

Quality Public Education Week

22nd-26th April

NGO Action Pack

This year for Global Action Week schools, education stakeholders, NGOs and others are coming together to campaign for Quality Public Education.

Our children are not learning, our teachers are demoralized and our schools are not properly resourced. There is a crisis in our education system and we need to take urgent action.

Join us for a week of action campaigning for quality public education. We will call on decision makers to work together to solve the crisis in public education.

How NGOs can be involved

There are many ways that NGOs can get involved in Quality Public Education Week:

Take part in running school workshops

NGOs will be working with learners from across Uganda in the lead up to Quality Public Education week. NGOs will work with learners to ask what they like about their school, if they could change one thing about their school what it would be and what they think makes a good teacher. The feedback from learners will then be fed back to decision-makers. For more information on how to run workshops with learners you work with see page 2 and 3 of this pack. Page 2 can also be given to teachers and schools to explain the activity.

Come along to the events:

There are already many exciting events taking place for Quality Public Education week. Take a look at attached flyer and see what you might be interested in attending.

Run your own event:

Quality Public Education week is for everyone who is passionate about Quality Public Education in Uganda. So get involved and run your own activity. Get in touch with the Forum for Education NGOs in Uganda (anya.whiteside@fenu.or.ug) if you'd like your event added to the programme.

Book a space to exhibit

On Mon 22nd April there will be a press conference, panel debate and NGO exhibition. FENU has recently attained additional funding, so we can now offer exhibition space to 20 NGOs free of charge. Exhibition space will be located on a first come first served basis. If you are exhibiting please arrive at 9am to set up your stall. If you would like to exhibit please contact FENU as soon as possible: anya.whiteside@fenu.or.ug or 0312 262 154.

How to run a school workshop

'Quality Public Education Week' is part of Global Action Week and is taking place from 22nd-26th April. This is an opportunity for all of us to come together to take action to improve public education in Uganda.

Quality Public Education Week will include many exciting activities. One of these activities involves asking students from across Uganda what they think about education and how it could be improved. This will then be used to show decision makers what learners think.

On the next page is the 'My Education' tool we are encouraging NGOs to use with some of the schools and learners they work with. The tool asks students to draw a picture of themselves and their school. It asks them to tell us what they like about their school, what could be improved and what makes a good teacher. Students can write their answers to these questions or, if they find it difficult to write, ask someone to write the answers down for them.

The 'My Education' sheets should then be returned to the Forum for Education NGOs in Uganda (FENU) before 19th April. The views of pupils will then be used during Quality Public Education week to show decision makers what learners think. Some will be read out at a public education rally in Gulu and some will be presented to the Parliamentary Forum on Quality Education.

Please be aware that these activities are carried out under the auspices of your own organisations and not through FENU. This means that you need to use your organisation's normal child-protection and consent practices.

If you have any questions please contact Anya Whiteside from FENU on anya.whiteside@fenu.or.ug or give me a ring on 0312 262 154. FENU's address is plot 58, Block 254 Ggaba Road, Kansanga.

My Education

School:

District:

Class:

Picture of me:

(Draw a picture of yourself here)

- What I like most about my school is:

- If I could change one thing about my school it would be:

- One thing that makes a good teacher is:

Picture of my school:

(Draw a picture of your school here)