

Tamba Africa Social Circus

A creative advocacy and inclusive arts initiative using African storytelling, circus pedagogy, transformative theatre and Intangible Cultural Heritage to address social issues affecting young people from marginalised communities.

Our main co-creative objectives are

- Talent support and artistic skill development of at risk youth.
- Social and personal skills development through alternative education of marginalised youth.
- Promoting Inclusive Arts education, social development and ARTivsim.
- Preservation and celebration of African Intangible Cultural Heritage.



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Our Programs

Overview

Tamba Africa Social Circus' main program is Voices From the Margins (VFM), inspired by the UN Leave No One Campaign that seeks to put the marginalised and the excluded at the centre of development as part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Voices from the Margins is an inclusive developmental and community arts program for the amplification of the voices, concerns and actions of marginalised youth and the promotion of their rights with a strong focus on young people with disabilities. This program also seeks to engage youth as active agents of social change and transformation. VFM's current main projects are:

- Project CircAbility
- Project NYAKASIKANA
- Inclusive Arts Practice

VFM Documentaries

- <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAtbu4INV-lj3w2i3MhFYc827q5Pbd1M->
- <https://youtu.be/w7-QZlc51iA>



Project CircAbility

Launched in 2019



NYAKASIKANA

Launched in 2020



Inclusive Arts Practice

Launched in 2019



Mbira Therapy & Meditation

Launched in 2021

PROJECT CIRCABILITY



ACTIVITY 1

CircAbility and Expressive Dance Workshops in Schools for Persons With Disability PWD.

ACTIVITY 2

Students For Inclusion (Leave No One Behind) Campaign

ACTIVITY 3

Sign Dance and Deaf Art productions

INFORMATION

Project CircAbility is the first of Tamba Africa Social Circus' Voices from the Margins Projects for young persons with disability (YPWD). The Project uses circus arts, expressive dance and theatre to empower young persons with disability who are often excluded and marginalised in our society. It seeks to amplify their voices while equipping them with additional skills as active and engaged citizens. This initiative also seeks to shift perceptions on disability showing that disability is not inability and that no one should be left behind, inspired by the UN Leave No One Campaign that seeks to put the marginalised and the excluded at the centre of development as part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Project CircAbility is designed with a focus on empowerment and development rather than on charity. Our activities encourage equality in roles similar to those available for their peers who do not have a disability. The Project is premised on the participatory position (Slogan): NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US. This means CircAbility programming and activities seek the full and direct participation of young persons with disability. This is key for our inclusive arts practice and mixed ability campaigns as an organisation.



NYAKASIKANA

ACTIVITY 1

NYAKASIKANA Leadership and Creative Agency Workshops

ACTIVITY 2

Women's Month Collaborative Engagements

ACTIVITY 2

Climate Justice and Gender Equality Storytelling and productions

INFORMATION

NYAKASIKANA is a creative and inclusive culture action project for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls through women centred leadership development. It seeks to equip girls and young women from marginalised communities (especially those with disabilities) with leadership, autonomy and other critical life and social skills through culture, inclusive arts and social circus tools. Social Circus provides spaces for girls to freely explore their women centred power, express themselves, build personal, functional and knowledge-based skills, and engage in gender activism campaigns on issues that are important and real to them.

Our mission as NYAKASIKANA is "Leadership for sustainable change and creation of creative spaces where gender justice goals can be realized".

Engage | Empower | Activate



INCLUSIVE ARTS PRACTICE

ACTIVITY 1

Lectures for a Pilot Course at University of Zimbabwe

ACTIVITY 2

Tamba Africa Social Circus School

ACTIVITY 3

Inclusive Arts Artists/Creatives Workshops

INFORMATION

Young people with disabilities living in Zimbabwe continue to face enormous challenges. They are amongst the most marginalized groups in society and often face barriers such as poor access to information, services and opportunities leaving them vulnerable because their needs have been so widely and so deeply neglected.

Through a combination of lectures, seminars, practical peer-to-peer activities, internships and training, Tamba Africa Social Circus is developing an implementable and sustainable model for inclusive arts practice alongside partners such as the University of Zimbabwe Faculty of Arts and Applied Theatre.

The purpose of Tamba Africa Social Circus' Inclusive Arts Education and Practice is:

- To train the next wave of creatives to become inclusive practitioners of the arts.
- To create and collaborate outside the confines of existing artistic, trade, economic, commercial and social paradigms
- Exemplify social cohesion, identity driven empowerment and present a democracy of voices to all existing and non-existing creative communities.

