

# Quality Public Education Week 22nd-26th April

## Quality Public Education Week

*'Our children and nation will have no future, if we choose to do nothing about public education'*

The 22nd-26th April is Global Action Week where across the world action is taken to improve education. In Uganda there will be a week of action to highlight the need for quality public education.

There is a crisis in our education system.

Our children are not learning, our teachers are demoralized and our schools are not properly resourced.

We must act, and we must act now!

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.



## Week's activities

### 28th March –19th April

- School workshops, across Uganda

### Mon 22nd April

- Lunch for learners, Kampala
- Press conference on quality public education, CSO exhibition on quality education, panel debate on child labour and the barriers to quality education, Kampala

### Tues 23rd April

- Radio talk-show on 'what is quality education and how can we get it, Kampala

### Weds 24th April

- UNATU symposium on what makes a good teacher, Kampala

### Thurs 25th April

- Radio talk-show on 'what is quality education and how can we get it?', Gulu
- Multi-lingual education network event, Kampala

### Fri 26th April

- Quality Public Education Week Rally, Gulu

A full agenda with times, venues and organizers can be found on the next page. For additional questions please contact FENU on [info@fenu.or.ug](mailto:info@fenu.or.ug); 0312262154/5.

## Our demands



There is a crisis in public education and we are calling for action on:

- High student drop-out rates
- Congestion in classrooms

- Hungry children in School
- Teaching in crisis
- Disengaged foundation body leadership and low participation of parents and guardians.

Our initial demands are simple:

- Increase the education budget to 20%, as agreed in Dakar in 2000.
- 100% increment for teachers
- Mid-day meals for all children at schools
- More involvement from foundation bodies in the management of schools

- Stop wastage of resources in the sector (ghost schools, pupils teachers).

We believe that these demands are realistic and achievable if Government makes education a top priority.



# Quality Public Education Week Programme

22nd—26th April 2013



press conference at 9:30 on quality public education.

This will be followed by a NGO exhibition at 10am where NGOs will display their work on education.

At 10:30am there will be a panel discussion on child labour and the barriers to quality education. For more information contact FENU.



## 28th March –19th April

### **School workshops**

#### *Across Uganda*

Ahead of the week learners from across Uganda will work with NGOs to give their views on education. This will include what they like about their schools, what they would like improved and what they think makes a good teacher. The views of learners will then be presented to decision makers. For more information contact FENU.

## Mon 22nd April

### **Lunch for learners**

#### *8am, Kampala, Venue tbc*

Students cannot learn without lunch. On Monday, Foundation Bodies and CSOs will take food to schools for student's lunch. This is to highlight to parents, communities and the government the importance of providing learners with lunch. For more information contact FENU.

### **Press conference, NGO exhibition and panel debate**

*9:30—2pm Africana hotel, Kampala*  
The week will be launched with a

## Tues 23rd April

### **Radio talk-show**

#### *Kampala*

On Tuesday the public will be able to give their views by calling in to a radio talk-show. Panelists and members of the public will debate 'What is quality education and how can we get it?'. For more information contact FENU.



## Weds 24th April

### **What makes a good teacher symposium**

#### *2pm Hotel Triangle, Buganda road*

UNATU are coordinating a symposium to look at what makes a good teacher. For more information contact [jwajega@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jwajega@yahoo.co.uk)

## Thurs 25th April

### **Radio talk-show**

#### *Gulu*

On Tuesday panelists and members of the public will debate 'What is quality education and how can we get it?'. For more information contact FENU.

### **Multi-Lingual Education Network Event**

#### *9-1pm, Kampala City Guest House, Kamwokya*

At this event the role language plays in education will be explored. For more information contact LABE: [stelah@labeuganda.org](mailto:stelah@labeuganda.org)

## Fri 26th April

### **Quality Public Education Week march & rally**

#### *9:30—1pm March to St Monica's vocational school, Gulu*

The week will end with a march and rally in Gulu. There will be speeches and presentations from children and local dignitaries on the importance of quality education. For more information contact FENU.

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