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Kambisa!OnLine 2010 - Exchange for kids

In September Kambisa! will start a new project: Kambisa!Online 2010, a programme that lets Zambian and Dutch schoolkids exchange ideas over the internet.

Children in both countries will be making artworks around a chosen theme, in this case their dream house. The kids can draw, paint, or build a miniature of their house from any material they like. Then pictures of the dream houses will be exchanged online and they can discuss them, learning about each other's life.

The project in Zambia will be run by a Dutch Kambisa! intern in Livingstone, Mongu, Lusaka, Chipata and Ndola. He will be visiting community schools, giving the children basic computer lessons, and demonstrating how they can use a computer to share ideas with kids from another part of the world.

Community schools in Zambia are community based learning institutions that meet the educational needs of vulnerable children, especially orphans. These schools are usually free of charge, understaffed and under equipped.

Kambisa! decided to work with children in these schools because they are the ones who would otherwise have very slim chances of ever coming across a computer.

Most of the Dutch kids who will be taking part will already be accustomed to using computers and internet, so for them the main interest of the Kambisa!OnLine workshops is getting the chance to exchange ideas with kids from a far away country, getting to communicate with them and learning about their way of life.

The discussion and exchange between the kids will be done on a special section of the

Kambisa! website, designed specifically for this project, so kids will have a safe online environment to communicate with each other.

With this project we want to:

► **create interaction between children in Zambia and the Netherlands and expose them to each other's creativity**

► **get children to think about the life of their counterparts abroad and enable them to reflect on their own positions, possibilities and ambitions**

► **give kids from Zambian community schools an opportunity to acquire basic computer skills; and show them how to communicate online**

Would you like to participate with your school? Please contact Inonge Anandala (inonge@kambisa.com) to find out more and discuss the options.

Kambisa! workshops at Grotius College

In the new school year, Kambisa! will continue to give workshops at Dutch schools.

Over the last few months, we held a first series of workshops at Grotius College in Delft, in cooperation with Nyama. Students took classes in media-education, where they learned to look with a critical eye at how newspapers and television affect our views. Are the media fair? Who decides what makes it

into the news and how? And how could things be done better?

All such questions were discussed. And the youths turned out not to be as disinterested in that 'boring news' as is often assumed. They had strong opinions about it, and there is certainly hope for the future, as we discovered plenty of journalism talent in the group.

In the PR workshops students made posters and flyers for Show Yourself, a beneficiary dance show the students did for Amnesty International.

Third year ICT students learned the basics of film making. In september they will continue with this, making their own short film.

Also interested in a workshop at your school or company? Check our website to see what we offer.



Poster the students made during the PR workshop to promote Show Yourself

New workshops on offer

Kambisa! will be expanding the workshops on offer in the coming season.

Apart from the OnScreen film making workshops and the media-education workshops, we are now also offering writing workshops, under the title Kambisa!InWords, where you can learn how to capture a story in words in more power-

ful and effective ways.

Check our website to read more about the various workshops we offer and feel free to contact us to discuss the possibilities.

Workshops can be adapted to fit your specific wishes, can be held at your school, organisation or company, or as a full

day programme including meals at another venue, like restaurant Watertanden in Den Haag.

Later this year we will be adding an exciting and confrontational theatre workshop as well, where you can experience first hand what it is like to deal with cultural differences.

See-Saw - Kambisa!'s first visual art project



Desh Chisukulu, director of Kambisa!BeHeard, created the first visual art project for Kambisa!

The creation, called See-Saw, was part of Desh's final assignment for his study ArtScience in Den Haag.

It is an interactive audiovisual installation, that consists of a seesaw with seats facing opposite directions. In front of each seat a monitor is mounted, that the users can

watch while seesawing. Also there is a small camera filming both users.

When they move gently, and stay balanced, they see themselves and each other on the screen, but when they go faster and move more aggressively, disturbing media images start flashing by.

The audio, a soundscape consisting of many different music, speech and noise samples, is generated and

muffled, also depending on the coordination and balance of the seesawing visitors.

The aim of the installation is to get the visitors to consider their relations and balance to each other.

You can watch a short video impression on our YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/kambisa

How you can take part

Submit - You can submit an article, idea or story to Kambisa! Check our writing guidelines on our website for some advice and ask us about the conditions.

Training - You can register for our workshops, or take part in our online training programmes. Check the website to see what we offer.

Spread the word - Pass our name to other people, start discussion groups in your local community, spread our message in schools, libraries and theaters.

Volunteer - Kambisa! is constantly looking for enthusiastic talents and skills. At the moment, our branch in the Netherlands is in need of a manager and a fundraising talent. Our Zambian branch is looking for a marketeer. If you have other skills to offer

please get in touch!

Order our products - You can order DVD's, CD's, gifts and pictures via our webshop at www.kambisa.com

Donate - On giro 1003314 on behalf of Stichting Kambisa! BeHeard. in Zoetermeer, registered at the Chamber of Commerce in The Hague under number 27281471. Copies of our constitution, our budgets or our financial reports can be sent on request.



As Kambisa!BeHeard. is recognised as a charitable organisation by the Dutch VAT authorities, your donations are often deductible. For more information, see www.anbi.nl

Help us with our new website



The Kambisa! team is currently working on a brand new website, with a fresh new look and structure that will communicate our works, products and services better.

The site will be available in two languages, English and Dutch, so we will be able to adapt it better for our audiences in the Netherlands and in Zambia.

We are still busy updating it with new information, so it is not yet totally complete, but you are already invited to come have a look and share any comments or suggestions you may have.

www.kambisabeheard.com
(international website)

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