Our Campaigns

Overview

Our campaign activities encourage the equal participation and contribution of all young people towards crafting the society they wish to see. Throughout the process Tamba Africa Social Circus maintains its philosophy on NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US whether we are speaking on health issues such as mental Health Awareness, Sexual reproductive Health Rights or Gender-Based violence and Climate Action.



16 Days Of Activism

25 Nov - 10 Dec

Documentaries

- <https://youtu.be/CFDQ41wKhzs>
- <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAtbu4INV-ljMutA16xY5yKLhYivxa-Ho>



Clowns Against Covid

Launched in 2020

16 DAYS OF ARTIVISM AGAINST GENDER - BASED VIOLENCE



ACTIVITY 1

Community Outreach Activities

ACTIVITY 2

Circus Theatre Productions e.g Unbreakable Woman (2020), SHEroes (2019)

ACTIVITY 3

Online Campaigns e.g Black Eye Friday

INFORMATION

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign to challenge all forms of harassment and violence against women and girls. The campaign runs every year from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day. Gender Based Violence undermines the health, dignity, security and autonomy of its victims, yet it remains shrouded in a culture of silence. Even more dangerous is the silence that is encouraged by culture and enforced through marginalization.

Tamba Africa Social Circus joins the global campaign to end GBV in our communities using the following 3 key tools:

- Raise awareness
- Respond
- Advocate



CLOWNS AGAINST COVID19

ACTIVITY 1

Community Awareness Activities

ACTIVITY 2

#StaySafe Skits

ACTIVITY 3

Pandemic Games (Online Activities)

INFORMATION

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Tamba Africa Social Circus has created a campaign to bring hope and relief from the effects of the Corona Virus. The methodological approaches used are play therapy defined as meeting and responding to the mental health needs of children, and humor therapy which uses humor to help relieve pain and stress in order to improve a person's sense of well-being. Through edutainment, our clowns Silly Billy, Silly Jimmy and Tabtricks assist young children as well as vulnerable adults (anaGogo and Sekuru) within marginalized communities to understand, cope and stay positive about our new way of living. The first phase of CLOWNS AGAINST COVID19 began in July and ran until August 2020.

The campaigns key focus areas are:

- Community Awareness
- Information dissemination
- Mental Health Awareness

Yearly Activities

Overview

Our yearly activities contribute immensely to feelings of social cohesion, involve communities sharing stories and experiences, and setting templates for maintaining unity among young people. Observances range from cultural topics to awareness raising engagements changing the aura and sparking positivity all around.

Through different outreach activities, productions, online and offline engagements, Tamba Africa Social Circus seeks to inform community members of their traditions, heritage and culture which play an important role to add structure to our social lives, and connect us with different communities and backgrounds. They also give us some inspiration to remember the important things and moments in life.

Documentaries

- https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAtbu4INV-ljETPd6PNS8I_wBDjVL4SBA



Culture Week

Celebrating, sharing and teaching about African cultural diversity and ICH.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SIGN LANGUAGES

IWDeaf

Highlighting Deaf Art, Culture and Zimbabwean Sign Language.



IDoPWD

International Day of Person with Disability is commemorated on December 3rd to promote an understanding of disability and to mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

Partners & Collaborators

Tamba Africa Social Circus' projects and programs are built around collaboration and co-creation, not only with our beneficiaries and participants but by incorporating partners and collaborators who can provide additional developmental opportunities for our beneficiaries.



Current Program Partners and Collaborators

- Adventure ZW
- Arrupe Jesuit University
- Centre for African Studies (AJU)
- ClownCorps USA
- CultureACTIONS
- Deaf Zimbabwe Trust
- Fashion Revolution ZW
- I am Zimbabwe
- Jesuit Youth Office - Southern Africa
- L'arche Zimbabwe
- Music Crossroads Zimbabwe
- NGUWOapotheca
- DZT Schools
- Team Up 2 Clean Up
- Emerald Hill School of The Deaf
- World Merit ZW



For More Information

For an overview of all our activities, programs and campaigns, you can read through our previous Newsletters. You can also sign up to our newsletters via email:

2021

- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6830879857031962625>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6784871841564516352>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6791821751924879360>

2020

- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6777939043943505920>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6777938151605325824>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6777937358152052736>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6777936948582486016>

2019

- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6777936051399880704>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6777935478776729600>



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