomplishments, he remained grounded in warmth and wisdom. Taata Lukabwe's laughter was infectious, and many sought his counsel. As a devoted patriarch, he relished in the simple joys of family and friendships, cherishing each moment as a priceless gift.

On December 26, 2023, this extraordinary man's candle was extinguished; the world bid him farewell, hearts heavy with sadness but lifted by the memory of his legacy. For though he may have departed from this world, his spirit lives on in our hearts, a guiding light for generations to come - a testament to the permanent mark of a remarkable man. Farewell, dear daddy, husband, father, son, brother, uncle, jjajja, friend, mentor, colleague, chairman, Omukungu, counsellor, and confidant; your light will continue to guide us in the days ahead. May your journey be as magnificent as the life you lived.


Esther Namitala Racheal

Fred delivered an interactive lecture on literacy terminologies during a national symposium on adult literacy in Uganda in 2011. The Symposium was co-organised by the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development and the Icelandic International Development Agency (ICEIDA).

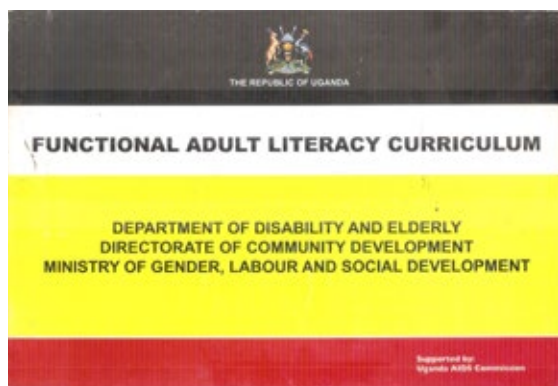


Fred's National Adult Education Association of Uganda Roots

Let me add to what Robert Juuko has written: Mr. Fred Kisirikko Lukabwe was one of the members of NAEAU who were conducting seminars in National Adult Education Association (NAEAU) branches in Western Uganda in the 1980s. It is through these seminars that him, and the likes of the late Dr. Okello Atwaru, the late Jose Osikol, Dr. Zaali, Dr. Cula, late Dr. Kakooza, Mr. Anthony Okech were able to get myself, an S.4 drop out, back to school. We later served together on the NAEAU Executive Committee with Robert Juuko where I later became Vice Chairman. He became a great family friend. We later worked together in the formation of UGAADEN.

He mentored me in adult education, cultural, and disability advocacy issues. I believe without his input, my life would have turned out differently. My family and I stand with his family, disability fraternity and Buganda Kingdom during this difficult time. My being from another tribe did not stop Lukabwe from interesting me in Ekibiina Ky'olulimi Oluganda. I even one time facilitated one of his seminars and another time, we worked together setting Luganda proficiency tests for FAL adult learners. Those of you who know me, you know my Luganda is , thanks to Mr. Lukabwe. Rest well, my friend.

Ephraim Lemmy Nuwagaba



Fred was among the team of adult education experts and practitioners who developed this revised curriculum which was developed by the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development with financial support from the Uganda AIDS Commission.

Mark on Symposia & Debates

Very sad news indeed that Mr. Lukabwe passed on. The history of adult education in Uganda can only be complete with figures such as the late Lukabwe. Such a great pillar with an immeasurable passion for ALE. Never did he miss an opportunity to advocate for ALE and every time he showed up on whichever platform and in his assertive trademark, his message directly reached home. There was always something new to learn from him with such a huge institutional memory and as a novice in ALE back in 2011 in the plains of Karamoja, he was one of the resource books I read and it was open!

Then on 8th September 2023 during the ILD symposium, he delivered a passionate appeal to consider literacy and broadly ALE as a means to promote inclusion, social justice and peace. Never did I know that this was my last lesson from him. With a heavy heart, I send my condolences to his immediate family and the entire ALE fraternity for such a great loss. Rest in power Fred!

Caesar Kyebakola

As UGAADEN Board Member

In fond memory of Fred Lukabwe, a passionate advocate for adult education and inclusion. Fred's dedication went beyond words; he immersed himself in practical efforts, forging meaningful connections with people. As a board member at UGAADEN during my time as national coordinator, Fred exemplified leadership that extended beyond the confines of boardrooms, leaving a positive mark on those fortunate enough to work alongside him. His unique ability to seize every interaction as an opportunity to make a lasting impact added a special dimension to his legacy.

