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## Ugandan Children

Posted by ericmugisha07 - 2007/08/06 22:25

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First of all, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to thank you all in different respects for the work you do to enable this radio succeed. Beyond all, I take my depest thanks to the arrangers of this shoe, Mr. Mike and Ms. Queenie. We indeed appreciate the things you do. Fellow Ugandans, ladies and gentlemen, it is my honour to present to you all this issue. Last sunday on 08/05/07, I heard a gentleman who called in during the show, and he proudly encouraged and supported parents to get their children into the sports field as early as possible. Well, that is not something bad, and in fact sports are not bad at all. But the question is only one... Is it really that important? Uganda has got a couple engineers out in the field, but many times, our children end up thinking that agricultural jobs are most important. We the parents have to encourage our children to take math and science courses. We should just forget the term "math is hard." It is very embarassing to say that, infront of your children because that means you are discouraging your children. I have always loved to be an engineer and sometimes it indeed hurts me to look at the degree of engineering in our country Uganda. Ladies and Gentlemen, we all have brains to think... but If we look into the future of Uganda, where is it? Wiltth your support, fellow Ugandas, we can get Uganda involved in a certain program ran in the USA. After seeing your reply to this issue, I will go ahead and tell you about the program, which can be indeed good for our Uganda kids. But like I said, it is not possible for me to do it alone I need the support most especially from you the parents.

Thank You All,

Hoping to Hear from everyone

Mugisha Eric

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by Meli - 2007/08/07 00:02

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Hello Ericmugisha. Uganda still lacks all kinds of skilled labour, from chefs, to gardeners. From Engineers to teachers. If you see the numbers of each field that correspond to our population and compare them with the numbers of other countries, you'll understand the seriousness of our situation. Sometime I wonder how people live in our rural areas, with no doctors, no good teachers, sometimes even no priests. I think what that gentleman meant to say, was that we should encourage our children's talents in sports. But I'm sure everyone would agree that what you are talking about is more important, especially for children who are cut out for it. And I don't really agree that someone has got to be a parent, meaning, to have born children of his/her own to take part in discussions or palnning for the future of our country. So, I'm all ears Ericmugisha, let's hear what you've got in mind.

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by Bandi - 2007/08/11 15:09

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Ericmugisha has got an idea for the good of our country. I don't understand why no parent is showing any interest to learn what it is about! You won't be necessarily talking about your own children. Wouldn't it be great if an idea like this,from Connect Uganda Forum, turned out all right for some children back home? Don't be selfish now! I don't need it, it's none of my business, I don't even want to know? Come on!

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by JeenaJulia - 2007/08/13 13:04

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Mugisha your idea is indeed something I can reckon with and I believe the two can go hand in hand and still lead to success in ones career.Talk of engineers going out after a long days work and then tassling it out over the weekend in a splendid golf tournament.

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by chamu - 2007/08/13 20:40

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Ericmugisha has indeed a good idea for the good of our country. But we have to be careful where we place our children. You never know...

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by chamu - 2007/08/13 21:17

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On second thought, Eric is probably looking for 'eating' prospects. When you see one of them, you have seen all of them.

There are enough of our very well qualified children in Kampala (in Buganda) who are hopelessly jobless. Our hospitality has been grossly abused. We have had enough.

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by mjnsubuga - 2007/08/14 01:14

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Chamu I wish we all saw light at the same time... Mugisha Has a great idea. But as Usual, Kumbaga Tekubula Musiwufu..., Naye Chamu Wasiwuse luno.

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by ericmugisha07 - 2007/08/14 01:26

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I am so happy to hear from you Chamu... If this program succeeds, it is not there to help those who are qualified already. It is there for those who are qualified to help our young children get an interest in engineering. The whole idea of this program if it succeeds, is to set the future of Ugandan engineering. It is by no means, to be considered the main source of Jobs for Uganda's engineers. If it is given a try, it could end up boosting the way Ugandans interact with Engineering...

It was great to see your view Chamu, and hope I answered any questions you had. I am hoping to hear from everyone again, be it that you have a question, or an advice.

Awangaale Sabasajja...

Awangale Buganda...

