THE PROBLEM

The visual arts are one of the most rewarding means of communication, learning and self-expression for all young people. Many vulnerable children, particularly those who are deaf, are limited in the ways that can express themselves, and for some, art can provide a life-changing means of self-expression. However, many young people in Zambia do not have access to the materials, training and support necessary to develop their artistic talent.

LUBUTO'S APPROACH

Lubuto’s art program is designed and taught with children and youth in mind. It nurtures and develops creativity in young people and enriches their lives with a true appreciation and understanding of art. The participants acquire skills in artistic expression through color, line, shape, space, texture, form and design. Participants successes, growth, and creativity are supported by teachers and peers. Perhaps most importantly, Lubuto provides opportunities for young artists to develop their talent and gives them a mode of expression—a way to communicate their stories and thoughts to the wider world.

ACHIEVEMENTS

LubutoArts participants have held gallery shows in Lusaka (Henry Tayali Gallery and elsewhere) and even in New Orleans, USA at the Stella Jones Gallery (where our art teacher Enesto sold his first painting to actress Angela Bassett). Lubuto’s artists regularly participate in national programs such as those of the stArt Foundation and Art4Art. Many have sold their first artworks through these events and have developed livelihoods in the arts.