Marit Blaak



My Mentor and Friend

OMG. A great hero. My mentor, trainer and friend. Fred Lukabwe taught me psychology of adult learners in 1999. I vividly remember the subject matter. It is a big loss. My heart goes to his family both nucleus and adult learners. I want to thank God for his life on earth and service to humankind. Fred as you have transformed into a higher level of glory. Go well and Rest in Peace.

Edward Kabongoya

My Mentor

The tragic news has not yet sunk in my mind...a huge loss of my mentor in the area of Social Development. Let his numerous, touching and inspirational moments be our only consolation as we celebrate his ever vibrant life. Retired DCDO Mpigi.

Anthony Mwanje

Humorous Fred

Rest in perfect peace Fred. I first met him during the participatory action research workshop in Mukono 2016. I admired the way he handled every situation around him, with humour. We sat together throughout the workshop. I shared my PhD proposal with him in fisheries, but he still advised me about research in Buganda culture which I tried out with him, which I later dropped, and still he shared opportunities with me about the same. Adult education and Buganda will surely miss a committed person. Zula Namubiru Makerere University.

Zula Namubiru

Firm Pillar of Adult Learning and Education

Fred, you have gone to your rest with the Lord, a well-deserved rest for being a firm pillar of adult learning, advocating for support for those who risk being neglected and for promoting the beautiful sounds of music that the Lord gave us. There is a piece of music in Uganda that says “They thank you after you have gone”. Although it implies we should have appreciated it before, please allow us to express more appreciation now.

Let us thank you for standing firm for Adult Learning, persevering until the end in this hard task. Let us thank you for standing up for those whom the Lord gifted in special ways and went misname disabled. Thank you for showing, as you worked beside us, that such special gifts as you had will produce great things if given the opportunity. Let us thank you for the music you have left us with, especially the various developmental anthems you composed or contributed to. Finally, let me thank you for, earlier this year, travelling all the way to my village in Tororo with three colleagues to fish me out and revive my interest in Adult Learning, which age and ill health were making to wither. That is the kind of concern you have had for others.

Anthony Okech

A Man of Wisdom

It is very hard to believe that Mr Fred Lukabwe has died. Oh no, I am short of words. On behalf of my fellow Learners - ULALA, we have lost a man of wisdom, a mentor, a trainer, a writer, and a hard worker. We are going to miss our Encyclopedia. May the Lord comfort the family. We will always thank God for his contribution towards the National Adult Literacy. Psalm 46.

Margret Kamanyire



Great Advocate of Inclusion

The news of Fred Lukabwe's death came as a big blow; in my mind I have this image of Mr Lukabwe always full of life, passionate and a great advocate of inclusion. Starting my journey in the area of adult literacy, Mr Lukabwe is one of those key people I drew inspiration from. His passion for doing the right things was contagious. When he stood up to speak you had to be iron hearted not to take his side. He has indeed been an icon. Mr Lukabwe you will greatly be missed by the entire ALE fraternity. May his soul rest in peace. May his legacy live on. May God comfort the family through such huge loss.

Maria Nandago

Commonwealth education contributor

It is with heartfelt condolences that I join other colleagues from the Education and the Social Justice sectors to encourage the family of our elder and colleague - Fredrick Lukabwe - at such a difficult moment. The Lord who lent Fredrick to us for a while is still with you as a family. He will encourage and strengthen you in the most immediate time through the funeral processes, and for a longer time into the future. Trust in Him.

The best tribute to Fredrick is for the family members and each one of us to carry forward his legacies by doing what he dedicated his life to. Thank you, Fredrick, for your selfless dedication to your family, organisations, Uganda, and East Africa. You served with dedication. You therefore made each one of us proud of being associated with you in your different roles and responsibilities.

As the Head of Commonwealth Education Fund in Uganda, at that time, it was a great honour for me working with UGAADEN, a grantee and partner of great value for whom you were a founder member. I feel consoled seeing a number of colleagues you worked closely with on this platform: Prof George Ladaah Openjuru, Mr. Ismael Kasita, Dr Robert Jjuuko amongst others.

