



NELSON MUSIC AND DANCE ACADEMY

IMPACT REPORT

Four Years of Transforming Lives Through the Creative Arts

August 2022 - August 2025

4	~120	30	4
COMPLETED EDITIONS	PARTICIPANTS TRAINED	AVERAGE PER WORKSHOP	CORE ART DISCIPLINES

Developing talent. Inspiring creativity. Building confidence. Strengthening community.

OUR GUIDING BELIEF

"Every Child Has a Talent and Potential to Be Developed."

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Executive Summary

Since its establishment in 2022, Nelson Music and Dance Academy (NMDA) has remained committed to developing artistic talent and empowering children and young people through quality creative arts education. Through its annual Creative Arts Holiday Workshop, the Academy has provided practical training in Dance, Music, Acting, and Photography, creating a safe and inspiring environment where participants discover their talents, build confidence, and develop lifelong skills.

Across four successful editions conducted between 2022 and 2025, the Academy has trained approximately 120 participants, averaging 30 learners per workshop. Beyond artistic development, the programme has promoted discipline, teamwork, leadership, creativity, communication, and cultural appreciation while encouraging the productive use of school holidays.



What the programme has consistently supported

- Talent discovery and practical artistic development.
- Confidence, communication, leadership, teamwork, and discipline.
- Safe and structured creative engagement during school holidays.
- Cultural appreciation and meaningful community participation.
- A growing platform for performances, showcases, and creative collaboration.

LOOKING AHEAD

As preparations continue for the August 2026 Creative Arts Holiday Workshop, NMDA remains focused on expanding access, improving resources, and strengthening partnerships that can deepen community impact.

About the Academy

A creative arts institution in Buea, Cameroon, using structured arts education as a pathway for personal development, youth empowerment, cultural preservation, and community transformation.

Nelson Music and Dance Academy is a creative arts institution based in Buea, Cameroon, dedicated to nurturing talent through professional training in music, dance, acting, and photography.

Founded by Dr. Teke Nelson Tetuh, PhD, the Academy believes that creative arts education is a powerful tool for personal development, youth empowerment, cultural preservation, and community transformation.

OUR VISION

To become a leading centre of excellence in creative arts education in Africa, empowering generations of artists, innovators, and creative leaders.

OUR MISSION

To provide accessible, high-quality creative arts education that develops talent, inspires creativity, builds confidence, and equips learners with practical and leadership skills for lifelong success.



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Workshop Timeline

From an inaugural holiday workshop in 2022 to a growing annual platform for creative learning and performance.

2022	First Edition August 2022 The inaugural Creative Arts Holiday Workshop introduced participants to structured training in dance, music, acting, and photography. It established the foundation for an annual programme focused on talent development and creative excellence.
2023	Second Edition August 2023 Building on the success of the first workshop, the second edition expanded practical learning experiences, strengthened participant engagement, and encouraged collaboration through creative performances and group activities.
2024	Third Edition August 2024 The third edition placed greater emphasis on technical skill development, artistic expression, and confidence building, enabling participants to demonstrate significant growth through practical projects and performances.
2025	Fourth Edition 20 July - End of August 2025 The fourth edition further strengthened the Academy’s impact by providing intensive training, collaborative learning experiences, and public showcases that celebrated participants’ artistic achievements.
2026	Fifth Edition August 2026 (Upcoming) The Academy is preparing for its fifth annual Creative Arts Holiday Workshop, continuing its commitment to providing high-quality creative arts education and expanding opportunities for young people.

Programme Areas

Across the workshop editions, learners have received practical instruction in four complementary areas of the creative arts.