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by asha - 2007/08/14 02:58

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mugisha looks like u have a point.but still we as parents our job

is to guide these children in to the right path.but wen these children grow up they tend to make their own decisions as matures

we can try to encourage them but still a child has to choose wat he

or she feels he can do better in future whether its sports engineering music to mention but a few

i cant encourage a kid to be an engineer wen he or she is bad at maths

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well what i think as a parent is to encourage these kids to do wat we think is best for them but still leave the ball in their hands for them to decide really wat they can do best bse its the kids going to s

school not us and they know what they can do and wat they cant do

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by ericmugisha07 - 2007/08/14 20:01

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I am happy to hear from you Asha, and I indeed like your ideas... But talking about not forcing our children, You are absolutely right and I agree... But we have to remember that no one is born a genius. And if you tell the children and they refuse, Don't force them afterall early scientists say that "the only difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has it's limits" Well, we can have them become inventors... What point am I trying to put across? The point is There is no need to force them... but we need to encourage and smartly push them... All we need to do for our country is pave the way... in other words, aloow the kids to think outside the BOX... I am glad that you were able to reflect on the issue. And I am hoping to hear from you again Thanks

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by Meli - 2007/08/14 20:31

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But children need a little pushing. Not forcing, not shoving, but encouragement, and pushing. That's what everyone out here is doing. My late dearest mama, who was a teacher, used to say that your children are essentially what you make them. One famous European musician said that his mother took him to guitar classes when he was four years old, and told him to learn to play it very well. When he asked, "But why mama?" She answered, "Because you love it."

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by chamu - 2007/08/15 19:07

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Mjnsbuga, oli mutuufu, nti nsiwuuse luno. Fenna 'twasiwuka' dda. Bano abasajja batujjirira era ku 'mbaga' abasingako obungi basiiwufu. Kati tunatera kugamba nti "Ku mbaga tekubula munyirivu".

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by saava - 2007/08/15 20:16

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Mukulu Chamu nze nkutegeera okuba nti ekilowoozo kya mw Mugisha tekikulabikila nge kintu ekipya, oba ekyenjawulo ennyo okusinziila kubintu nga bwe bikolebwa eka, oli okusanyaawo essomero nga Shimon nagamba enkeela nti bonna basome.

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by ericmugisha07 - 2007/08/15 23:35

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Ladies and Gentlemen, I here by once again clarifying the issue out for you all. Mr. Chamu and Saava, I understand your point rather concern. We all have to understand that the future of our country engineering-wise is in jeopardy... I am glad that Chamu pointed out to all of us that we have many good children back home... well, what are those engineers doing to help the future???? I don't think there is anything if they are not showing the kids how fun it is to be an engineer.

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secondly if we know that we have been cheat... through things like "bonna basome", "bona bagagawale", "muzale mwale", then when are we going to WAKE UP fellow Ugandans????? If we know that we are wayyy back... when are we going to CATCH UP???? This project, if supported by the parents, will not be ran by the Uganda government... all we will need to an official who will be able to coordinate and run the whole program. I am still hoping to hear from all of you, and then I will introduce the actual program in advance.

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by chamu - 2007/08/17 22:01

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EricMugisha, in my opinion, it might be a bit difficult for parents to give their support on "an engineering prospect for kids" for which parents have no adequate information. Would it not be a better approach if you give the parents details of that program, and let them be interested?

Of course, in principle, engineering is good for ugandan kids.

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Below is how you finalised:

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by ericmugisha07 - 2007/08/20 02:04

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Ok since some of us have showed some interest, I will go ahead and show you some of the whole program. This will be the root of the whole program if we succeed. The website is [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org) Go and check it out then tell me what you think. We need to get off the ground. Thanks everyone hope to hear from all of you about this issue.

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by Meli - 2007/08/21 19:39

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It's a damn good program. But how do we go about it? I think it's something we'll have to launch back home, so we can like collaborate with these people, telling them, we'll send some of our best to take part in their contests. How else can it work? I know many young boys interested into something like this. And once it gets popular, many will be inspired. Whatever comes of it Ericmugisha, as a Ugandan, I thank you for seeing something good and thinking about/wishing it upon your homeland.

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by Bandi - 2007/08/31 21:58

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EricMugisha, was this all you had to tell us about this program? Proceed please, tell us the rest of what you've got in mind.

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by ericmugisha07 - 2007/08/31 23:28

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Well, I think I have basically explained all we need to know. Fell free to ask any questions. But the last thing I have to say is that this Program needs money to succeed. Right now, I have not prepared anything yet, because not alot of people have even showed any interests which in fact wipes away the wonder of why Uganda is still way back in Engineering. But I am more than happy to hear from you people who are interested.

Thanks.

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## Re:Ugandan Children

Posted by chamu - 2007/09/01 15:32

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Sounds a good idea. Now I ask; what are the requirements of the kids to participate in this programe, you know, age, basic education etc? How much money do we need to pay and how often do we have to pay? Where do we pay the money? Supposing there are a few parents interested, will you proceed with those few or, how many participants do you need in order for the program to be viable?

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