Henry Nickson Ogwal

Always there in my journey to start FAL

My condolences to my friend Fred, he was always there in my journey to start FAL classes in Kampala. No one believed that Kampala had illiterate people, Fred would make us laugh by saying that Kampala people read their words differently, he advised KCC by then to always add pictures on notices. Something like 'no parking' for Kampala people meant you park. I will miss him in his Gender classes, what should I say or not say, Fred was all-round in social development. May his soul rest in peace.

Ruth Muguta

Author and Encyclopaedia

It is difficult for me to know the exact starting point if I am to write about Mr. Lukabwe Fred Kisirikko. I recall right from the 80s when adult literacy was still a project in 8 Districts. That is the time we were spending sleepless nights writing manuals to be used by the instructors and then other sets for the adult learners. We traversed the whole country training the adult literacy Instructors, carrying it out with commitment and passion.

I still recall vividly the first time we (Late Lukabwe and I) met in 2000, did not know that you had to have your own vehicle from Bugoma to Kalangala town. So, when we got off the ferry we got stuck. We asked one of the district officials for a lift, (name withheld) who agreed without hesitation and we were so grateful. Little did we know that the officer was going to enjoy his booze until after midnight. So, we sat outside and the mosquitoes feasted on us for supper until some few minutes after midnight when the officer beckoned us to go to Kalangala. We sat behind the pickup truck and it was extremely cold and windy. We arrived in Kalangala very hungry and cold and slept on empty stomachs at Adriko's place.

I am still very grateful because it is Lukabwe who put music in the Literacy Anthem which I composed with the help of Anthony Okech and it was accepted and launched on Literacy Day of 2004, in Kalangala by the



Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social services. To me he has been my real brother having worked together and faced many field problems/hurdles as we travelled in and around Uganda for more than forty years. Fred and I composed the anthem for ACFODE and NUDIPU and he was on the lead on the team that composed The East Africa Anthem in Swahili.

We in NAEAU have lost a treasure because he has been an exemplary chairperson. All in all, we in the adult education and lifelong learning fraternity have lost a living encyclopaedia. The same goes for Ab'ekibiina Ky'olulimi Oluganda. May the works of his hands continue to flourish and benefit humankind.

Majanja Zaaly'embikke

Accomplished Social Worker and Artiste

My most sincere condolences to all of you friends and colleagues. We have lost an Icon of Social Development. An accomplished Social Worker, Musician and Linguist, selfless public servant, multi- talented professional, a loving husband and parent. Uganda has lost a resource difficult to find in the present era of self-seekers. We delivered the EAC Anthem together and you were pushing me so hard to have the Disability Anthem completed and launched this November 2023, little did I know this was our last music assignment together. I am writing this tribute with tears flowing down my cheeks because your last wish was not fulfilled. RIP Fred Kisirikko, my greatest inspiration in public service. I will forever miss your brain and wisdom.

Bakaye Lubega



Daddy Zzaabu

Mwami Lukabwe Fred Kisirikko yali
zzaabu
Omulema atambula
Omuzibe abadde alaba ewala
Anyumira ekkanzu, anyumira essuuti
Omugezi ateegulumiza
Omukozi, omuvumu, omumalirivu
Alabirira, ajajatta, abudaabuda
Omuwuliriza, omunyumya, era
omulwanirizi w'eddembe
Akulembedde ebitongole nga obudde
twebuuzza gy'abujja
Alwaniridde abazibe, alwaniridde
abalema, alwaniridde bakiggala
Akoledde ekkansa, akoledde
Obuganda, akoledde Uganda
Omusomesa, omunoonyereza,
omubuulizi
Omusomi, omuwandiisi, omuwabuzi
Awabula omusawo, awabula
omusuubuzi, awabula n'omuyimbi
Amanyi omuto, amanyi omuvubuka,
amanyi n'omukadde
Eyakugguka mu music naye nga
ebyenfuna, ebyamateeka n'ebyaafaayo
alinga eyabisoma
Omuyimbi, omuwandiisi era omuzannyi
w'emizannyo
Omutontomi, omusanyusa era omukubi
w'ebivuga
Asanyuka, asanyusa era ayaniriza
Alina ekisa, alina okwagala, alina
okusaasira
Omukulembezze era akkiriza
okukulemberwa
Omugumiikiriza era agumiikirizika
Amanyi Oluganda, amanyi Olungereza,
amanyi Olusoga, amanyi Olugwere,

