

African Voices Activity Days



A view of Africa from people who live there



A schools outreach project coordinated and
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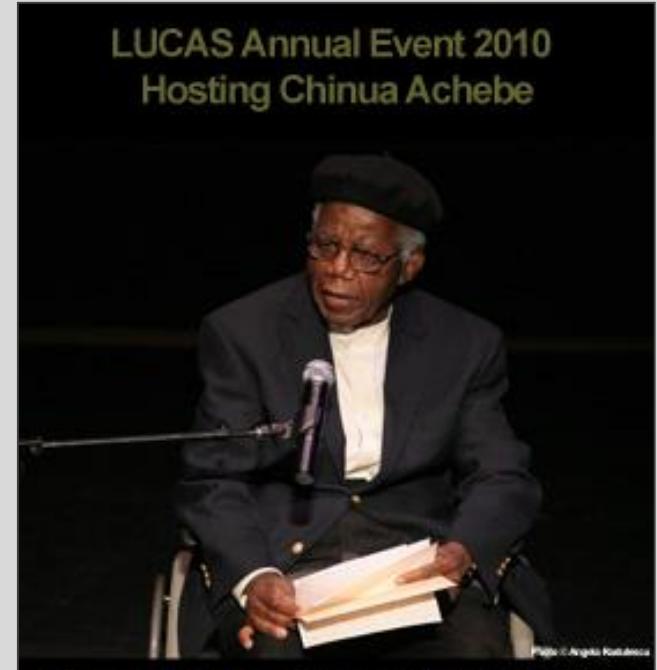
Centre for African Studies (LUCAS)

LUCAS is an interdisciplinary centre within the University of Leeds that brings together academics with a shared interest to promote African Studies.

Since 1964 LUCAS has contributed to both taught and research programmes and has organised many academic conferences, lectures and seminars.

In 2004 LUCAS initiated an outreach project to engage young people with African issues.

The LUCAS Schools Project



LUCAS Annual Event 2010
Hosting Chinua Achebe

Philip O'Angus Photography

Chinua Achebe will be giving a poetry reading, and then holding a public question and answer session in relation to his work, with Prof. Jane Plastow

22nd November 2010, 5.30pm
Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre
Free Event - All Welcome

Further Details available from LUCAS (Leeds University Centre for African Studies)
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with support from the School of English and the Institute of Postcolonial Studies

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LUCAS Schools Project



Aim

To provide young people with an alternative perspective of Africa that challenges any stereotypical perceptions they may have of the continent and its peoples.

Approach

To use African postgraduates studying at the University of Leeds as a resource in the primary classroom to deliver activity days.

LUCAS Schools Project

Development

After a successful Pilot Project in 2004/06 a model was developed for recruiting and training African postgraduates to deliver activity days in the primary classroom.



Achievements

Over the past twelve years the LUCAS Schools Project has:

- Recruited and trained 130 African postgraduates
- Worked with teachers in 100 different primary schools around Leeds
- Delivered African Voices activity days to over 12,000 primary pupils

African Voices

Recruitment

The Schools Project recruits postgraduates from Africa studying at the University of Leeds. They come from a wide range of African countries but mainly from English speaking regions of the continent.

They are recruited from across the University and are studying a broad range of subjects such as Global Development, Education, Economics and Finance, Environment, Communication Studies, Sociology, Public Health, Business Studies and even Chemical and Civil Engineering.



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Training

The African postgraduates recruited by the LUCAS Schools Project have a very different experience of schools. More formal lessons in classrooms with limited technology.



To prepare them to effectively engage with pupils in the primary classroom they are provided with a course of training about the UK education system, active learning methodology, teaching strategies, classroom management and lesson planning.

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Delivery

The activity days delivered by our African postgraduates take your pupils on a learning journey which leaves them with a more balanced perspective of the African continent.



After your pupils get to know their African teacher they will engage in activities designed to challenge any misconceptions they may have about Africa and explore the diversity of the continent.

Once your pupils are ready to embrace new information about African and its peoples our postgraduates focus of their own region of Africa and issues relating to its culture, economy and development.

African Voices 2019/20



Activity Days for Primary Schools

- Applicable for Years 5 & 6
- Available from November 2019 to July 2020
- At £65:00 per class (all income is used to pay the African students)

Your African Voices Activity Day



Once you have booked an African Voices activity day for your pupils you will be contacted by one of our African postgraduates to arrange a preliminary visit.

During the visit our African postgraduate will familiarise themselves with the location and environment of your school and meet the class teacher and pupils they will be working with.

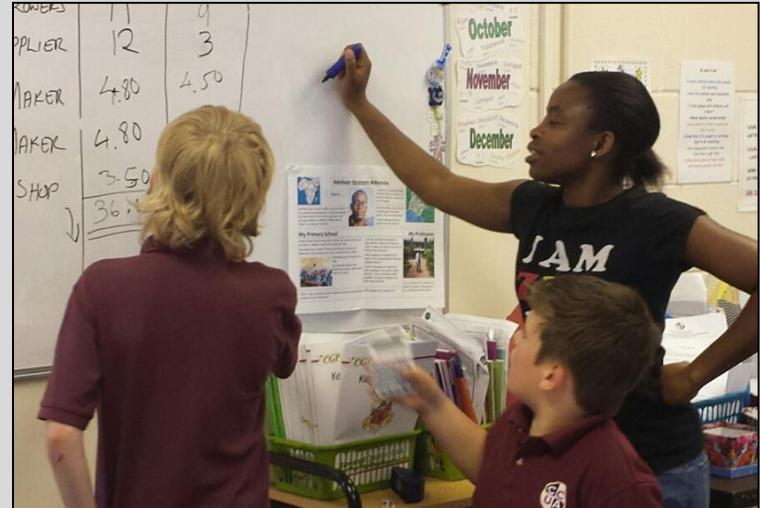
The visit also provides you with an opportunity to discuss any specific requirements you may have and to confirm a delivery date.

Your African Voices Activity Day

On your African Voices day our African postgraduates will bring all the resources they require to deliver a full day of activities with your pupils.

A mixture of quizzes, games, presentations, interactive learning activities, and cultural activities will be used to teach about a range of aspects of the African continent and their specific country.

Following your African Voices day the University of Leeds will send your school an invoice. All income received is used to pay the African postgraduate students.



African Voices Days - Feedback

Comments from class teachers:

'Thanks again for providing such a wonderful, educational and fun experience for our children!'

'Thank you for spending the day with us, the children had a great day.'

'Another Brilliant Day! Thank you!'

'The children had a great time with Arthur. He made the day really accessible to them and they really did learn a lot from him.'



We look forward to delivering African Voices Days in your school



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