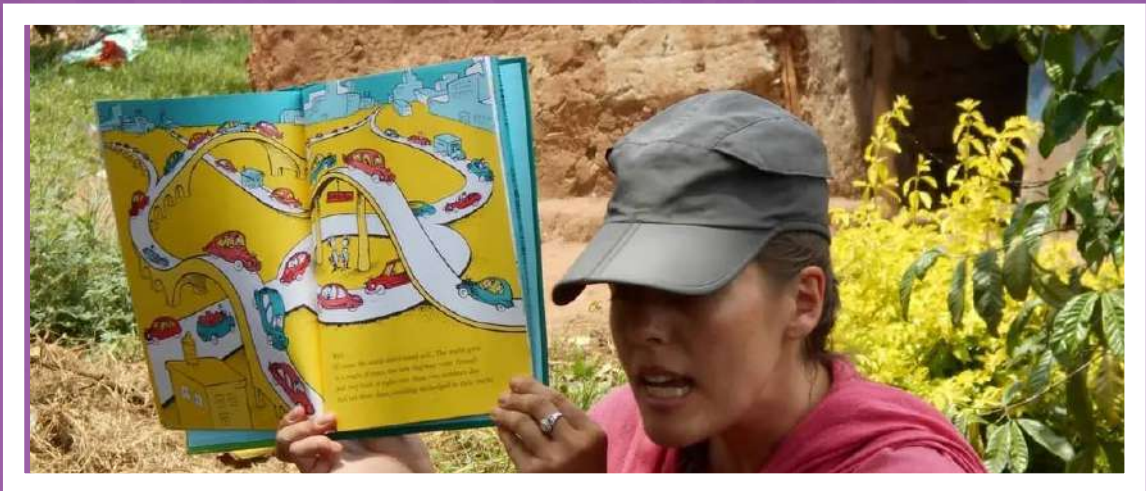




# Volunteers PhotoBook



## Background

LEADING CHANGE UGANDA (LCU) is non-governmental organization, which started in January 2013 by a group of young people who wanted to create the change they want to see in the world among children and women. LCU is inspired by the fact that the world should be a better place for everyone, regardless of their sex, age, religion, colour and nationality. LCU is a not for profit, nonpartisan youth led non-governmental organization based in Kampala and Wakiso districts. The organization is fully registered with the NGO Board and Uganda Registration Services Bureau. The mandate of the organization is to create positive change in the lives of children and women. LCU strives to empower children and women to effectively participate in their social economic development through training, access to education, information and other basic needs to improve their standard of living.

Many communities in Uganda cannot access education, information and basic needs. This is because most people live below the poverty line, staying in slums and villages. At LCU, we understand that education is key to getting people out of the debilitating and dehumanizing clutches of poverty. Hence, education is at the forefront our mission.

Access to education, particularly for the children in the poorest of poor families, is not always available. LCU is equipped to pass on knowledge and skills to children, youth and women, enabling them to live better lives. The youth and children are Uganda's future tomorrow, and women are the mothers of the nation who bring life into this wonderful world.

At LCU, knowledge and skills are acquired through a variety of training, such as entrepreneurship, financial management, consumerism, ICT and environment. The communities are also provided with basic needs such as clothes, school fees and food. As a youth-led organization, we allow enthusiastic young people to share their skills with other youths who have not had that chance. By sharing our skills, we are holding hands together to fight and end early child marriages, high youth unemployment, youth and community illiteracy, poverty, environmental degradation, and improve markets and livelihoods.

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## The team

Leading Change Uganda is made of a dynamic team with a vast knowledge and passion to change the world. The team is made up of individuals from different parts of the world who work hard to see that LCU achieves its objectives. They invest in the organization so that others can live a better life. They are passionate about putting a smile on another person's face.'



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Florence Namubiru



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Linda Mitchell



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Gavin Kimuli



Hasifwa Namuleme



Liam Alexander Ndawula



Nancy Tripp



Stephanie & Jonathan Brenker



Lucas Abraham Kazigo



Bwowe Alexander



## The Volunteering Program

This program provides Ugandan and international youths and adults an opportunity to make a contribution to different communities both in person and online. Online volunteers have supported LCU to draft and review documents, update the website and social media platforms, fundraise, create videos to showcase LCU work, connect LCU to like-minded individuals and organizations in their countries among others thus enhancement of LCU visibility to the outside world.

Local and International Volunteers are placed in different local organizations and communities to learn and share experiences. Therefore, the project allows cultural exchanges between LCU and other organizations in other countries.

Through this program, LCU has worked with over 20 volunteers of which 7 are International volunteers who worked from the comfort of their country thanks to technology. The volunteers have provided hands on skills, advisory and fundraising services to the organization among other things. Through this program, LCU has extended her reach by sharing skills and resources with individual and organizational partners, women, and children all over the world.



In 2016, LCU recruited 13 volunteers within Uganda and outside Uganda to enable smooth implementation of organizational programs. The team was inclusive of individuals from various backgrounds; five of the team members were from outside Uganda who volunteered their skills while staying in their countries of origin (Tunisia, Australia and Croatia). This has been an exciting experience to work online and achieve a desired goal with different people from different countries.

A case in point; in 2016 Ivan Begovic from Croatia who was an online volunteer at the time with LCU under Communication created the organisation logo currently being used by LCU.





**Volunteer 1:**

Rebecca Roberts arrived in Uganda on 30 January 2017 from Alaska, USA. She spent three months in Uganda. She was interested in dancing and teaching dance. LCU connected her to a partner organization, TEENS Uganda, whose focus was teaching music, dance and drama to young adults. During her stay in Uganda Rebecca, helped with the children of the Community Reading Club by reading to them stories during the Easter celebrations. She also donated reading books to the club. Raices del Mundo an organisation led by Rebecca Roberts of Alaska in United States based in Mexico at the time in 2018 raised funds worth UGX 1,961,785 towards the Community

Reading Club project and Wangari Women Project.







**Volunteer 2:**

Linda Mitchell arrived on 23 August 2017 from Scotland. She spent two weeks in Uganda. During her stay, she visited families of the children sponsored by LCU under the Education for All Programme. She held a workshop on innovation skills for the Wangari Women. She got hands on experience with the work of LCU.

Linda Mitchell from Scotland Volunteering her services in Uganda in 2017 for two weeks (Training the Wangari Women how to makes dresses, bags, necklaces etc.









### **Volunteer 3:**

In 2018, LCU hosted Hakah Ayesiza of Uganda during his annual leave, he volunteered his time at the Community Reading Club where he donated exercise books and balls to the children. He taught the children football and other games boosting their confidence hence enhancing their spirit to believe in themselves.

**Fundraising activity 1:** Our volunteers have carried out a number of fundraising projects in their countries, for example the HUGGS Concert – on 10 June 2017, which was a benefit concert organized by Linda Mitchell and Jean Inness (RIP) to 'Helping Ugandan Girls Get Stronger' (HUGGS). They raised funds for Leading Change Uganda and Pass It On Trust Uganda one of LCU's partners. The concert was graced by Bruce W Davies, one of the greatest singers in Scotland with a headline performance alongside Markinch District Community Choir, led by Carol Ann Hedley. They raised GBP 950 (USD 1,265) for LCU with a strong focused team; Linda, Jean, Zara, Tikki, Angela, Carolyn, Douglas who did an incredible job to ensure success of the concert.

**Fundraising activity 2:** In 2018, Carol Hedley – a friend from Scotland – and her friends collected about 200 bras which were sent to LCU to raise funds. The bras were able to raise UGX 1,047,000.





If you are interested in supporting the work of LCU, Please feel free to get in touch.



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