amanyi Olunankole, amannyi
Olukigga ye mennyeki?
Ndi mugezi nga mubuulire, taata
yatubuulirira
Ndi mugezi nga mubuulire, taata
yatusomesa
Ndi mugezi nga mubuulire, taata
yatugereranga engero
Ndi mugezi nga bubuulire, taata
yatwagazisa olulimi
Ndi mugezi nga mubuulire, taata
yatuyigiriza bbayibbuli.
Ampita Nelly bwankuza ekyejo
Kimu bibiri Nelly wange nga
sikulaba, oli mu kkubo okomawo
Taata njagala ssente nnaakuwa
Taata kino kinemye nnaawandiika
Taata kino kigaanye nnannyonnyola
Nze gwensinza mulamu
bwatugambyenga
Wadde ayinza okulwawo naye
gwensinza mulamu
Bw'onoobeeranga n'ekyokulya
n'ekyokunywa kikumalenga
bwatukuzizza
Okukola obulungi n'okukaanya
temukoowanga bwatuyigirizza
It costs nothing for one candle to
light another candle, my candle
flame has gone out
Sirabanga ku bulumi mu nsi eno nga
ndi ne kitange era ne mu kufa kwe
yandekedde ssanyu
Wummula mirembe omwagalwa
wange.. Ndikwagala olubeerera.

Nelissa Nantumbwe Juliet

An Icon of Social Development

The late Fred Lukabwe Kisiriko, has been an icon of Social Development whom I can confidently call a “Man of all Seasons”. Fred Lukabwe, worked with the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development, then called Ministry of Youth Culture and Sports, under the Department of Culture for over a decade. He served diligently until, on his own volition, he decided to retire early to take up other roles which he has done to the satisfaction of everyone. Much as he officially left, he remained very close and worked with the Ministry on many Government programmes including Functional Adult Literacy, programmes for the elderly and Persons with Disabilities, Art and Culture and many other social development programmes.

Fred has been a key partner that one would think he was still a staff of the Ministry. He was on many Task Forces set up by the Ministry for the development of Government Policy documents, Training Manuals such as materials for use in promoting Functional Adult Learning (FAL), plus actively participating in the actual training and implementation of these. Amazingly, Fred has been doing all this ungrudgingly and without putting money first. Indeed, Uganda has lost a resource difficult to find in today’s era that has an unjustifiably big number of self-seekers.

On behalf of the Government as a whole, and the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development in particular, I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the widow and children of the deceased, as well as the wider social circles or networks he belonged to, for the loss of this very important person. Fred loved his family with a passion and looked after it, notwithstanding his disability. He instilled values and educated all his children using whatever resources at his disposal. He leaves a challenge to many able-bodied persons who have abdicated their family responsibilities especially of parenting and educating their children. Fred Lukabwe has been a strong pillar and resource to the Disability Movement. He served as Board Member on several committees, authored many documents for this Movement and left a glowing legacy that he will be remembered for, long after his departure.



It is reported that Fred died when coming from watching a play at Bat Valley Theatre. He was an accomplished artist and perceived and treated Art as a calling. He was a Musician, Composer, Dramatist and Instrumentalist. Fred could sing, play the drums, play the piano, act in plays, direct, critique and adjudicate performances. Fred was one of the three Music Experts that represented Uganda on the Regional Technical Committee that composed the East African Anthem. Just before his demise, he has been working on the Disability Anthem which he pushed so much to have completed and launched this year in November 2023. This was not possible. It is obvious, however, that God gave Lukabwe so many talents which he put to the service of humanity. The fraternity of Artists and the Creatives have indeed lost a very resourceful person.

