

BABISHAI POETRICKS

an adventure toolkit & experience for children

On 16 June 2015, The Day of The African Child, we launched Babishai Poetricks, a new program under The Babishai Niwe Poetry Foundation. Babishai Poetricks is one of the most creative and adventurous spaces for children to gain their highest literary potential. In this toolkit are eleven adventures which encourage interaction, creative listening and speaking, observation and articulation of all the human senses. It is not an examination booklet but rather an experience that encourages maximum interaction from children. Each adventure may take from 1 hour to 1 week, depending on group dynamics. It is not about finishing first but rather about having the #babisaiopoetricks experience.

How did it begin?

It began after visiting several schools in Uganda. There was a general examination-driven ambition amongst the students. The literary creatives were often few and over-shadowed. After visiting close to 10 schools, decided to create a new space for literary inventiveness. #Babishaiopoetricks is a summation of all the major lessons learned, which were that children respond to positive creative environments, where they are at liberty to freely express themselves.



Training at Rainbow International School Uganda, 2012

How does it work?

In two ways:-

1. Interested trainers must first undergo a Training of Trainers. These cost 50 USD per individual. Each trainer is then certified. We recently conducted one at Big Bear Kindergarten . Read the testimonials overleaf:-

Teacher Rinju, Director of Big Bear Kindergarten:

"This training of training was extremely helpful, practical, very interactive and enables children to really think."

Teacher Mitnah, Headmistress of Big Bear Kindergarten:

"This is so important because it helps teachers to learn various adaptations to use in their classroom exercises. It is so much broader than what our teacher-centered system provides. It's a true experience".

2. We can train your children ourselves at a fee, depending on the numbers. The target is 4 to 12 years but we can adapt for those older. All children then join the #babishaiPoetricks family. No one should train using this model without certification. You're encouraged to become certified if you want to train. We will extend our training from Uganda to other African countries.

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Above are members of the #babishaiPoetricks family trained on 16 June 2015.

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