

Vuga e.V. Newsletter

Dear Members, Partner and Friends of the Vuga Community,

we happy to see Vuga growing and coming into a new and decisive phase. We now have a stronger network and program background, what makes more and more things possible, but of course that also causes a lot of more work and challenges.

Of course the most important part of our work is the integration of our seven and soon eight volunteers in Uganda. You will find some insights of their work following, as well as updates to our society activities.

General Assembly

by FEE

On the 5th of December we will have our yearly assembly in Berlin, where the work of the last year will be mainly represented by Fee and Trina and we vote on a new board of directors. Former volunteers are highly welcomed to participate.

Another issue we will address, is a better allocation of work tasks in the Vuga community. With our growing program, there are more and more mails coming in every day and the project coordination in Germany can't handle all of the related tasks. So help is needed and especially if you are a former volunteer and know the program well, your input is very much appreciated. We are looking forward seeing you in december - participation via internet is also an good option for all, who can't make it to Berlin.

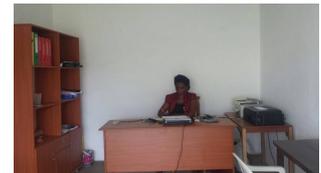


New Office in Uganda

by TRINA

Finally, and with the support of the Lukambuzi family, Vuga has a little but fancy office in Uganda. That is very good new, due to all the administrative documents, which have to be organized and documented.

You can find the office in Kitala, opposite to Juntos. We are looking forward to use this new place as an opportunity to meet and share ideas. And of course, we are also a bit proud to make another step forward in becoming more and more professionalized - but remain with our free and flexible spirit.



Up and Downs in project work

by META

This month was very good. I start to get used to ev-

erybody and everything in my surrounding and at work. I also start to understand the structures and I think that, step by step, I become a part of the team from “Love and Care”.

As I came here the school director Agnes said, that I could help the nursery teacher during the year. The nursery teacher is also new in the school. In the last month it turned out to be a big struggle for us both to handle the tree to six jars old when we work together. The space is too less to organize or to play something properly. I decided to withdraw myself out of the class, because it was too much for the children, to have me and the teacher in one small room. It confused them. So I started to tinker a lot, I made everything that my Supervisor told me and I tried to start a project to improve the nursery. I thought that there is nothing that could stop this project. But some Days ago, I was already at the calculation of costs, Supervisor Trina came. I told her about the project and she explained to me that we can't realize this, because the nursery is not official registered. I didn't know that. The Director of the school, Agnes, told me now that she wants to register it as soon as possible, but this will be next year.

So I decided to think over another project, which would support the school to get new students. They need new students to get money in. I'm not sad that the nursery project is dying, because it just gave me another task, another challenge that I can master. Now we have so many new ideas that we first need to think over our next steps. But I have the impression that there will be a big change in the next month. I am curious about that and glad that I am included in these changes.



Certification

by JOHANNES

The ongoing certification in Germany is one of our biggest steps to undergo so far. If completed successfully, our society will be formalized certified for our program, which of course makes a lot of things in Germany much easier und builds trust to our donors.

For that purpose, we composed more than 100 documents and many more pages of our conceptional work and implementation. The next step will be the meeting between Fee, former volunteers and the responsible certifier in Berlin. We all wish the best for that occasion. Afterwards the agency responsible for certification will visit two of our partner organisations in Uganda and then we hope in March 2018 we can proudly present our certificate.



Insights on a language course

by THEO

Our class in which we learn how to speak and write Runyoro/Rutooro is somehow funny. The teacher – a at least sixty year old woman named Winfred – has a strange way of teaching. Or at least it appears strange to us being used to a different way of teaching from Germany. We do not learn grammatical rules or patterns to understand the language. She rather teaches us just words as vocabulary from which we sometimes also have to create sentences. But usually her way of teaching results in us writing down words we have never heard before and then we are supposed to construct sentences. The fact that one lesson takes two hours without brakes does not ease the situation.

Fortunately, we have started to take a different approach: We now rather “direct” her what to teach us and in which order, which leads to better results. And it also leads to funny situations when Jana already can speak small things benefiting from her prior knowledge of Luganda while Jule and me just sit there looking at her with our mouths open.