DANCE

- Contemporary Dance
- Ballet Fundamentals
- Liturgical Dance
- Ballroom Dance
- Latin Dance
- Salsa Dance
- Acrobatic Rock 'N' Roll
- Acro Swing Dance
- Choreography

ACTING

- Drama
- Public Speaking
- Voice Projection
- Stage Performance
- Character Development
- Improvisation

MUSIC

- Piano
- Keyboard
- Music Theory
- Rhythm Training
- Vocal Development
- Ensemble Performance

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Digital Photography
- Portrait Photography
- Composition
- Lighting Techniques
- Visual Storytelling
- Event Photography

A multidisciplinary approach gives participants opportunities to discover strengths, build practical skills, and learn through performance and creative expression.

Programme Reach & Participant Impact

4	~120	30	Annual
WORKSHOPS	PARTICIPANTS	AVERAGE LEARNERS	CREATIVE LEARNING

Programme reach

- Four successful Creative Arts Holiday Workshops.
- Approximately 120 children and young people trained.
- Average participation of 30 learners per workshop.
- Annual opportunities for practical creative arts education.
- Public performances and showcases celebrating participant achievements.
- Increased community awareness of the importance of creative arts education.

Impact on participants

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover and develop artistic talents. • Build confidence and self-esteem. • Improve communication and presentation skills. • Strengthen teamwork and collaboration. • Develop leadership qualities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express creativity in a positive environment. • Improve discipline and personal responsibility. • Gain practical skills in music, dance, acting, and photography. • Develop greater appreciation for arts and culture. • Make productive use of school holidays. |
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Impact Beyond the Classroom

The workshop experience extends beyond individual artistic skills, supporting families and contributing to positive community engagement.

IMPACT ON FAMILIES

- Increased confidence.
- Improved social interaction.
- Better communication skills.
- Greater discipline and responsibility.
- Enhanced creativity and self-expression.
- Positive engagement during school holidays.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Promoting arts education.
- Providing safe and structured holiday activities.
- Encouraging cultural appreciation.
- Supporting youth development.
- Strengthening community participation through performances and showcases.
- Creating opportunities for collaboration among families, educators, and artists.

Lessons learned over four years

- Every child possesses unique creative potential.
- Practical arts education produces meaningful personal growth.
- Parents value structured creative learning opportunities.
- Community partnerships strengthen programme sustainability.
- Continuous improvement enhances participant experiences each year.

Challenges & Future Priorities

The Academy's next phase depends on expanding access, improving resources, and strengthening long-term partnerships.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

- Limited financial resources.
- Insufficient musical instruments.
- Limited photography equipment.
- Need for additional dance studio resources.
- Transportation costs.
- Limited scholarships for disadvantaged learners.
- Need for larger training facilities.
- Limited sponsorship and long-term funding.

FUTURE PRIORITIES

- Increasing participant capacity.
- Expanding scholarship opportunities.
- Acquiring additional musical instruments and creative equipment.
- Strengthening partnerships with government agencies, embassies, foundations, NGOs, churches, and corporate organisations.
- Improving training facilities.
- Introducing year-round creative arts programmes.
- Expanding community outreach.
- Developing international cultural exchange opportunities.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Long-term partners can help NMDA widen access to creative arts education, strengthen programme quality, improve facilities and equipment, and create more opportunities for children and young people to develop their creative potential.

Appreciation & Conclusion

Nelson Music and Dance Academy sincerely thanks every participant, parent, instructor, volunteer, partner, supporter, and community member who has contributed to the success of the Creative Arts Holiday Workshop since 2022.

Your encouragement, dedication, and belief in the power of creative arts continue to inspire our mission of developing talent, inspiring creativity, and transforming lives.

FOUR YEARS OF CREATIVE IMPACT

The first four years of the Nelson Music and Dance Academy Creative Arts Holiday Workshop demonstrate the transformative role of creative arts education in the lives of children and young people. Through consistent annual programming and practical instruction in dance, music, acting, and photography, the Academy has created a trusted platform for artistic development, personal growth, and community engagement.

As NMDA prepares for the August 2026 edition, the Academy remains committed to expanding its impact, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring that many more young people have the opportunity to discover their talents and achieve their creative potential.



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