Allow me also to extend our condolences to the Buganda Kingdom because Fred Lukabwe was a true Muganda who loved his culture, his Kabaka, and his Luganda language. No wonder he has been the Chairperson of “Ekibiina Ky’olulimi Oluganda” in the Kingdom. He knew Luganda and was always eager and happy to teach it to others on radios, in schools and everywhere he could find opportunity.

We condole with the Church where Lukabwe was not only a devout Christian but also a leader and teacher, who loved and practised his faith. He served God and his Church with love and devotion and we believe God will give Fred a befitting reward for his endless good works on earth.

Hon Hellen Asamo Grace



The Legacy of Fred Lukabwe in ULALA

It was of great sorrow to learn about the demise of Fred Lukabwe Kisirikko, our dearest friend, mentor, educator, adviser and Godfather. As ULALA, we have worked with Fred since our inception. We had immense achievements and milestones with his help over decades.

Many of us as adult learners, wouldn't have taken the opportunity to learn and also improve our statuses. Fred motivated and encouraged many of us to start learning and he was our mentor. With his mentorship, we have been able to mentor many other learners. He personally organised and led in training us on different skills like Leadership, Lobbying and Advocacy at different levels as well as fundraising. These skills have been very important in building ULALA and we take pride in his voluntary efforts.

Fred found us very stuck regarding the registration of ULALA to become a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO). He provided technical assistance in this process. ULALA got registered and it is operating to-date. Professionally, he supported ULALA in translating the Adult Learners Guide into Luganda. This simplified a lot of work for the learners thus improving the teaching and learning experience.

Fred connected us to different donors and more specifically the British Council which funded us on some activities and through the same project I was personally funded for a study tour in the UK and this couldn't happen without him. He did a great job in building capacity for different literacy instructors/facilitators across the country and this helped us as ULALA to extend our services beyond Kampala, thus reaching out to many other adult literacy learners.

As Adult learners, Fred did a lot of work in advocacy to make sure that adult learning in Uganda is improved and taken as a very important matter. We worked with him in ensuring that the Adult Literacy Policy is developed and enacted into a law. Unfortunately, he left when the job was not yet completed but ULALA is so proud of his contributions to this cause. Surely, he left a very strong foundation in this. Generally, all his contributions to ULALA and the general Adult Learners' fraternity cannot be put down on paper. We are grateful for the legacy he left with us.

Ismail Kasiita



Fred touched my life at a tender age

It hurts so much you're gone but I am so grateful for the time we shared together. When I remember the day how you touched my life at a tender age struggling with life with no tuition, no one to lean on, I shed tears inside me. You made me realise my potential as a woman with a disability. There were places in Kampala I had never visited but you made me visit them. I remember you telling me that "your disability should never hinder you in life to be free". Your smile and encouraging words made me what I am today. I always remember you calling me a girl no matter how old I am. You brought so much joy and happiness to my life and I will never forget you. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

Annet Luwambo

Okujukira Omuzira Ndiga

Omusajja omuyivu, Katonda gweyawa ebirabo ebitenkanika.

- Yali Musomesa omutendeke
 - Omuyimbi nakinku
 - Omuwandiisi kayingo
 - Omutontomi
 - Omuyiira w'enyimba ne Athems ez'ebitongole abitali bimu.
 - Omuyimbisa era omutendes.
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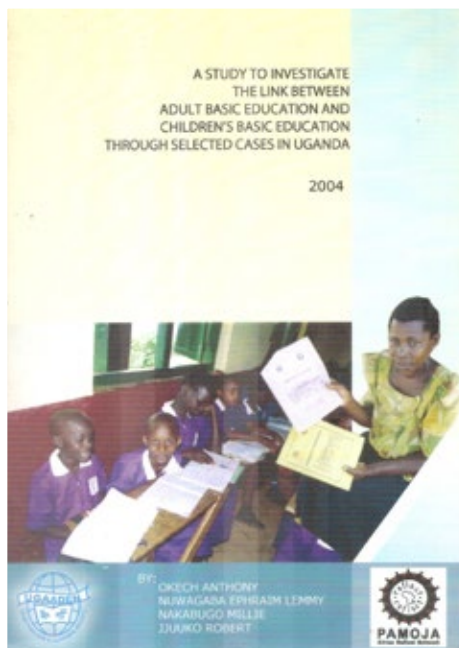
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